

# MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the State of Tennessee

Elevator & Amusement Device Safety Board

June 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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I. Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Board Members present: Robbie Fox, David Hale, James Roy Pope, Larry R. Moore, II, Kelly O'Connor and Victor LaPorte.

Department Staff present: Dewayne Scott, Tom Herrod, Chance Deason, Melissa Owens, James Steele, Mike H. Hardy, Lance Scott, Tia Xixis, Jennifer Murphy, Jamie Diefenbach, Kenneth Nealy, Mike Batstone, Michelle Rosemore, and Matthew Grove.

Guests were:

Rich Eller; HomeLift.

Jeff Tarkington; Tarkington Elevator.

Richard Beck; Eastman

Chris Roth; IUUC

Ken Woodson; Access & Mobility

Ryan Haynes; EIUPF

III. INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - Ms. O'Connor made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mr. Pope seconded the motion. After voting, the Agenda was adopted.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Meeting of December 5, 2023

Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. After voting, the Minutes were approved.

VI. ELEVATOR UNIT REPORT - Chief's Report (attached)

VII. AMUSEMENT DEVICE UNIT REPORT - (attached)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

### **K&S Southern Midways - Penalty Order Appeal \$3,000.00**

No representative of K&S was present. Mr. Hardy updated the board the reason for the \$3,000.00 penalty assessment being a 10-day delay to report an accident.

Mr. Hardy also advised that the balance of the \$2,000.00 penalty is expected any day, so there is no appeal of the penalty. He also stated that the device is no longer in use, so no vote by the Board was necessary.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

### **Arnold Homes Long Flats - LULA Variance**

Mr. Ken Woodson appeared on behalf of Access & Mobility, an elevator installation company in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Mr. Woodson is requesting a variance for a LULA elevator that's 2 1/2 feet.

taller than the code allows for this application, which is 25 feet.

Mr. Steele stated that the code is very specific to a 25-foot rise and that the product Mr. Woodson is requesting the variance for is not intended for use in that application.

Mr. LaPorte commented that the code clearly defines the application being limited to a 25-foot rise because of speed, capacity, rise and square footage of the platform

Mr. Herrod discussed a remedy would be to install a commercial elevator.

Ms. O'Connor made a motion to deny the variance. Mr. Hale seconded the motion. After a vote, the motion carried.

- X. No open discussion was heard.
- XI. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ELEVATOR & AMUSEMENT DEVICE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
- XII. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.