



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
ELEVATOR & AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY BOARD  
9:00 A.M. (CT) JUNE 4, 2013  
TOSHA HEARING ROOM - 1ST FLOOR  
220 FRENCH LANDING DRIVE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
MINUTES**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - (20)** - Chairman Robbie Fox called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. (CT) and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag

**II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - (29)** - Board members present: Perry Burch; Robbie Fox; David Hale; Charles Edens; Larry Moore; Jesse Cragwall and Lewis Moorer. Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development employees present: Arthur Franklin; Sydné Ewell; Anita Rhodes; Ron Sidler; Chris Farmer and Carolyn Sherrod. Guests present: Tim Brown; Paul Fisher; and Jerry Batson.

(54) - Administrator Arthur Franklin announced that in the event of an emergency or natural disaster, security personnel would take attendees to a safe place in the building or direct them to exit the building on the Rosa Park side.

(55) - Administrator Franklin announced that the Elevator Board member (Insurance Representative, Mr. John Downing has officially resigned and solicited the assistance of the remaining Board members in the search for a new member (Insurance Representative). Any qualifying applicant names should be presented to Administrator or Mr. Ron Sidler.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2012 ELEVATOR & AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - (82)** - A motion was made by David Hale to approve the December 4, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jesse Cragwall and Larry Moore. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

(88) – Administrator requested a **Point of Privilege** in order to introduce the Elevator Division's newly appointed Assistant Chief, Chris Farmer and to announce that in August Chief Sidler has been invited to New York City by the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Company to join them in a training session regarding the installation of elevators and escalators at the Freedom Tower formerly the World Trade Center.

**IV. CHIEF INSPECTORS REPORT - (86)** - Chief Ron Sidler gave the following report:

- Shawn Holcomb, previous Assistant Chief has relocated to New Jersey; Richard Halfacre, an Inspector in the Nashville area retired and one inspector (James Lymn) left the Department under mutual agreement. Robert Mathis (Linden) and Bob Graham (Columbia) fill two of the vacant positions. July (1<sup>st</sup>) when the state's hiring freeze will be lifted we hope to fill at least (2) more inspector positions.

- Lee Bentley, Amusement Device Manager, was unable to attend the meeting so Chief Sidler announced that we have also been approved to add at least (1) amusement inspector which is desperately needed. Hopefully the addition of this new inspector will show the necessity for the

addition of yet another and another. The Amusement Devices Section is getting closer to being able to make that second step finally.

- Chief Sidler added that Phillip Hampton, Chief Engineer (ThyssenKrupp) invited some of the surrounding chief inspectors to the site in New York which is reported to be installing (74) elevators and over (20) escalators. ThyssenKrupp has secured the installation bid at the Freedom Tower. Start up of the higher testing will begin in August and it's a great opportunity to be able to witness.
- Assistant Chief Farmer is conducting our training. Fortunately, we have hired some inspectors who are certified and we will be looking for that same characteristic in the newer inspectors that we hire.
- We have several older inspectors; Jess Webb who has several health problems came back to work and then had to have surgery. He is doing well and we hope to have him back in a couple of weeks.
- Chief Sidler has been asked about the zip lines - there is a big problem in the state with and until we get the manpower to address the issue, at present we're doing the best we can with what we have. Hopefully we will re-write our rules - once everything is done with the 2010 rules, Chief Sidler wants to re-write those additions and subtractions to the rules all at once rather than continually re-writing them so that there will be a smooth transition to the Eurocodes.
- Jesse Cragwall posed the question to Chief Sidler what were the biggest concerns with the ziplines. To which Chief Sidler explained that they were unregulated so codes have been developed for that. We had a Canadian code that we were able to use. They are everywhere and it takes a lot of manpower to even locate them.
- Perry Burch inquired into the background of Robert Mathis, the new inspector in Linden. Chief Sidler explained was formerly employed by National Machines where he was a service technician for about (15) years. He has his QEI certification. Jose Martinez (Miami) has also been hired who was already certified as well. Robert Graham had worked in elevators in Detroit (he's not certified) but he will make a good addition to the division. Dwayne Pickering worked in Nashville for about (20) years. He has over (30) years experience as an elevator mechanic. He is a big asset in East Tennessee where we've needed an inspector for a long time. We've regrouped the route in East Tennessee with the addition of (1) inspector; Robert Mathis in Linden was able to aid some of the Jackson, Tennessee; we added Robert Brown here in Middle Tennessee (always the biggest area) and we'll be adding some more as soon as we can.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**13-01 - (252)** - Nashville Machine Elevator Company is requesting a variance for platform size on the existing elevator at Vanderbilt University's Olin Hall. Currently A17.1 Section 2.16.1.1 requires the car to be 7500 pounds capacity instead of the 4000 pound capacity. Nashville Machine Elevator Company wants to put a loadweigher device to limit the load to 4000 pounds. The current square footage is about 70 sq. ft. but should be 42.2 sq. ft.

Chief Sidler explains that the situation has been corrected. The information in the data was permitted correctly in the beginning it was just mismarked. Everything is legal. Assistant Chief Farmer brought it to our attention and extensive research was conducted. The issue was actually resolved before the scheduled March 5, 2013 meeting; everything was correct. We'd rather err and

be right than to err and be wrong. It's correct and everything is as it should be. No action is required by the Board...just a clerical error.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**13-02 - (294)** – United Elevator Services, LLC is requesting a variance to install a LU/LA Elevator (Limited-Use/Limited-Access elevator). This elevator would be installed at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Greenbrier, Tennessee, 37203. The elevator will meet ASME 17.1-2010 code and the installation will be done in accordance with state and local electrical and building codes.

Chief Sidler said that the rule still states that this is not allowed but I hope we agreed that sometimes we allowed it on a case by case basis. Everything has been addressed – I support that proposition to allow these until we get the rules rewritten. Chief Sidler also explained that he did not want to go through the paperwork of writing this rule and then have to write another rule the next time. Chief Sidler is hoping to be able to do it all at one time (all the rule changes and grant the things that we need done in A17.1-2010). Hopefully we will not be besieged with a lot of LU/LAs.

Jesse Cragwall asked if this goes back to the writing of that part of the policy that expired – did a new one take place in January 2010? Chief Sidler explained that when A17.1-2010 and while it's good in that code as our counsel was correct, by rule the numbering section was still deleted by rule. So when it was adopted if we had had the foresight to eliminate that this would not be an issue now. But the rule still states that the 5.2 Section is not allowed so I hope the Board sees fit to allow us to work this way until we can get the rules changed. United Elevator Services is here to present that.

Robbie Fox stated that until we re-write the rules we will do an ad hoc whatever is needed on a case by case basis.

**(357)** – Paul Fisher (United Elevator) – restates their desire to acquire a variance for Rock Springs Baptist Church. Perry Burch made a motion to approve the variance. Jesse Cragwall seconded the motion. Before the vote is taken, Legal Counsel, Sydné Ewell asks the Board if there is any conflict of interest. There is none. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

**(388)** – Jesse Cragwall asks for an update of (Board Secretary) Carlene Bennett's recuperation which was provided by Chief Sidler. The Board asks that their best wishes be conveyed to Ms. Bennett.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING** – **(408)** - The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Elevator & Amusement Device Safety Board meeting will be held in the first floor TOSHA Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. (CT) on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at the State of Tennessee, Department of Labor and Workforce Development building, located at 220 French Landing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** - **(409)** – David Hale made a motion to adjourn. Perry Burch seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.