

ELEVATOR WORK GROUP MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

The Elevator work group met on Thursday, May 07, 2009 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. The members indicated below were present.

Kenneth Hart, Chairman
Homer Pete Sumpter
Deborah Lynn Tomlin
Matthew Aird
Donny Groh
Scott Hobson
Leo Hergenreder
Emory Rodgers
David Geib
Sharon Sykes
Sean Cain

Elevator work group members who were absent:

Vernon Hodge, Rusty Gilbert and Jimmy Demmel

Staff members present for all or part of the meeting were:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Eric L. Olson, Executive Director
Sheila Watkins, Administrative Assistant
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director
Jill Richardson, Licensing & Education Administrator

Eric Olson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and indicated that the members of the Board for Contractors sitting on the workgroup should appoint a chair person.

**Call
To Order**

A nomination was made by **Mr. Sumpter** and seconded by **Ms. Tomlin** to appoint Mr. Hart as the chairman of the Elevator Work Group. The nomination was unanimously approved. There was no vote.

**Appointing of a
Chair person**

Mr. Hart asked if anyone wanted to address the work group? There was no public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Mr. Olson provided a presentation to the work group outlining a history of the regulation of elevator mechanics, the current eligibility criteria and the responsibility of the work group under the provisions of Senate Bill 811.

**Responsibility of
the Work Group**

The workgroup discussed several levels of regulation for those individuals that perform installation and repair of accessibility systems. The following items were tentatively agreed upon:

Discussion

- 1) A new level of regulation is necessary to separate the scope of work performed by the two distinctly different professionals.
- 2) The current law will require an amendment to provide the Board for Contractors with the authority to certify this “new” program.
- 3) The new program should be called “Certified Accessibility Mechanics” and should be separate from the Certified Elevator Mechanics currently in the law.
- 4) Certified Elevator Mechanics, as currently regulated, will be permitted to install, repair and maintain all equipment as currently defined in the statutes.
- 5) Certified Accessibility Mechanics will be permitted to install, repair and maintain wheelchair lifts, incline chair lifts, residential dumb waiters and residential elevators.
- 6) The workgroup must reach an agreement regarding Limited Use/Limited Access (LULA) devices and whether or not Certified Accessibility Mechanics will be permitted to install, repair or maintain them under their scope of practice.

Next meeting will be held on June 4, 2009 at 10:00 am at DPOR.

New Business

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. by the Chair, Mr. Hart.

Adjournment

Kenneth Hart, Chairman