

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS

AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

MEETING OF THE

ELEVATOR SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, November 15, 2016

COMMENCING AT 9:10 A.M.

HELD AT:

CONFERENCE CENTER AT CORPORATE CENTER I

2202 N. WESTSHORE BOULEVARD, SUITE 122

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CALL TO ORDER

The Elevator Safety Technical Advisory Council meeting was called to

order at approximately:

9:10 a.m. by Chris Prather, Acting Chair.

Members Present

Chris Prather: Building Owners and Managers, Acting Chair

Timothy Newton: Vice Chair, Elevator Manufacturing

(Via telephone)

William Snyder: Private Inspections

Tim Mowrey: Elevator Service Companies

Jerry Wooldridge: Building Design

John Barnott: Local Government

James Yohn: Labor

Members Not Present

John Antona: Council Chair, General Public (Excused)

Others Present

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

Paul Hauck, Stancor, L.P.

Arturo Garcia, Wastewater Solutions, LLC

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

Chair Prather called for acceptance of minutes.

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

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

Code of Ethics: Sunshine Law Guidelines, Michelle Comingore, Chief

Chief Comingore reminded council of the requirements that impact them.

Meetings of boards must be open to the public, reasonable notice must be given through the court administrative register, and voting must be done in public with minutes of the meeting taken. Sunshine Law is equally applicable to elected and appointed members and applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same group to discuss matters that will foreseeably come before the group. Members of the council are not allowed to delegate authority to a single individual.

Stancor Presentation, Paul Hauck

Paul Hauck presented on sump pumps with an integrated oil monitoring system.

Bureau of Elevator Safety Report, Michelle Comingore, Chief

Chief Comingore informed council that two inspectors retired this year. One new inspector has been hired and one position remains vacant. As of November 8th, we had 4,807 delinquent elevators and our compliance rate was at 91.3 percent. Our data indicates that 79 percent of those delinquent elevators need their passing inspection, which is a consistent rate from last

year. Within the last fiscal year we issued a total of 1,221 citations. We also issued 64 administrative complaints, mostly for failing to correct violations that were cited. Since the last meeting in May, we've issued 334 compliance cases of which 322 were citations. Since July 1, this fiscal year, we've received 93 accident reports.

Legislative session, Michelle Comingore, Chief, Bureau of Elevator Safety

Chief Comingore reminded everyone that the council 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. Unfortunately, only one of those four has moved forward. The one that's moving forward is the building code consistency. It is not a bill yet, it's just been approved by the Department to take to the next step.

Rule Report, Michelle Comingore, Chief, Bureau of Elevator Safety

Chief Comingore provided a brief description of the rule adoption process and rule adoption information available on the division's website.

61C-5, Sump Pumps

Chief Comingore presented draft rule language and accepted comments and concerns regarding draft language.

Industry Update

Building design professional: Represented by Jerry Wooldridge. Mr. Wooldridge reported that he recently attended the ICC code development hearings for the Group B codes, which did not provide any major changes to the design of elevators.

Building owners and managers: Represented by Chris Prather. Nothing to discuss.

Elevator Service Companies: Represented by Tim Mowrey. Mr. Mowrey reported that he has witnessed monitoring inspections and was pleased with the results.

Labor: Represented by James Yohn. Mr. Yohn reported on the statutory constraints involved in hiring people from other states to work in Florida.

Local government: Represented by John Barnott. Mr. Barnott discussed the difficulties in hiring inspectors in the State of Florida due to statutory constraints that only registered elevator companies in the State of Florida can submit proof of four years' experience for inspector applicants.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Mr. Yohn made a motion to look into changing statute regarding who can submit four year experience for licensing.

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

Manufacturing: Represented by Tim Newton. Nothing to discuss.

Private Inspections: Represented by Bill Snyder. Mr. Snyder discussed NAESA and the fact that of in the process of putting together an apprenticeship-type program for inspectors.

Old Business

Temporary Operating Permits

Chief Comingore requested input from council as to whether or not there was a condition under which public use could be allowed for those elevators that are being altered.

Majority of members present were not in favor of any public use during alteration.

After additional discussion was declined by all members, no action was taken.

Permit expirations under Florida Building Code

Mr. Mowrey brought up the subject of modifying the Building Code to tie elevator permits to building permits. Sometimes, when the permits are pulled, the building construction begins but the elevator installation does not begin until much later. Mr. Mowrey stated that 399.61(c) (5), is specific, if the work has not started for 6 months or it's suspended for X amount of days, then the elevator permit becomes invalid. Ms. Comingore informed council that permit extensions can be granted in these circumstances.

After discussion, no action was taken.

New Business

ASME A17.1-2013 Implementation Planning

Chief Comingore introduced the adoption of the 2013 ASME A17.1, into Florida Building code, which will take effect January 1, 2018. Chief Comingore requested input on implementation of new maintenance control program requirements and alternative testing. Council members had no concerns with immediately implementation upon adoption. Chief Comingore requested input on adoption of codes relating to marine elevators, wind turbine, and outside emergency elevators. Member Snyder recommended adopting all three sections, as they are part of A17.1 and are types of elevators.

After discussion, no action was taken.

Code requirements for rooms containing electrical equipment

Mr. Newton stated there was an issue, specifically in Broward County, where the disconnects for the elevator are located in an electrical closet separate from the machine

room. Mr. Newton asked for an interpretation of the state code to define a machine room versus an electrical closet. Chief Comingore stated she will bring up the issue in the next contracted jurisdiction meeting.

After discussion, no action was taken.

General Discussion/ Open Forum

Mr. Newton brought up the topic of remote monitoring and remote manipulation. He stated most elevator manufacturers are currently installing the required equipment to allow remote manipulation including remote diagnosing, shut down, and restart of the elevator cab from location outside of Florida.

After discussion, no action was taken. Council may address at next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

The Council discussed the next meeting. The Council decided not to have assignments for the next meeting. Proposed date of the next meeting: June 6, 2016 to be held in Tampa.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Mr. Yohn made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Prather seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:53am.