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Minutes

**Meeting of the
Board of Elevator Regulations
January 30, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

**1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118
1st Floor-Room 1D
Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Board Members Present:

Eric Morse, Acting Chair
David Gaudet
Christopher Towski
Anthony Buonopane
Tim Morgan
Brian Ronan (Remote @ 1:45 p.m.)

Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:

Peter Kelley
Gayle Richardson
John Rubyck (remote)
Walter Zalenski

Board Members Absent:

Neil Mullane

Call to Order: 1:08 p.m.:

1. Roll call.
2. Discussion and review of 524 CMR Sections 26.00: Certain Elevator Equipment Used as Motor Vehicle Parking. [**Exhibits 1-2**]

The board discussed 524 CMR Section 26.00: Certain Elevator Equipment Used as Motor Vehicle Parking – Stackers - including reviewing the draft version of the classification definitions and editing the wording to be more specific in multiple places including attendant definition, private garage definition, stacker system with no pass through allowed, public vs. private, and differentiating the words system vs. unit.



The discussion continued with questions on outside parking units and what restrictions should be imposed, if any, including the height of walls and enclosures, locking mechanisms of the pump units, and units not protected from the weather on an outside unit with public access and if attendants should be required, if the electrical and pump fall under the Building Code and if a pump unit should be in a separate protected area, if an outside private parking unit needs to be written in code.

Brian Ronan joined the meeting at 1:45 pm remotely via Teams.

David Gaudet left the meeting at 2:10 pm and returned at 2:14 pm

Mr. Morse provided Mr. Kelley with weather wording to be utilized in 524 CMR Section 26.04.2 and a discussion followed regarding the formatting and location of specific wording within the document. The conversation moved onto topics including spacing from the bottom of sprinklers without giving a specific number in case the code changes, operations within a specific amount of feet, not being near the platform, having a fixed spot (flexible or tarzan), constant pressure with no manipulation or fob, what or where the public notification of a shutdown notice implementation should be, safety padding on platforms and flashing lights or sound indicators when the system is moving.

The discussion concluded with Eric Morse indicating that he will put together a first draft for the next section, under the classification of the Semi-Automated Parking System, for discussion and review by the board at a future date.

3. The board took up the following Meeting Minutes review and approval out of order from the meeting notice:
- 4. Approval of May 3, 2023, meeting minutes. [Exhibit 3]**

Chris Towski moved to accept the minutes as written. David Gaudet seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-2.

Motion: Chris Towski

Seconded: David Gaudet

Vote: 4-0-2 Accepted as written

Roll Call Vote:

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| • Eric Morse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • David Gaudet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Tim Morgan | <input type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Brian Ronan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Anthony Buonopane | <input type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Chris Towski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |

- 5. Review of New York Fire Department Safety Bulletin # 119 dated 12/21/23. [Exhibit 4]**

Chris Towski provided the document [Exhibit 4] for information purposes to the board. Chief Buonopane indicated that he had not heard of any issues with this. Mr. Towski let the board know that the Manufacturer reached out to let the Fire Department know of the issue and he only intended for this Bulletin to be an FYI (For Your Information) for the Board. Chief Buonopane indicated that he would circulate the information appropriately.

6. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.
 - a. Anthony Buonopane requested that Chief's Report be added to future board meeting's agenda, to allow for updates.
7. Chris Towski moved to Adjourn. Brian Ronan seconded the motion. Vote 6-0-0.

Motion: Chris Towski
Seconded: Brian Ronan
Vote: 6-0-0 Granted
Roll Call Vote:

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| • Eric Morse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • David Gaudet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Tim Morgan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Chris Towski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Brian Ronan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |
| • Anthony Buonopane | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aye | <input type="checkbox"/> nay | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain |

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.
Prepared by: Gayle Richardson

Exhibit List:

- Exhibit 1: 524 CMR redline document
Exhibit 2: Parking System definitions provided by C. Towski
Exhibit 3: Meeting Minutes May 3, 2023
Exhibit 4: New York Fire Department Safety Bulletin # 119, dated 12/21/23