

State of Maryland
Elevator Safety Review Board / Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 16, 2024
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Held Virtually via Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/vbg-mvtj-mtv?hs=122&authuser=0>
Join By Phone: (U.S.) =+1 470-400-5690
PIN: 546 397 236#

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Hord, Chairman
Michael Moran, Industry Member
William “Bill” Hosea, Consumer Member
Jason Dankner, Industry Member
Steve Redman, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Thomas Lindsay, Industry Member
Lance Brown, Vice-Chairman
Charles “Pete” Meeks, Industry Member

LABOR OFFICIALS AND STAFF PRESENT:

John Dove, Commissioner Occupational and Professional Licensing
Dave Dearborn, Labor and Industry
Todd Blackistone, Interim Executive Director, Mechanical Licensing Unit
Matthew Venuti, Assistant Attorney General
LaKisha Thornton, Administrative Officer
Angel Mack-Body, Administrative Specialist

GUEST PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hord called the Business Meeting of the Maryland Elevator Safety Review Board to Order at 1:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The approval of the August 2024 meeting minutes was deferred until the February 2025 meeting.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Complaint Committee.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Application Review Committee

REVIEW OF PSI EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

Ms. Thornton reported that no candidates were tested in 2024. Since the inception of the test, 79 candidates have been tested, with 37 having passed and 42 having failed for a pass rate of 47%. There are currently 1,074 active licensees.

WIND TURBINE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Danker reported that the Committee did not have anything new to report since the August Board meeting. Mr. Danker continued, stated that there was correspondence between the Committee and Director Bull that he would like to be able to review. Interim Director Blackstone stated that he would send any information that he could access from former Director Bull's email to Ms. Thornton for distribution to the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

License Renewals for Elevator Mechanics:

Mr. Danker noted an issue with licensee receiving their renewal applications in a timely manner. He cited that several mechanics had complained to him about having had lapses in licensure due to not receiving applications. He stated that Staff had been responsive and helpful with assisting licensees renew their licenses when they were contacted but cited that it was cumbersome to have to contact staff directly for assistance. Commissioner Dove replied, stating that he was aware of the issues regarding the receipt of renewal applications. Commissioner Dove continued, stating that a new Administrator had been hired for the Board and assured them that the receipt of renewal applications would not be an issue moving forward. Mr. Danker questioned if there was a standard renewal form that could be provided for licensees to avoid the need for staff to have to send applications to licensees. Ms. Thornton stated that there was no standard renewal form that could be provided, as the applications were designed to be sent to each individual licensee to ensure payments were credited to the correct licensee. Commissioner Dove stated that he would work with the licensing and payment center staff to see if a standard application and process could be developed.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to be discussed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Interim Director Blackistone did not offer a report but informed the Board members that a new Executive Director should be in place by the next meeting. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and for their service.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

Counsel did not offer a report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hord did not offer a report. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m. The member identified themselves as Antoinette Thembi.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn December 16, 2024, Business Meeting of the Elevator Safety Review Board was made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Danker and unanimously carried by the Board at 1:34 p.m.