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Board of Engineering Appeals
OPSI Tewksbury
365 East Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876
January 19, 2024 at 9:00a.m.

Board Members Present:

Daniel Kilburn, Chair
Michael Rose, Member
Stanley Lamb, Member

Guests Present:

Christopher Smith
John Chopas
Conor Sheehan

Staff Present:

Jean McCarthy
Richard Baldacci
Dan Callahan

License exam results appeal of Christopher Smith-Chairman Daniel Kilburn introduced himself and members of the board. Chairman Kilburn stated he read Mr. Smith's appeal and asked him to make a case for his appeal. Mr. Smith described a question "What would cause hydrostatic test to fail". He felt that there was more than one answer for that question. There was some discussion on the answer to that question and Chairman Kilburn felt there was only one correct answer. Chairman Kilburn asked him to provide another example. Mr. Smith stated he couldn't remember and asked if he could see the exam. Chairman Kilburn denied the request. Mr. Smith became upset and left the hearing before its conclusion. Chairman Kilburn continued the hearing without Mr. Smith. Chairman Kilburn stated that no decision would be announced during the hearing and concluded the hearing. After the public hearing concluded, the Board deliberated in quasi-judicial session and unanimously denied the appeal.

License exam results appeal of Devin Borjeson-Troupe-Appellant failed to appear and was denied by default.

License exam results of John Chopas-Chairman Kilburn introduced himself and the members of the board. Chairman Kilburn stated he read Mr. Chopas appeal and stated that Mr. Chopas felt there was more than one correct answer to some questions. Mr. Chopas stated he missed passing by one point. Dan Kilburn stated it was a difficult exam. Mr. Chopas stated he works for facilities at a company on "D" street and stated he went to the Peterson School. Chairman Kilburn asked Mr. Chopas if he could remember a question that he felt had more than one answer as you are trying to demonstrate there was an issue with the exam. Chairman Kilburn stated that the questions on each exam are reviewed, and peer reviewed. Mr. Chopas mentioned a certain question and asked Chairman Kilburn if he could see if he got it correct. Chairman Kilburn could not locate the question on Mr. Chopas exam. Mr. Chopas did not have any additional information to add. Chairman Kilburn stated that no decision would be announced during



the hearing and concluded the hearing. After the public hearing concluded, the Board deliberated in quasi-judicial session and unanimously denied the appeal.

License exam results of Conor Sheehan- Chairman Kilburn introduced himself and the members of the board. Chairman Kilburn stated that he read Mr. Sheehan's appeal. He asked Mr. Sheehan to provide the question that he felt was worded incorrectly. The question involved hoisting line rope and Mr. Sheehan was confused if it was the same as wire rope. When Mr. Sheehan did his online course, it was referred to as wire rope. Chairman Kilburn asked Mr. Sheehan if he operated 1B equipment and he indicated that did not. Chairman Kilburn suggested Mr. Sheehan take an in-person class with individuals that operate 1B equipment. Chairman Kilburn asked if he had any additional information. Mr. Sheehan indicated he did not. Chairman Kilburn stated that no decision would be announced during the hearing and concluded the hearing. After the public hearing concluded, the Board deliberated in quasi-judicial session and unanimously denied the appeal.