

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: June 3, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting Zoom Webinar (use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/99156260754>

Members 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

Staff Present: James R. Skizewski, Executive Officer ("EO" Skizewski)
Christopher J.I. Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Jaymie Nakama, Secretary
Mia Hoang Secretary, Tech Support Staff

Excused: None

Guests: Mark Yamane, Elevator Contractors Local 126

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

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. Chairperson Greig, Vice-Chairperson Fong, Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and Mr. Baker were present in-person. Mr. Martin stated that he was present and alone. 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.

Staff reported that no one raised their hand.

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes of the March 18, 2022 Board meeting.

Licensing: Chairperson Greig asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

Staff reported that no one raised their hand.

Applications:

Executive Session: At 1:07 p.m., upon a motion by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-4 and 92-5(a) (1) and (4), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 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."

Mr. Martin experienced technical difficulties and joined the Teams meeting at 1:15 p.m.

At 1:33 p.m., upon a motion by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

A. Ratification List

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the ratification list.

B. Applications for Elevator Mechanic Examination and Licensure

EO Skizewski noted that Samuel William Kotowski was listed in the wrong place on the agenda. He should be listed under agenda item D. Application for Temporary Permit – Elevator Mechanic.

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to move Samuel William Kotowski to D. Application for Temporary Permit – Elevator Mechanic.

i. Kotowski, Samuel William

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. Alana, Glenn Leslie
- ii. Elefante, Benjamin Alconcel
- iii. Gilbert, Benjamin Samuel
- iv. Kawaauhau, Parris Moonapu Makia
- v. Kealoha, Chauncey
- vi. Maialoha, Gregory
- vii. Thorn, Jeremy
- viii. Yoshida, Keanu Jordan

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the following applicant to sit for the State Elevator Mechanic Examination subject to if the candidate cannot provide documentation of a passed examination:

- ix. Revilla, Keenan Hiroshi Keahi

After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to defer the following applicant to sit for the State examination until he provides a complete application as per application instructions and pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") 16-81-4(c)(3):

- The "Experience Verification" form requires the employer to "DESCRIBE IN DETAIL" the type of elevator mechanic work performed by the applicant in specific areas

- ii. Loorem, Gabriel James

C. Application for Registration – Elevator Mechanic Apprentice

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the following list of issued apprentice registration, temporary permit and licenses.

- i. Shin, Jason Sungjea
- ii. Silva Jr., Frank E
- iii. Travis-Moku, Lokahi Johan
- iv. Umayam, Kyle Limas
- v. Velez, Israel Ikaika

D. Application for Temporary Permit – Elevator Mechanic

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Fong, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Paahana, and unanimously carried to approve the following list of issued temporary permit.

- i. Castaneda II, Alvin Ray
- ii. Kotowski, Samuel William

Executive
Officer's
Report:

Chairperson Greig asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

Staff reported that no one raised their hand.

A. 2022 Legislative Session

1. 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.

EO Skizewski stated that HB 2116 made its way to the Governor for signature. Once signed, the bill will go into effect.

2. 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.

EO Skizewski stated that HB 2447 did not make it to the session. The bill was referred to the Committee but was not heard.

Open Forum:

There was none.

Next
Meeting:

July 22, 2022
1:00 p.m.

In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Virtual: Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/: James R. Skizewski
James R. Skizewski, Executive Officer

Taken and recorded by:

/s/: Jaymie Nakama
Jaymie Nakama, Secretary

JRS:jn
6/22/22

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