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Minutes

**Meeting of the
Board of Elevator Regulations
January 25, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams meeting

Board Members Present:

Eric Morse, Acting Chairman
Christopher Towski
David Gaudet
Thomas McDermott
Neil Mullane
Brian Ronan
David Morgan

Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:

Peter Kelley
Terry Ascì

The Board discussed the following:

1. Approval of meeting minutes from October 6, 2021 [Exhibit 1]

A motion was put forth by Neil Mullane to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Brian Ronan. **Vote: 5-0; Granted.** David Morgan abstained, and Christopher Towski was not present.

Roll Call Vote:

• Eric Morse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• David Gaudet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Neil Mullane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Thomas McDermott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Brian Ronan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• David Morgan	Abstained	

2. **Approval of meeting minutes from October 19, 2021 [Exhibit 2]**

A motion was put forth by Neil Mullane to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Gaudet. **Vote: 4-0; Granted.** Brian Ronan and Eric Morse abstained, and Christopher Towski was not present.

Roll Call Vote:

• Eric Morse	Abstained	
• David Gaudet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Neil Mullane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Thomas McDermott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Brian Ronan	Abstained	
• David Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

3. **Approval of meeting minutes from October 26, 2021 [Exhibit 3]**

A motion was put forth by David Morgan to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Neil Mullane. **Vote: 6-0; Granted.** Christopher Towski entered meeting and abstained.

Roll Call Vote:

• Eric Morse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• David Gaudet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Neil Mullane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Thomas McDermott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Brian Ronan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• David Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Christopher Towski	Abstained	

4. Next, the Board continued discussion regarding a possible safety/code issue for emergency services utilizing Fireman's Service Phase II. The Board discussed the code compliance of the Otis/Motion jump car switch. Phase II. The Board mentioned that Otis deactivates the function of the doors when code requires the doors to close. The Acting Chair referenced Section 2.27.31.16 2004 where it reads "fire recall" and explained the importance of switch functions. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Mullane agreed about Otis not following code requirements. In referencing the 1996 edition, Otis' control is a "clear violation" according to the Acting Chair. Dave Morgan in agreement

Next, the Board discussed the A.17.1 1996 code interpretation and referred to an email from Debbie Prince of Motion Control Engineering dated 1/18/2022 [**Exhibit 4**]. The

Board agreed that the door operation is non-compliant and that the stop switch doesn't respond to fire fighter's commands. The Acting Chair suggested a plan with a deadline to require corrections to fix the stop switches be created. The Board suggested drafting a written response with a deadline for completion for Elevator Contractors and equipment owners. Manufacturers and the Fire Department should be notified as well. A motion was made by David Morgan to request counsel to draft a response and share at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Christopher Towski.

Motion: Dave Morgan

Seconded Motion: Christopher Towski

Vote: 7-0; Passed.

Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski

Seconded: Brian Ronan

Vote: 7-0; Adjourned.

Hearing concluded at 2:51 p.m.

Prepared by: Terry Asci

Exhibit List:

- Exhibit 1: Meeting minutes from October 6, 2021
- Exhibit 2: Meeting minutes from October 19, 2021
- Exhibit 3: Meeting minutes from October 26, 2021
- Exhibit 4: Email from Motion Control Engineering dated 1/18/2022