

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: March 18, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/92410230143>

Present: Robert Greig, Industry Member, Chairperson
Evan Fong, Industry Member, Vice-Chairperson
Jammie Garcia-Paahana, Industry Member
Mark S. Baker, Industry Member
Allen Martin, Public Member
James R. Skizewski, Executive Officer
Christopher J. I. Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Wilma Balon, Secretary
Kawehionapua Mau, Secretary (Technical support)

Excused: None

Guests: Mark Yamane, Elevator Contractors Local 126

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

A brief video was played to explain procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: Chairperson Greig welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with roll call to establish quorum. All Board members were present. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Greig asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session minutes of the October 22, 2021 Board meeting.

Licensing: Chairperson Greig asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

A. Ratifications

None

B. Applications for Elevator Mechanic Examination and Licensure

After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the following applicants to sit for the State examination:

- i. Abes, Brian Dait
- ii. Kaleleiki, David Solomon Jr.
- iii. Haitsuka, Ryan Kenji
- iv. Fonseca, Pierson Kapena Jr.
- v. Miyamasu, Arison Haruyoshi
- vi. Kaawaloa, Lacey

Executive
Officer's
Report:

Chairperson Greig asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

A. 2022 Legislative Session

i. SB 3084/HB 2116 Relating to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board Composition

Report Title: Elevator; Elevator Mechanic; Board; License; Chapter 448H

Description: Amends the composition of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board to replace the ex-officio Department of Labor and Industrial Relations member with a licensed elevator mechanic member.

Executive Officer Skizewski reported that this admin bill is to replace the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ("DLIR") delegate seat on the Board with another licensed elevator mechanic.

Executive Officer Skizewski also reported that DLIR and the related union have noted their support for the potential change. Additionally, the Board and DCCA are in support of the measures.

Senate Bill 3084 was heard by all committees and pass over unamended. It is assigned to be heard by the consumer protection committee on the house side.

The companion House bill 2116 did not crossover and it was not heard by the first committee. This bill is effectively dead for the session.

ii. HB 2447 Relating to Safety

Report Title: Boiler and Elevator Safety Law; Inspections; Boiler Inspectors; Elevator Inspectors; Regulation; Boiler and Elevator Inspectors Board; Established

Description: Establishes a new regulatory regime for boiler inspectors and elevator inspectors, including the creation of a boiler and elevator inspectors board. Transfers the regulation of boiler inspectors and elevator inspectors from the department of labor and industrial relations to the board. Clarifies that any inspection required under the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law, including inspections required to be done by the department, may be directed to be completed by licensed qualified boiler inspectors or licensed qualified elevator inspectors.

Executive Officer Skizewski expressed that Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs “DCCA” is concerned that this bill will include boiler and elevator safety inspector licensing under DCCA. He went on to say that DCCA is only a consumer protection department and that boiler and elevator safety oversight should remain under DLIR.

Executive Officer Skizewski reported that testimony was submitted by DCCA. Mr. Skizewski expressed his gratitude to Ms. Awakuni Colon, DCCA’s Director who step up to oppose the bill on behalf of the entire department.

Executive Officer Skizewski further reported that House Bill 2447 was heard by the first committee and was not heard thereafter. This bill is effectively dead for the session. He further stated that it could come back next session and will continue to monitor.

Open Forum: Executive Officer Skizewski reported that Elevator Mechanics licenses are up for renewal in June 2022.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Examination Conference Room 330
King Kalakaua Building, 3rd Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/: James R. Skizewski

James R. Skizewski, Executive Officer

Taken and recorded by:

/s/: Wilma Balon

Wilma Balon, Secretary

JRS:wb

4/14/22

☒ Minutes approved as is.

☐ Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.