

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

February 19, 2019

The following is a summary of the February Meeting:

I. Meeting called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Board Chairman Randy Moore. Members present were Bennie Johnson Jr., Douglas Deel, Phillip Hale, and Larance Middleton. Also present were DMME Deputy Director, Bradley Lambert; Regulatory Board Administrator, Mary Gibson; Chief Engineer Division of Mines, Mike Willis; Inspection Supervisor, Division of Mines, Opie McKinney; Inspector, Division of Mines, Andy Sawyers; Inspector, Division of Mines, Don Riffe; Inspector, Division of Mines, Rusty Ward; Inspector, Division of Mines, Tim Lyall; Division of Mines Administrative Specialists, Eva Bellamy and Megan Sturgill; Office of the Attorney General, Paul Kugelman; Supervisor Special Investigator, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Bob Clay; Special Investigator, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Michael Hughes; Special Investigator, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Troy Brown; Special Investigator, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Chris Cain

II. Open Agenda

Chief Randy Moore discussed the conditions found at the Calico Meridian #2 mine by Division of Mines Inspectors, Andy Sawyers and Don Riffe on December 14, 2018. The following people were sworn in and gave testimony regarding the conditions and their role in the issue Casey A. Lester, Timothy C. Stacy, Charles D. Auville, Ralph Campbell, Jr., Stephen A. Johnson, Curtis W. Perkins, and David A. Shepherd . The violations resulted in actions against the following miner's certifications:

12-Month Probation effective 02/19/2019-02/19/2020

- Stacy, Timothy C. – DOB 7/10/1976
 - General Miner Underground
 - General Miner Surface
 - Gas Detection
- Lester, Casey A. – DOB 05/18/92
 - General Miner Underground
 - Gas Detection

First Class Mine Foreman – Suspended February 19, 2019, until March 31, 2019, with 12-month probation starting March 31, 2019, ending March 31, 2020

- Auville, Charles D. – DOB 10/03/1980
- Campbell, Jr., Ralph – DOB 03/26/1962
- Johnson, Stephen A. – DOB 5/12/1990
- Perkins, Curtis W. – DOB 10/03/1965
- Shepherd, David A. – DOB 12/05/1974

Mr. David Inscore and counsel, Eric Frye appeared before the BOARD to give a statement regarding the investigation into an incident at the D-18 mine concerning high voltage circuits being bypassed. This case was continued as Mr. Inscore and counsel were not prepared for a hearing at this time.

III. Next Meeting March 5, 2019

IV. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM