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**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** July 9, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 am

**PLACE:** 1100 N. Eutaw Street 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Brian Wodka, Chairman, Industry Member  
John Arizaga, Industry Member  
Steven Noonan, Chief Boiler Inspector  
Herman Sykes, Industry Member

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Lance Brown, Vice Chair

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:** John Bull, Executive Director  
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General  
Antoinette Thembi, Administrative Specialist III

**STAFF**

**ABSENT:** None

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair, Brian Wodka, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Stationary Engineers to order at 9:18 a.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

A roundtable introduction of Board members and DOL staff was conducted. Mr. Bull introduced new Board member, Herman Sykes, a licensed Stationary Engineer. Antoinette Thembi was introduced as the Board Specialist, in place of Johnston Brown.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Board reviewed the July 9, 2024 meeting agenda. Upon Mr. Arizaga’s Motion, and Mr. Sykes’ second, the Board unanimously voted to accept the agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the business meeting held on March 19, 2024. Upon Mr. Arizaga’s Motion and Mr. Sykes’ second, the Board unanimously approved the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bull informed the Board that there were no complaints to review, and no report was necessary.

**APPLICATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bull informed the Board that no applications were submitted for review.

Mr. Bull informed the Board of the appointment of Administrative Specialist, Ty Savage. Ms. Savage will assist the Board with administrative support as needed, including review of applications. Ms. Savage will also manage a Stationary Engineer spreadsheet to be used to log in, summarize, and post final decisions made by the Board regarding application status. The spreadsheet will list PSI, Inc. (“PSI”), the Board’s testing vendor, license exam outcomes.

**REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS**

PSI Exams results are listed as follows:

**June 2024**

<b>Stationary Engineer Grade</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	16	6	10	38 %
2	12	6	6	50 %
3	4	0	4	0 %
4	4	1	3	25 %
5	6	4	2	67 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40%</b>

**Year to Date**

<b>Stationary Engineer Grade</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	99	31	68	31 %
2	35	12	23	34%

3	41	8	33	20%
4	39	16	23	41%
5	33	15	18	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>33%</b>

**Exam totals since inception of the Stationary Engineers Board**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>7,913</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>5137</b>	<b>35%</b>

Mr. Arizaga suggested that PSI be asked to provide the Board with an overview of the 10 most challenging test questions and focusing on yearly pass/fail results. Mr. Bull informed the Board that PSI is under new management and obtaining statistics may be difficult, but he will inquire about data reflecting statistics on missed questions and whether specific test areas are problematic. Mr. Arizaga would like to identify the portions of the exam that prevent exam candidates from passing. Mr. Noonan suggested the creation of a practice exam. Counsel advised against the Board creating, offering, or endorsing a practice exam, but advised that education sponsors may offer a license examination preparation course that may include a practice examination.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed creation of a limited license classification to allow individuals who do not oversee a variety of equipment to test and become licensed in a particular type of boiler or pressure vessel. Mr. Bull explained that the deadline for submission of Departmental legislative proposals for the 2025 session has passed. He suggested that the Board consider a proposal for the 2025 legislative session or that an industry organization might be able to obtain a sponsor for a bill for the 2025 session. The Board discussed creation of a committee to consider a limited license classification and make recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Arizaga moved to create a Limited License Committee with Board members, Arizaga, Wodka, and ex officio member, Mr. Noonan, along with input from Ronald Warden, a member of the Board of Boiler Rules. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Board vote.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECOTR’S REPORT**

Mr. Bull announced that DOL would begin its relocation to 100 South Charles Street in September, 2024. The timing of the move may interfere with the September or November meetings of the Board. He suggested that a meeting may need to be rescheduled depending on when his unit is actually moving. Mr. Bull also reminded the Board of his retirement effective November 1, 2024.

**COUNSEL REPORT**

None offered.

**CHAIR REPORT**

None offered.

**INSPECTION CHIEF REPORT**

Mr. Noonan, Chief Boiler Inspector, reported that Baltimore City has contracted with a company to service sewer lines using a mobile high-pressure underground boiler, which is expected travel throughout the city operating as a stationary boiler at multiple sites. Mr. Noonan questioned whether the device would require the supervision of a licensed stationary engineer. Mr. Wodka stated that it would be the responsibility of the boiler owner to ensure adequate oversight of the operation of machinery subject to the law.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not convene in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Arizaga moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Stationary Engineers. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the July 9, 2024 meeting at 10:04 a.m.

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**Todd Blackistone**  
**Acting Executive Director**

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**Date**