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**Minutes**

**Meeting of the  
Board of Elevator Regulations  
September 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

**1000 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room 1D**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:**

Peter Kelley (Remote)  
Ruthy Barros

**Call to Order 1:05 pm:**

**1. Continued discussion regarding the operation of the in-car stop switch during  
Firefighters Emergency Operation [Exhibits through 4]:**

The Board reviewed changes in the code for the Phase II Emergency In-Car Operation as mentioned in A17.1-1996, 2000, 2004 and 2013. The Board noted the current December 31, 2022, compliance deadline and how this might be unfeasible. The Board discussed the option of 'jumping out' the in-car stop switch in Phase II operation as a possible means of achieving compliance faster and easier. There was extensive discussion about the effect of this change on firefighter safety services. There was no evidence one way or another that was articulable. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Towski suggested to reach out to authorities having jurisdiction, including the Fire Marshall to obtain their perspective on the matter. Mr.

McDermott stated that the Elevator Inspectors have found this issue in older and newer controllers and code is not clear as to whether the stop-switch should be active or inactive on Phase II. Mr. Morse read some suggestive language reiterating and advising the public of the approaching deadline.

The Board recessed at 2:52 pm. and resumed at 2:56 p.m.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes from June 7, 2022 [Exhibit 5]**

A motion was put forth by David Morgan to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Christopher Towski. **Vote: 5-0; Granted.** Christopher Towski and Neil Mullane abstained.

**Motion: David Morgan**  
**Seconded: Christopher Towski**  
**Vote: 5-0; Granted.**

3. **Approval of meeting minutes from June 21, 2022 [Exhibit 6]**

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

**Motion: David Morgan**  
**Seconded: Christopher Towski**  
**Vote: 6-0; Granted.**

4. **Approval of meeting minutes from June 28, 2022 [Exhibit 7]**

A motion was put forth by David Morgan to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Christopher Towski. **Vote: 7-0; Granted.**

**Motion: David Morgan**  
**Seconded: Christopher Towski**  
**Vote: 7-0; Granted.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski**  
**Seconded: Brian Ronan**  
**Vote: 7-0; Adjourned.**

Hearing concluded at 2:59 p.m.  
Prepared by: Ruthy Barros

**Exhibit List:**

- Exhibit 1: FEO A17.1-1996, 2000 and 2004
- Exhibit 2: FEO instructions 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2013

- Exhibit 3: FEO code backup documents
- Exhibit 4: Excerpts from “Elevator and Escalator Rescue: A Comprehensive Guide” 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- Exhibit 5: Meeting minutes from June 7, 2022
- Exhibit 6: Meeting minutes from June 21, 2022
- Exhibit 7: Meeting minutes from June 28, 2022