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**Minutes**

**Meeting of the  
Board of Elevator Regulations  
December 13, 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  
Neil Mullane  
Brian Ronan  
David Gaudet  
Thomas McDermott  
Christopher Towski

**Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:**

Peter Kelley  
Sarah Wilkinson  
Ruthy Barros

**Board Members Absent:**

David Morgan

Call to Order 1:10 p.m.:

**1. Continued discussion regarding the operation of the in car stop switch during Firefighters Emergency Operation:**

Chief McDermott explained that since the notice that was issued in October, 2021, to obtain the permits, he didn't realize how extensive the incoming permits applications would be and the department does not have the capacity to process such a large volume of permits prior to a 12/31/22 deadline. As of August 2021, the department has issued 8,589 violations and as of

today, 7,559 units are still outstanding and in need of repair. Approximately 3,914 alternation permits have been processed, in which 80% are for stop-switch. 754 alteration permits have been issued.

Mr. Morse stated that the Board agreed what was necessary and fair to comply, and the elevator contractor can apply for a permit without a proposal. Deputy Commissioner Wilkinson addressed the Board and voiced agency concerns, stating the agency has received numerous inquiries from officials, owners, and agencies. The Board discussed considering another form of extension, possibly moving the compliance date to 2024. Recommended that a reminder be sent out: to get permit applications filed before the 12/31 deadline, that permits may be pending but not yet issued as of the 12/31/22 deadline.

Continued discussion of in-car stop switch and whether or not it can be active or inactive in phase II operation under the Code. Code does not address stop switch activation in phase II. The Board will continue this discussion at the next Board meeting. Mr. Morse will work on proposed language.

Brian Ronan left the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes from September 27, 2022 [Exhibit 1]**

Christopher Towski moved to accept the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Neil Mullane. **Vote: 5-0; Granted.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski**  
**Seconded: Thomas McDermott**  
**Vote: 5-0; Adjourned.**

Hearing concluded at 4:04 p.m.  
Prepared by: Terry Ascì

**Exhibit List:**

- Exhibit 1: Meeting Minutes September 27, 2022