

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Elevator Regulations November 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118
1st Floor – Room 1D

Board Members Present:

Eric Morse
David Morgan
Christopher Towski
David Gaudet
Thomas McDermott

Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:

Peter M. Kelley
Ruthy Barros
Sarah Wilkinson

Board Members Absent:

Brian Ronan
Neil Mullane

Guests Present:

Scott Russell, Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund (EIWPF)

The Board discussed the following:

1. Investigatory conference pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C was postponed, due to two members recusing themselves resulting in an absence of a quorum.
2. Product presentation – Pit ladder [**Exhibit 1 and 1A**]
Mr. Russell provided handouts to the Board containing facts and research for deaths related to elevators. Mr. Russell then went on to demonstrate a pit ladder with sensor options. EIWPF has applied for the patents and stated to give the patents away for free, not to profit from the sale. Mr. Russell also provided the Board with proposed language to ASME and offered to make recommendations to 524 CMR.
3. **Approval of meeting minutes:**

August 10, 2021 [Exhibit 2]

A motion was put forth by Christopher Towski to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Morgan. **Vote: 4-0; Granted.** Thomas McDermott abstained.

August 17, 2021 [Exhibit 3]

A motion was put forth by Christopher Towski to accept the minutes as modified. The motion was seconded by David Morgan. **Vote: 4-0; Granted.** Thomas McDermott abstained.

4. **45 Merrimack Street, Lowell**
State ID: 160-P-184
524 CMR
Petitioner: Debbie George

The petitioner requested hearing be rescheduled.

5. **235 Old Colony Avenue**
New Installation
524 CMR
Petitioner: Ryan Astrup

Hearing postponed due to one member recusing themselves resulting in an absence of a quorum.

6. **[Exhibit 4]** Next, the Board continued discussion of a possible safety/code issue for emergency services utilizing Fireman's Service Phase II and reviewed data produced by the Chief of Elevator Inspections. Chief McDermott spoke to ThyssenKrupp, Motion, Otis, Fujitec, Vantage (Motion) and relayed to the Board that some companies require software and older equipment may require hardware/chip. Overall companies are working towards a solution. Mr. Morgan addressed the reported chip shortage by one or more manufacturers. The Board mentioned the option for companies to file for a variance. Chief McDermott indicated 33 extensions have been granted out of 307 and raised the possibility inviting manufacturers to address the Board.

Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski
Seconded: David Morgan
Vote: 5-0; Adjourned.

Meeting concluded at 2:24 p.m.
Prepared by: Ruthy Barros

Exhibit List:

- Exhibit 1: Information handout
- Exhibit 1A: Proposed language to ASME
- Exhibit 2: Meeting minutes from August 10, 2021

- Exhibit 3: Meeting minutes from August 17, 2021
- Exhibit 4: Handout from Chief McDermott from 10/26/2021