

**ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Friday, April 7, 2017
- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Lawrence T. Morinaga, Industry Member, Chairperson  
Ronald H. Nakamine, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ("DLIR") Designee  
Jammie Garcia-Paahana, Industry Member  
Steve Tsunemoto, Industry Member  
Constance Cabral, Executive Officer  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary
- Excused: James Wilburn, Jr., Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
- Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-7(b).
- Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairperson Morinaga.
- Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Tsunemoto, seconded by Mr. Nakamine, and unanimously carried to approve the Board meeting minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting as circulated.
- Applications:
- a. Ratifications
- It was moved by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, seconded by Mr. Nakamine, and unanimously carried to ratify the individual listed below for an Elevator Mechanic Temporary Permit.
- Temporary Permit
- Aaron C. Orzolick
- Legislation: H.B. No. 1381, S.D.1 Relating to Elevator Mechanics
- This bill proposes to amend chapter 448H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding an examination requirement, revising the procedure for license renewals, adding a new

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section regarding scope of work, adding definitions, requiring board meetings at least four times a year, and revising the qualifications for licensure.

Executive Officer Cabral thanked the Board members for attending the meeting. She reported that the testimony on H.B. No. 1381, H.D. 2, provided to the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (“CPH”) Committee hearing explained that the Board supports the intent of the bill, but was unable to take a position regarding the proposed minimum qualifications for licensure. As such, the Board would like to meet with all stakeholders to discuss this bill further.

The bill passed with amendments that included definitions for elevator mechanics and scope of work. Subsequently, the Board met on March 20 and concluded that further study and review was warranted.

H.B. No. 1381, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, was then heard by the Ways and Means (“WAM”) Committee on March 28, 2017 and passed unamended. It will now go to Conference Committee where representatives from both Chambers will decide on the fate of the bill. Though testimony is not required for this conference, Executive Officer Cabral will prepare a summary sheet for the representatives’ information.

Executive Officer Cabral stated that DAG Tam, at the last meeting, mentioned that the Electrician’s and Plumbers Board collaborated with Honolulu Community College to establish a training program for electricians. She asked if the Board would like to consider something similar to that for elevator mechanic apprenticeship training.

Mr. Tsunemoto stated that he did some research and found online courses, which are equivalent to what is offered in Hawaii, but there is a fee. The apprenticeship training program in Hawaii has no fee, but the trainee must complete the program or will be assessed the cost. The training in Hawaii is eight semesters, which equates to about four or more years, and includes 8,000 hours of on the job training. Mr. Tsunemoto feels the Board shouldn’t lessen the standards to accommodate everyone, but suggests maintaining what the Board feels is sufficient for training and course work to do the job safely.

DAG Tam pointed out that the bill proposes to eliminate one avenue of training and suggests that the Board discuss this more at the next meeting. Whatever the Board introduces has to be available for all.

Mr. Tsunemoto hopes to have information on other states’ requirements at the next meeting. He stated that some states have no licensing requirements at all. He does not want the public to think that the Board is being unreasonable, but the level of training that is given here is “top notch”.

DAG Tam asked if all elevator mechanics need to register with Department of Labor (“DOL”) and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (“DLIR”)? The Board members stated that once they are in the program, they are automatically registered with both. DAG Tam stated that some companies that have elevator mechanics do not have to register with DLIR.

DAG Tam asked the Board to review the bill in preparation for the next meeting to understand what is being proposed.

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The Board hopes that they will be able to meet with all interested stakeholders to discuss appropriate changes to the statute.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 7, 2017  
2:00 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Taken and recorded by,

/s/ Ronni-Ann Bumgarner

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Constance Cabral

Constance Cabral, Executive Officer

CC:rb

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.