

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

The following is a summary of the February 7, 2017 Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Randy Moore. Members present were Bennie Johnson, Jr., Phillip Hale, Randy Moore, Douglas Deel and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator and Gloria Clark, DMME Hearings Coordinator/Administrative Specialist.**
- II. Motion made and seconded to accept February 7, 2017 meeting agenda and approved December 6, 2016 meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.**
- III. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)
Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.**
- IV. Open Agenda
Mary Gibson advised the Board that the letter regarding the grant had been sent to the Richmond Attorney General's Office.**

Mary Gibson discussed with the Board problems with the treatment centers and getting response to needed information. After discussion with the Board, decision was made that Randy Moore and Mary Gibson would draft a letter to the treatment center to discuss the concerns and to schedule a meeting with the President of the Center to reach a resolution to the problem.

Randy Moore discussed with the Board regarding language change to Regulation 4 VAC 25- 20-70 Surface Foreman to allow DMME individuals holding a surface foreman certification to be eligible to take a specifically designed surface mine inspector examination. These individuals would be eligible to inspect surface mines. DM Mine Inspectors presently inspect surface and underground mines and no specific surface experience is required. Mike Skiffington is working on this with Randy Moore and Butch Lambert. This item will be brought back to the Board once language and needed changes are made.

V. Next Meeting
Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017.

VI. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM