

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION MEETING
OF THE
ELEVATOR SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Friday, January 13, 2017 COMMENCING AT**

9:00 A.M.

HELD AT:

CONFERENCE CALL

Conference Call: 1.888.670.3525

Participant Code: 2152927883#

CALL TO ORDER

The Elevator Safety Technical Advisory Council meeting was called to order at approximately 9:03 a.m. by John Antona, Chair.

Members Present

John Antona: Council Chair, General Public

Timothy Newton: Vice Chair, Elevator Manufacturing

Chris Prather: Building Owners and Managers

William Snyder: Private Inspections

Tim Mowrey: Elevator Service Companies

Jerry Wooldridge: Building Design

James Yohn: Labor

Members Not Present

John Barnott: Local Government

Others Present

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

Ryan Coley, Rightway Elevator

Amanda Smith, NAEC

Steven von Bodungen, Courtney Love, Cindy Ross, Kela Timmons, Doug Melvin, DBPR,
Division of Hotels and Restaurants

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

Chair Antona called for acceptance of minutes.

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

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

Review and Discussion of Draft Proposed Statutory Amendment

Chief Comingore presented the Division's proposed language for Florida Statute, Chapter 399.01 Definitions (attachment B). Bill Snyder presented his own version of the proposed language (attached). Members discussed the industry difficulties obtaining employment because of the 4 year work experience verification requirements, specifically who can verify work experience. Further, they discussed allowing apprenticeships and National Labor Unions to verify the required work experience. Mr. Snyder asked for clarification as to whether a Florida Registered Elevator Company could verify work experience for an applicant if the work was performed in another state under the employment of a different company. Chief Comingore confirmed and offered to clarify that position in Rule.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Mr. Yohn made a motion to remove the term "vertical" from Definitions (16).

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

After further discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Mr. Antona made a motion to accept the language for work experience as written by the Division.

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

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MOTION: Mr. Antona made a motion to add language for apprenticeships "Proof of completion of an apprenticeship program for elevator mechanics which has standards substantially

equivalent to those found in a national training program for elevator mechanics and is registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor or a state apprenticeship authority or proof of passage from a nationally recognized training program for the elevator industry”

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

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

399.01 Definitions. – As used in this chapter, the term:

(16) “Elevator certificate of competency” means a credential issued by the division to any individual natural person who possesses the skill, knowledge, and experience to construct, install, maintain, or repair any vertical conveyance successfully completing an examination as prescribed by rule and paying a nonrefundable fee of \$50. The division shall issue an elevator certificate of competency upon receiving proof of qualifying experience and examination or education, and a nonrefundable fee of \$50. Such credential shall be valid for and expire at the end of 1 year, and may be renewed by the division when the division receives proof of the elevator certificate of competency holder’s completion of 8 hours of continuing education from a provider approved by the department and a nonrefundable renewal fee of \$50. The department shall adopt by rule criteria for providing approval and procedures for continuing education reporting.

(a) An elevator certificate of competency may be issued only if the applicant meets the following requirements:

1. Four years’ work experience in the construction, maintenance, service, and repair of conveyances covered by this chapter. This experience shall be verified by current or previously registered elevator companies or by a national labor union representing elevator construction personnel, as required by the division.

2. One of the following:

a. Proof of completion and successful passage of a written examination administered by the division or a provider approved by the division under standards it adopted by rule.

b. Proof of completion of an apprenticeship program for elevator mechanics which has standards substantially equivalent to those found in a national training program for elevator mechanics and is registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor or a state apprenticeship authority.

c. Proof of licensure or certification by a state or local jurisdiction in the United States having standards substantially equal to or more stringent than those of this chapter.

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