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Meeting Minutes

Board of Elevator Examiners

This meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams
January 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

Jeff Halley, Chairman
Walter Zalenski
George Ramian
Gene Piermattei
George Dahlquist

Division of Professional Licensure Staff

Peter Kelley
Sarah Wilkinson
Chris Eckler
Ruthy Barros

Guests Present:

Joseph DiBiase – General Manager, Aid4Mobility

The Board discussed the following:

Meeting Called to Order at 9:02a.m.

1. The Board reviewed and discussed Mr. DiBiase's request for reconsideration of his 11/24/2020 application denial decision. Mr. DiBiase stated to the Board he has been working in the state of Rhode Island for the past 25 years and all his employees have worked under his license as elevator mechanic apprentices. Due to the requirements per M.G.L. c. 143 §71, Mr. DiBiase stated it would put his stairlift/residential vertical platform lift install company out of business, as they are unable to service any Massachusetts customers. Yet, Massachusetts elevator mechanics are able to work in Rhode Island. After further discussion, a motion was made by Walter Zalenski to deny Mr. DiBiase's request for reconsideration with the justification that it is clearly stated in



M.G.L. c. 143 §7, among other requirements, an applicant is required to “...furnish documentary proof satisfactory to the board, from his registered joint apprentice committee or his current or previous employer or employees engaged primarily in the business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, testing, repairing or maintaining elevators, escalators, moving walks and other related conveyance equipment, that he has worked not less than 6,000 on-the-job-training hours over a period of not less than 3 years as an elevator constructor apprentice, under the **direct and immediate field supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic in the commonwealth**”, and Mr. DiBiase’s 11/20/2020 application failed to meet these provisions. The motion was seconded by George Dahlquist.

Motion to Deny Request for Reconsideration: Walter Zalenski

Seconded: George Dahlquist

Vote: 5-0; Reconsideration Denied.

Roll Call Vote:

• Jeff Halley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Walter Zalenski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• George Ramian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Gene Piermattei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• George Dahlquist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

2. **Approval of meeting minutes from December 2, 2020 [Exhibit 4]**

A motion was put forth by Walter Zalenski to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by George Dahlquist. **Vote: 5-0; Granted.**

Roll Call Vote:

• Jeff Halley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Walter Zalenski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• George Ramian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Gene Piermattei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• George Dahlquist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

3. **New Business**

General discussion of license types and reciprocity, 2/24/21 examination administration, and proctoring assistance for examinations.

Motion to Adjourn: Walter Zalenski

Seconded: George Dahlquist

Vote: 5-0; Adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:

• Jeff Halley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
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| • Walter Zalenski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea | <input type="checkbox"/> nay |
| • George Ramian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea | <input type="checkbox"/> nay |
| • Gene Piermattei | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea | <input type="checkbox"/> nay |
| • George Dahlquist | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea | <input type="checkbox"/> nay |

Hearing concluded at 9:28 a.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros

Exhibit List

Exhibit 1: Joseph DiBiase's letter of reconsideration dated 1/6/2021.

Exhibit 2: Joseph DiBiase's denial letter written on behalf of the Board of Elevator Examiners dated December 16, 2020.

Exhibit 3: Joseph DiBiase's 11/24/2020 application for elevator mechanic's license.

Exhibit 4: Meeting minutes from December 2, 2020.