



STATE OF TENNESSEE
ELEVATOR & AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY BOARD
DECEMBER 6, 2011 9:00 A.M. (CT)
TOSHA HEARING ROOM - 1ST FLOOR
220 FRENCH LANDING DRIVE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

MINUTES

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - (8) - Acting Chairperson Robbie Fox called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. (CT). David Hale led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.
- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** - (26) - Board members present: Perry Burch; Robbie Fox; David Hale; Charles Edens; and Lewis Moorer. Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development employees present: Arthur Franklin; Gary Cookson; Sydné Ewell; Anita Rhodes; Ron Sidler; and Carlene T. Bennett. Guests present: Overton E. Hillis; Tim Towle; and Larry R. Moore.
- (33) - Assistant Administrator Cookston announced that in the event of an emergency or natural disaster, security personnel would take attendees to a safe place in the building or direct them to exit the building on the Rosa Park side.
- (68) - Assistant Administrator Cookston welcomed the newest Board member, Mr. Lewis Moorer.
- III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES** - (73) - Board members present received and completed Conflict of Interest Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy Acknowledgement form, and Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. Sydné Ewell stated that the Commissioner determined that conflict of interest disclosure by the Board should occur only once per year. However, Board members should continue to verbally disclose conflicts of interest during the course of the meetings.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 ELEVATOR & AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES** - (80) - A motion was made by Perry Burch to approve the September 13, 2011 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Hale. The vote was taken and the motion carried.
- V. CHIEF INSPECTORS REPORT** - (86) - Chief Ron Sidler gave the following report:

- One-hundred and eight (108) new permits were issued this past quarter.
- All Inspectors are healthy. Carroll Ray Watts, Sr. and Earl Kitzmiller have both recovered from their surgeries.
- Frank Drummond, an Inspector in the Chattanooga area retired at the end of June and Henry Mac Pewitt, an Inspector in the Nashville area retired in September. Both positions have been filled as of November 1st. Denver Adams was hired for the Chattanooga area. He has over twenty-five (25) years experience and is Q.E.I. certified. Tommy Jackson was hired for the Nashville area, he has over thirty-nine years of experience. Both new Inspectors have passed their State test and are being productive making inspections. We are glad to have both of these gentlemen on our inspection team.
- Lee Bentley, Amusement Device Manager, could not attend the meeting so Chief Sidler announced for him that the Amusement Device System that has been in development for three (3) years is finally in its last testing stage, it is scheduled to go live December 19th.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - (146) -

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

11-22 - (148) - Otis Elevator Company request an exception in the installation of four (4) elevators located at the Eleven North Apartment, Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. No Board member verbally expressed a conflict of interest with this agenda item. Tim Towle presented this item to the Board. His exception request is for: 36" apron (4ft pit); 6.3mm (1/4") governor rope; polyurethane buffers; coated steel belts; and for the governor electrical tripping done via the elevator controller.

Chief Sidler said all of the items except one (1) is acceptable to the Department. About a year ago Otis extended an invitation to the authorities having jurisdiction to send their chief inspectors to Bloomington, Indiana to their factory to look at a new, confidential product. Chief Sidler was with a group representing the providences of Canada, as well as, Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Indiana. At that time the only item the southern inspectors had an objection to was the apron length. The design of this product is for modernization application, in other words, to have one product for every application. To put their product in a traction elevator in a re-mod would not meet code because it would need a five (5) foot pit to incorporate a four (4) foot apron, which is the part that is under the platform. The code reads that any traction elevator that has unintended motion must have a four (4) foot minimum apron. Otis developed technology to circumvent that minimum and is requesting a three (3) foot apron. There are only two (2) elevators on this project that has this particular problem. The Department feels that since it is a new job, the two (2) elevators in question should have had a five

(5) foot pit like the other two (2) elevators installed. It is responsibility of the general contractor or Otis to alter the pits on those two elevators in this new building since this is a new construction. Perry Burch made a motion to approve the variance with the exception of the two (2) elevators with a four (4) foot pit and 36" inch apron which needs to be modified to meet code. David Hale seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

11-23 - (365) - Otis Elevator Company request an exception in the installation of twenty-one (21) elevators located at the Omni Hotel, 4th Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. No Board member verbally expressed a conflict of interest with this agenda item. Tim Towle presented this item to the Board. Perry Burch made a motion to approve the variance. David Hale seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – (416) - The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Elevator & Amusement Device Safety Board meeting will be held in the first floor TOSHA Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. (CT) on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the State of Tennessee, Department of Labor and Workforce Development building, located at 220 French Landing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - (436) - Charlie Edens made a motion to adjourn. Perry Burch seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.