

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

MEETING OF THE

ELEVATOR SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

COMMENCING AT 9:10 AM

HELD AT:

HOLIDAY INN TAMPA WESTSHORE

KING PALM ROOM

700 N. WESTSHORE BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33609

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CALL TO ORDER

The Elevator Safety Technical Advisory Council meeting was called to order at approximately: 9:12 a.m. by John Antona, Chair.

Members Present

Timothy Newton, Chair

William Snyder, Vice Chair

Chris Prather

Tim Mowrey

James Yohn

Members Not Present

John Antona (Excused)

John Barnott

Jerry Wooldridge

Others Present

Michelle Comingore: Bureau Chief, DBPR, Bureau of Elevator Safety

Courtney Love, Deputy Chief, DBPR, Bureau of Elevator Safety

Bruce Horne, OTIS Elevator Company

Ken Litteral, OTIS Elevator Company

Bob Rodriguez, OTIS Elevator Company

Nick Ortiz, Miami-Dade County

David Pauly, DBPR, Bureau of Elevator Safety

Joey Gan, Miami Beach

Ed Bland, Interim Business Local IEU 74

Tim Moenich, Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A ROLL CALL AND A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

Chair Newton called for acceptance of minutes for the October 2017 meeting. Mr. Snyder requested a change on page five to substitute the word “electric” with the word “electronic”. Chief Comingore stated the correction will be made.

MOTION: Mr. Snyder made a motion to accept the minutes.

SECOND: Mr. Prather seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Video Presentation New Technology– OTIS Elevator Company

AccessAlert:

Mr. Horne showed a video presentation of the AccessAlert device. Mr. Horne described the device as an audio alarm system that is provided on the top of the car and in the elevator pit. The alarm reminds you that you are out of sequence in using the stop switch if the stop switch is not engaged. Mr. Horne stated that this product is used to improve safety on new and older elevator systems without a control system upgrade. Mr. Horne and Mr. Litteral discussed the technology and application of the devices and took questions from the council.

Bureau of Elevator Safety Report - Michelle Comingore, Bureau Chief

Administrative Update:

Chief Comingore stated all inspection staff began using the iPad based inspection app to complete all inspection reports. She also stated that the Bureau has planned improvements for enabling alteration permit applications online and the issuing of permits as standalone licenses with full online search capabilities.

Chief Comingore reported on recent staff changes and available vacancies for the Division’s State Inspectors. Chief Comingore reported on current compliance rates. She stated that as of

March 27, 2018, the division had 3,016 delinquent elevators and the compliance rate was 94.7 percent. She further stated that, so far this year, 35% of routine inspections have failed compared to 27.6% in 2014/2015. She also stated that for the 2017/2018 fiscal year, 578 citations were issued for delinquent licenses and 48 administrative complaints were issued by the division. Chief Comingore stated so far this year, there have been 386 accidents reported to the division.

Rule Report:

Chief Comingore reported that since the last meeting, the Bureau has adopted three new rules. Rule 61C-5.015, related to MCP documentation, took effect on December 31, 2017. Rule 61C-5.001 was amended to adopt the 2013 edition of ASME A17.1. That code is also part of the Sixth Edition Florida Building Code, which took effect on December 31, 2017. Although the Bureau's rule took effect January 11, 2018, the overall effective date of these codes is still December 31, when the building code took effect. The third rule is Rule 61C-5.006 and it was amended to adopt a new version of the permit application. This rule took effect April 4, 2018 and the application is now available on the DBPR website.

Chief Comingore also reported on the rules that are being worked on, including the updating of applications for elevator personnel and companies, sump pump alarm system rule, and alternative testing. She stated the Council's input will be requested on any new language that is developed.

Legislative Session:

Chief Comingore reported that several proposals were submitted for the 2018 session including conforming elevator and building code permits, eliminating the 2 stop exemption, increasing the minimum stretcher size, and acceptable employment verification for the CC license. She stated that none of the proposals turned into bills; therefore, there are no changes to the statutes this year.

Chief Comingore requested the Council's input on proposals for the 2019 session. After discussion, the following proposals were suggested: conformance between the building permit and elevator permit, elimination of the 2 stop exemption, requirement of Initial Acceptance inspection on elevators in private residences, alternative testing, and verification of work experience for the CC license.

MOTION: Mr. Snyder made a motion for the Bureau to pursue the topics for the legislative session.

SECOND: Mr. Yohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Industry Update

Building design professional: Represented by Jerry Wooldridge. Not present.

Building Owners and Managers: Represented by Chris Prather. Nothing to discuss.

Elevator Service Companies: Represented by Tim Mowrey Sr. Nothing to discuss.

Labor: Represented by James Yohn. Mr. Yohn stated that there has been a lull in the State of Florida with work but there will be a big boom coming soon. He asked that everyone keep safety on their mind. He gave his approval for the OTIS presentation.

Local Government: Represented by John Barnott. Not present.

Manufacturing: Represented by Tim Newton. Nothing to discuss.

Private Inspections: Represented by Bill Snyder. Mr. Snyder stated that some continuing education courses allowed 10 minutes breaks every hour resulting in less than the full 8 hours of instruction.

Public: Represented by John Antona. Not present.

Old Business

Florida Building Code Revision Committee Status Report (Members Snyder, Antona, and Wooldridge):

Mr. Snyder stated that he evaluated the 17.1, 17.3, NEC, and 18.1 to identify significant changes between most recent versions of the codes and the codes currently adopted in Florida. Mr. Snyder provided a summary report of his findings for review by the council. After discussion of Mr. Snyder's findings, council decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

New Business

Elevator Relocation Permit

Chief Comingore stated that the Bureau is reviewing how relocation permits are issued. She requested input from the council. Member Newton stated relocation would be similar to a modernization, which is an alteration, because the whole unit would need to meet current code.

Mr. Mowrey agreed with Mr. Newton.

After discussion, no action was taken.

Local Fire AHJ Permits

Chief Comingore stated that it has been brought to the Bureau's attention that a local fire authority is requiring a local permit for any elevator alteration work that could impact fire safety components of the elevator. She further stated the Bureau does not have authority to prohibit the local AHJ from doing it.

After discussion, no action was taken.

General Discussion- Open Forum

Council discussed scenarios involving the annual tests performed and witnessed by CEI's and CET's. Mr. Mowrey asked for general clarification of the actual rules. Chief Comingore asked that specific information be presented, so that a review of the Rules and Statutes can take place and a definitive answer be provided.

Council recognized audience member Deputy Bureau Chief, Courtney Love and guests from local AHJ, Mario Garcia, Mike Rickabaugh, Nick Ortiz, and Joey Gan. Everyone discussed the need for consistency between the private sector, State, and local AHJ.

After discussion, no action was taken.

Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Snyder suggested adding newer codes to the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Mr.

Newton suggested test performer relationships and allowances.

The Council discussed the date of the next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2018 at Reedy Creek in Orlando.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.