**Minutes from the Joint Meeting of the**

**MARYLAND BOARD OF BOILER RULES**

**AND**

**STATIONARY ENGINEERS**

In-person and Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m.

Google Meet Joining Info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gjc-tszf-gke>

10946 Golden West Drive Suite #160

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031

**Board of Boiler Rules Members Present** Stationary Engineers Members Present

Ashwani K. Gupta, Ph.D., Chair Brian Wodka, Chair

John Dunnock, Manufacturer Steven Noonan, Chief Boiler Inspector

Eric Harvey, Owner Historical Equipment Gary Brown, Consumer Member

Kevin Mulvey, Insurance Company Lance Brown, Industry Member

Jeffrey B. Pope, Public Consumer John Arizaga, Industry Member

Brian Wodka, Stationary Engineer

Philip Kruer, Experienced Engineer

Scott Reynolds, Dep. Boiler Inspector

**Absent Board Members Division of Occupational and**

Matthew Helminiak , Commissioner **Professional Licensing**

**Labor and Industry Staff** John Bull, Executive Director Board of

Tiffany Jones, Board Coordinator Stationary Engineers

Christina Schaefer, Executive Assistant Johnston Brown, Board Specialist

David Dearborn, Program Manager

**Assistant Attorneys General**

Jenny Baker

Sloan Kinstler

**Call to Order:**

Board of Boiler Rules Chairperson, Dr. Ashwani Gupta confirmed that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Wodka asked the Board if there are any comments to the previous Joint Meeting from May 21, 2022. Mr. Dunnock motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mulvey. The minutes were unanimously approved without correction

**Comments from Commissioner Helminiak**

No report necessary. Commissioner was not available today. Chairperson Gupta thanked Commissioner Helminiak for his service as his term has ended. The new Commissioner will be appointed on May 15, 2023.

Mr. Gupta discussed notes from the last meeting including highlighted bills under legislation.

**Boiler Chief Report**

Mr. Noonan reported for 2022 calendar year. During the year, there were 53,491 active objects, total high-pressure boilers were 1,851, 25,968 low pressure boilers, 25,672 pressure vessels, 10,012 uninsured objects, 2,143 overdue inspections, 35,988 total inspections performed, 1,107 open violations, 1,642 citations with penalty. Current inspection staff consist of 8 fully commissioned deputy boiler inspectors and 141 Maryland commissioned third party inspectors. All inspectors renewed their commissions in February for a two year period. Office staff remains the same three office staff members. The data management system will be replaced by a new contractor on July 1, 2023.

Mr. Gupta asked if there were any questions. Mr. Wodka asked if there is a transition period to occur regarding the data management system. Mr. Dearborn stated there will be a five-month lapse until everything is order, some things will suffer but we will work to get through it. Certificates and citations will most likely be impacted. The Boiler Board will need to provide a lot of resources during that period. Mr. Mulvey stated that he spoke to the State about a transition letter going to the chiefs of insurance companies and if that letter will be made available.

Mr. Dearborn answered yes, the letter will be available to the public. He also stated that we are very excited about the new system as it will provide several improvements and that JRS will get most States on Board. As an assurance we have retrieved our data from the old system to migrate over to JRS, we have been migrating on a weekly basis and expect to have all data extracted by June 30, 2023. Mr. Mulvey asked if there will be any leniency regarding overdue inspections and citations, to which Mr. Dearborn stated there will be no leniency and the staff will be taxed as several items will be hard to keep up with during this transition.

**Report of Board of Stationary Engineers**

Mr. Wodka stated there is a high demand for the skilled labor of the Stationary Engineer. We have reenacted the Apprenticeship program for Stationary Engineers and it is now active. We already have some companies that are using the program. We are pushing employers and institutions such as Community Colleges to utilize the program as well. The earn to learn method should attract more new potential applicants.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Mr. Gupta announced that Carey Dove has resigned from the Board, he thanks her for her service and will be looking for a new person to take over the position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon Mr. Harvey’s **Motion** and Mr. Mulvey’s second, the Board voted, by a roll call vote unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.