

Minutes Summary

State of Tennessee Elevator and Amusement Device Safety Board Meeting

Date: June 3, 2025

Location: 220 French Landing Drive, Nashville, TN

1. Call to Order and Administrative Matters

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Robbie Fox.
- Pledge of Allegiance conducted.
- Roll call confirmed quorum with four board members present.
- Agenda and minutes from December 3, 2024, meeting adopted.

2. Elevator Unit Report

- **Growth:** 1,412 new conveyances added over five years; 239 added this year.
- **Permits:** 512 permits approved since January 1, 2025 (347 new installations, 165 alterations).
- **Staffing:** Two inspector vacancies expected to be filled by July 1, 2025.
- **Delinquencies:** 137 statewide, attributed to staff shortages.

3. Amusement Device Unit Report

- **Active Companies:** 528 active companies; projected 5,121 devices registered by fiscal year-end.
- **Accidents:** Two reportable accidents:
 - **Rocky Top Mountain Coaster:** Operator error caused back injury and cart damage.
 - **Bounce House Foam Incident:** Respiratory issues due to foam usage; updated guidelines issued.
- **Penalty Resolution:** K&S Southern Midways paid penalties and regained operating eligibility.

4. Variance Request

- **Request:** KT Lamb (Anecdote Architectural Experiences) sought approval for a portable lift at Jelly Roll's Goodnight Nashville.

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- **Outcome:** Request denied due to non-compliance with ASME codes, lack of mechanical interlocks, and safety concerns.

5. Fee Increase Approval

- **Proposal:** Increase elevator inspection fees (e.g., \$200 to \$300 for permits and inspections).
- **Outcome:** Approved unanimously. First fee increases since 2010.

6. Accident Reporting Guidelines

- **Clarification:** Mike Hardy outlined procedures for classifying reportable and non-reportable accidents.
- **Examples:**
 - **Reportable:** Falling objects, damaged equipment causing injuries.
 - **Non-Reportable:** Pre-existing conditions, awkward landings at trampoline parks.

7. Future Meetings

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - September 3, 2025 (if needed).
 - December 2, 2025.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Chairman Robbie Fox.

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