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**Minutes**

**Meeting of the  
Board of Elevator Regulations  
November 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Eric Morse, Acting Chair  
David Gaudet  
Neil Mullane  
Anthony Buonopane  
Tim Morgan  
Christopher Towski

**Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:**

Peter Kelley  
Gayle Richardson  
Martin Guiod  
Walter Zalenski  
Johnny Rubyck  
Thomas J Lacey

**Board Members Absent:**

Brian Ronan

**Call to Order: 1:03 p.m.:**

1. Roll call.
2. **Board Business (out of order from the meeting notice):**  
The board reviewed and discussed the Board of Elevator Regulations meeting schedule for calendar year 2024 **[Exhibit 1]**. Chris Towski moved to accept the Board of Elevator Regulations 2024 schedule as edited. The motion was seconded by Tim Morgan. Vote 6-0-0 **Accepted as edited.**
3. **Approval of August 8, 2023, meeting minutes. [Exhibit 2]**



Chris Towski moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Neil Mullane. Vote 6-0-0 **Accepted as presented.**

4. **Approval of November 7, 2023, meeting minutes. [Exhibit 3]**

Chris Towski moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Neil Mullane. Vote 6-0-0 **Accepted as presented.**

5. Discussion and review of 524 CMR Sections 26.00: Certain Elevator Equipment Used as Motor Vehicle Parking. **[Exhibits 4 & 5]**

The board discussed 524 CMR Section 26.00: Certain Elevator Equipment Used as Motor Vehicle Parking - stackers – including ways of listing the classifications and what that means, if height restrictions should be put in place, rules regarding residential/ owner occupied elevators, defining where a stacker can and cannot be installed, what the restrictions and or regulations should be for both outside and inside stackers, if attendants will be a requirement and the definition of an attendant, the definition of a unit, installation.

David Gaudet left the meeting at 2:11 p.m. and returned at 2:15 p.m.

The discussion continued with how stackers would/could be inspected and if that would be an administrative decision of the department (elevator division) to dictate the process or by regulations. The discussion concluded with the suggestion of having a draft prepared by Eric Morse trying to capture the conversation regarding classifications, definitions, regulations, and limitations, for further discussion and review by the board at a future date. Follow-up within dept regarding inspection issues, plan for public forum with manufacturers at a future date.

6. The board took a recess from 2:59 p.m. until 3:05 p.m.

7. Discussion of A17.6 Standard for Elevator Suspension, Compensation, and governor systems & inspection criteria. Eric Morse provided a document which he shared with the board on the screen. **[Exhibit 6]** Anthony Buonopane brought up two (2) situations that he wanted to address with the board regarding suspension. Mr. Buonopane is concerned about the potential for manipulation of belt monitoring devices, particularly those based on the number of runs, rather than age. He conveyed that his concern was relying on pulse counts and if they can be manipulated or if a punch tag can start being utilized. The conversation continued with numerous suggestions of what some solutions might look like for this concern. Mr. Buonopane will put a draft together of suggested wording to update code to be reviewed at a later date.

8. Administrative Business:

- a. Peter reminded the board that he would not be attending the December 5, 2023, Board of Elevator Regulations meeting but that Lynn Read, Esq. would be attending.

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.
10. Motion was put forth by Chris Towski to Adjourn. Motion was seconded by Tim Morgan. Vote 6-0-0 Granted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.  
Prepared by: Gayle Richardson

**Exhibit List:**

- Exhibit 1: Suggested Board of Elevator Regulations 2024 Meeting Schedule
- Exhibit 2: Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023
- Exhibit 3: Meeting Minutes November 7, 2023
- Exhibit 4: Parking Systems document provided by C. Towski
- Exhibit 5: 524 CMR 26.00 Redline draft
- Exhibit 6: Broken Suspension Member document provided by E. Morse