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Minutes

**Meeting of the Board of Elevator Regulations
Special Purpose Meeting Re: Machine Room Sprinkler Coverage**

**This meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams
June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

David Morgan, Chairman
Eric Morse
Sarah Wilkinson
Christopher Towski
David Gaudet
Brian Ronan

Division of Professional Licensure Staff:

Peter M. Kelley
Ruthy Barros

The Board discussed the following:

The Board continued further discussion of additional information/research needed so to allow continued hearings on June 22, 2021, for outstanding variance petitions. The Board discussed possible language and thoughts that would allow some type of delay in the sprinkler system, so the elevator could get to a floor to permit the riding public, including emergency personnel, to exit the elevator. These shunt trips would shut the power off and the elevator would be placed into Phase I, automatically or manually recalled to a specific landing and removed from normal service because of activation of firefighters' service. It is the Board's understanding that these facilities would be sprinkled already because of the requirements from the authority having jurisdiction over their funding. David Morgan cited A.21.4.2, upon activation of the heat detector used for elevator power shutdown, there can be a delay in the activation of the power shunt trip. When such a delay is used, it is recommended that the delay should be

approximately the time that it takes the elevator car to travel from the top of the hoistway to the lowest recall level. The purpose of the delay of the shunt trip is to increase the potential for elevators to complete their travel to the recall level. It is important to be aware that the requirements of A17.1/B44 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators relative to sprinkler water release and power shut-down would still apply. Eric Morse volunteered to draft a sample decision for the Board to review at the next scheduled meeting, to allow the Board to make a recommendation as a group to adopt the language as written.

The meeting minutes from May 25, 2021, May 28, 2021, June 1, 2021 and June 4, 2021 were unavailable for Board review.

Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski

Seconded: Brian Ronan

Vote: 6-0; Adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:

• David Gaudet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Christopher Towski	<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
• Sarah Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Eric Morse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

Hearing concluded at 3:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros