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**Minutes**

**Board of Elevator Regulations**

**1000 Washington Street**

**Boston, MA 02118**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room 1C**

**July 16, 2019**

**Board Members Present:**

Stephen Sampson, Chairman

Eric Morse

Cheryl Davis

John O'Donoghue

David Gaudet

Brian Ronan

**Guests Present:**

Corinne Nawrocki (Schindler Elevator)

**Board Members Absent:**

David Morgan

**Division of Professional Licensure Staff:**

Ronald Cogliano

Ruthy Barros

Charles Kilb

**The Board discussed the following:**

1. The Board opened up the meeting addressing matters listed under “Old Business”. The first topic the Board discussed was gurney requirements. Legal counsel stated that the gurney requirements that are in the current statute are valid and any revisions will be reflected in the next code.

2. The second topic the Board addressed was the extension that was granted for the petitioner of 226 Harvard Avenue, Allston who was seeking relief from the Inspector's Report citing 524 CMR Section 2000.1(7) - "Provide proper running clearance for platform side wall". On June 4, 2019 a motion was placed by David Morgan to place the petitioner's request on hold for 30 days for further information. If the petitioner does not reply within 30 days, the request will be withdrawn. The Board has yet to hear back from the petitioner, so the Board unanimously agreed to give the petitioner another extension until July 26, 2019 to provide the Board with the requested additional information. If the petitioner does not reply by July 26, 2019, the request will be withdrawn.
3. The third topic the Board addressed was A17.1-2013 Section 2.2.2.5, the provision of sump pumps. The Board stated that there were two Massachusetts Elevator Safety Association (MESA) meetings conducted specifically in addressing the upcoming code change requiring a sump pump in all new installation. In addition to multiple public meetings allowing interested parties to express any concerns. This requirement is in line with the national standards. The Board agreed that going forward, there will be no changes to A17.1-2013 Section 2.2.2.5. Legal counsel to the Board also represents the Board of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.
4. The fourth topic the Board addressed was the venting of smoke and hot gases. The Chief of Elevator Inspections stated that a Constant Contact would not be necessary, as the Code Coordinator is currently directing design venting professionals to the BER approved language clarifying the matter.
5. Board member John O'Donoghue stated that he would like to meet with OPSI Building officials in regards to no modifications being done to Fire Service Access Elevators (FSAE) in the new building code edition.
6. The fifth topic the Board addressed was the MRL's with control room space. The Board suggested clarifying that the control room should be located no more than 10 feet away from the hoistway.
7. Lastly, the Board addressed emergency power requirements and it possibly being addressed in the building code. The Board would like to verify that when a building containing an automatic parking device loses power, emergency exits will light up.

8. **Agenda items addressed:**

- 12 Park Street, Webster – The petitioner requested to reschedule for a later hearing date.
- 295 Varnum Avenue, Boston – The petitioner requested to withdrawal their variance request.
- 55 Fruit Street, Boston – The petitioner requested to reschedule for a later hearing date.

9. **572 Huntington Street – Boston, MA [Exhibit 2]  
574 Huntington Street – Boston, MA [Exhibit 3]  
State ID: 1-P-4665 and 1-P-4666  
Relief from Inspector’s Report  
524 CMR Section 17.26  
Petitioner: Corrine Nawrocki**

The petitioner was in front of the Board seeking relief from an Inspector’s Report citing 524 CMR Section 17.26 – Hoist ropes crossed. The petitioner stated that the elevator is an old basement drum application from 1916 and the ropes need to be as close as possible to one another and lead to the drum. The building owner is under full agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation. After reviewing the petitioner’s packet, the Board agreed that the ropes are not setup correctly and the shackles are crossing, but should be vertical. A motion was placed by Cheryl Davis to deny the petitioner’s variance request on both units, but grant an extension on both units with a deadline of September 30, 2019, to allow the petitioner ample time to take corrective action. The motion was seconded by Eric Morse.

**Motion:** Cheryl Davis  
**Seconded:** Eric Morse  
**Vote: 6-0; Denied.**

10. The Board unanimously agreed to have the Office of Public Safety and Inspections send out a notice to all interested parties via a mass email service provider, reiterating that per M.G.L. c. 143, s. 70(a), appeals must be filed within 10 days of receipt of the Inspector’s Report.

**11. Approval of meeting minutes from June 18, 2019 [Exhibit 4]**

A motion was put forth by John O'Donoghue to accept the minutes with the noted corrections. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Davis. **Vote: 5-0; Granted.** Brian Ronan abstained from voting.

**Exhibit List:**

Exhibit 1: Revised Firefighter's Emergency Elevator Operation and Elevator Extrication Response form

Exhibit 2: Variance packet for 572 Huntington Avenue – Boston, MA

Exhibit 3: Variance packet for 574 Huntington Avenue – Boston, MA

Exhibit 4: Meeting minutes from June 18, 2019

**Motion to Adjourn:** David Gaudet

**Seconded:** John O'Donoghue

**Vote: 6-0; Adjourned.**

Hearing concluded at 2:26 p.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros