

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

**MEETING OF THE**

**ELEVATOR SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017**

**COMMENCING AT 2:24 P.M.**

**HELD AT:**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

**DISTRICT OFFICE**

**NORTH TOWER, 1ST FLOOR**

**400 WEST ROBINSON STREET ORLANDO, FL**

**REPORTED BY:**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

**The Elevator Safety Technical Advisory Council meeting was called to order at approximately: 2:20 p.m. by Timothy Newton, Vice Chair.**

### **Members Present**

Timothy Newton: Vice Chair, Elevator Manufacturing

William Snyder: Private Inspections

Tim Mowrey: Elevator Service Companies

Jerry Wooldridge: Building Design (VIA TELEPHONE)

### **Members Not Present**

John Barnott: Local Government

John Antona: Council Chair, General Public

Chris Prather: Building Owners and Managers

James Yohn: Labor

### **Others Present**

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

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

Maureen Snyder, Guest

Mae Fisher, Court Reporter

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A ROLL CALL BUT NO QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

**Bureau Report - Michelle Comingore, Bureau Chief**

**Administrative Update:**

Chief Comingore presented an update on the implementation of iPad based inspection reports. Deputy Chief Love demonstrated to the Council what the e-form will look like and how it would be used by state inspectors.

Chief Comingore reported the promotion and available vacancies for the Division's State Inspectors. Chief Comingore presented the delinquent reports update. She stated that as of June 7, 2017, the division has 1,814 delinquent elevators, the compliance rate is 96.7 percent, and 1,267 citations were issued for delinquent licenses. The division issued 38 administrative complaints for failure to comply or obtain permits and 16 administrative complaints to CEIs who failed to respond to notices of monitoring. Chief Comingore reported the division has performed 31 accident inspections this fiscal year, an increase from the annual average of six accident inspections.

The council discussed the importance of accident follow-up inspections.

**Legislative Session:**

Chief Comingore reminded everyone that the council previously voted for proposed bills to remove the residential elevator exemption, remove the two-stop exemption, create building code consistency between the elevator permit and building code permit, and to require elevators to accommodate an 84 by 24 stretcher. A proposal for building code consistency was put forward, but did not become a bill. The legislature passed one elevator-related bill, SB1634, which changes the residential elevator statute adopted last year to require electronic monitoring of the hoistway door locking device, rather than pressure plate on the underside of the car. For the 2018 session, the bureau plans to propose conforming elevator and building code permits, eliminating the two-stop exemption, stretcher size, and acceptable employment

verification for the CC license. The division is considering proposing an exemption for marine elevators, mine elevators, wind turbine tower elevators, and outside emergency elevators from statute.

### **Rule Report:**

Chief Comingore provided a copy of the Rule Status report and reminded the council that the report is posted on the division's website.

### **Industry Update**

**Building design professional:** Represented by Jerry Wooldridge. Nothing to discuss.

**Building Owners and Managers:** Represented by Chris Prather. Not present.

**Elevator Service Companies:** Represented by Tim Mowrey. Mr. Mowrey read rule 61C5.008, Item Number 7, direct supervision.

Council discussed the interpretation of the wording and decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

**Labor:** Represented by James Yohn. Not present.

**Local Government:** Represented by John Barnott. Not present.

**Manufacturing:** Represented by Tim Newton. Nothing additional to discuss.

**Private Inspections:** Represented by Bill Snyder. Nothing additional to discuss.

**Public:** Represented by John Antona. Not present.

### **Old Business**

#### **Proposed rule language for code adoption and exclusions:**

Chief Comingore reported that 61C-5.001, Safety Standards, is being amended to adopt the ASME A17.1, 2013 code and specifically exempt certain parts. The other codes, A17.3 and A18.1, are not changing. This rule is currently being routed for signatures for approval to submit

as a proposed rule, so it will be publishing very soon. The council will be notified as soon as that happens. After it is published as a proposed rule, comments will be welcome.

**Maintenance control program:**

Chief Comingore informed the Council of the draft language regarding the onsite documentation requirement that is in A17.1-2013. The bureau is looking into having a phase-in requirement for the onsite documentation for the MCP to be maintained onsite.

After discussion, no action was taken.

**Alternative Test Methods:**

Chief Comingore presented draft rule relating to Alternative Test Methods, explained the rule, and requested a discussion regarding alternative testing training requirements.

After discussion, no action was taken.

**General Discussion/ Open Forum**

Mr. Snyder: Proposed taking a new vote for the Council Chair position and developing procedures for rotating chairmanship.

Council will address at next meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The Council discussed the date of the next meeting: Tentative dates to be held in Tallahassee.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:54 p.m.