

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Friday, October 6, 2017
- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Lawrence T. Morinaga, Industry Member, Chairperson
James Wilburn, Jr., Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Jammie Garcia-Paahana, Industry Member
Ronald H. Nakamine, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
("DLIR") Designee
Steve Tsunemoto, Industry Member
- Constance Cabral, Executive Officer
Kedin Kleinhans, Executive Officer
Krishna Jayaram, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary
- Guest: Marc Yamane – International Union of Elevator Constructors ("IUEC") Local 126
- 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 2:04 p.m. by Chairperson Morinaga.
- Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, seconded by Mr. Nakamine, and unanimously carried to approve the Board meeting minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting as circulated.
- Executive Officer's Report:
- a. Introduction of Staff
- The Board's new DAG Krishna Jayaram, Esq., introduced himself to the Board. This Board will be one of his permanent assignments.
- The Board wanted to thank DAG Daniel Jacob, Esq., for his work in the interim.
- b. Current Temporary Permit Holders
- Executive Officer Kleinhans provided a printout reporting of the individuals currently holding a Temporary Permit. Executive Officer

Kleinhans asked the Board if they would like printouts at each meeting.

The Board instructed the Executive Officer to provide printouts of the current temporary permit holders for each meeting.

c. Statement from Prometric – Regarding applicants reviewing their answers

Executive Officer Kleinhans stated that he spoke to Prometric regarding applicants being able to review answers on a failed exam. Prometric would comply to a request from the Board if the Board chooses not to let applicants review their answers on a failed exam.

Executive Session:

At 2:13 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chairperson Wilburn, seconded by Mr. Nakamine, and unanimously carried for the Board to move into Executive Session pursuant to HRS § 92-5 to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section HRS § 26-9 or both, and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, as provided in HRS § 92-5(a)(1) and (4).

At 2:21 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, seconded by Mr. Tsunemoto, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

Licensing:

d. Applications

(i) Aaron Orzolick – Elevator Mechanic

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Wilburn, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Orzolick's application to sit for the elevator mechanic exam.

International Union Constructors' Training Program:

At Executive Officer Cabral's request, Mr. Yamane of the IUEC was asked to attend today's Board meeting.

The Board has been trying to find some equivalency to the union's training program as the Board wants trainees to have both didactic and clinical training.

Mr. Yamane stated that the union's training is eight semesters long and classes are conducted through Honolulu Community College. Each semester is comprised of 72 hours and runs 18 weeks, which is four hours a day for class. Class hours are unpaid, but are offered in addition to a student's 40-hour work week; coursework is part of their training. Once students graduate from the program and pass the National Elevator Industry Education Program ("NEIEP") exam, the obligation of their training is paid in full. Students that successfully complete the program end up with approximately 576 hours of training.

Executive Officer Cabral asked Mr. Yamane if continuing education courses cover newer technology.

Mr. Yamane replied in the affirmative and explained that courses are offered as continuing education and in the course curriculum. Mr. Yamane added that if a non-union company wants to have a training program, they can apply through the state apprenticeship council.

Legislation:

H.B. No. 1381, Relating to Elevator Mechanics (and subsequent drafts)

This bill expands or clarifies various aspects of statutes regarding elevator mechanic licensing and apprentice registration.

Executive Officer Cabral stated that the Board previously wanted to eliminate having apprentices register with the Board. However, at the last meeting the Board was reconsidering registration. The Board expressed concerns with not being able to track apprentices. Discussion ensued about apprentices that did not know or forgot to register with the Board until they applied to sit for the exam. These apprentices were told they had to register with the Board and subsequently complete another four years of training.

Mr. Nakamine stated that union apprentices are tracked by the Department of Labor and Industrial relations ("DLIR"), but non-union apprentices do not register with DLIR. Executive Officer Kleinhans says he will research how apprenticeships in other states track their hours and what is required.

The Board discussed issuing temporary permits to third-year apprentices.

Executive Officer Kleinhans stated that some states do issue temporary permits to apprentices. In addition, some states have unlimited renewals for temporary permits, depending on the length of shortage. Keeping the temporary permits to three-month terms rather than the length of the job is easier to track. If the Board determines there is no longer a shortage of elevator mechanics, then this is not an issue, but would require a rule change.

The Board questioned whether an elevator mechanic is on site when a mainland company turns off or resets an elevator remotely. The Board feels for safety purposes there should be an elevator mechanic on site that can see what's going on when this is done.

It was also questioned if an elevator is being replaced, whether a licensed elevator mechanic does the demolition for safety concerns.

Executive Officer Kleinhans stated the Board will submit language from H.B. No. 1381, H.D. 2, to the legislature regarding updating software, parameters and resetting faults.

Executive Officer Cabral asked if the Board agrees on the continuing education requirements.

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It was moved by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, seconded by Mr. Tsunemoto, and unanimously carried for the Board to approve continuing education requirements.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 5, 2018
1:00 p.m.
(Conference Room to be determined)
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Taken and recorded by,

/s/Ronni-Ann Bumgarner

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/Kedin Kleinhans

Kedin Kleinhans, Executive Officer

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[X] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.