

ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Capitol View Conference Room at 1000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

II. Roll call

Members present: Kris Kesterson, Chairperson
Justin Carleton
Kathleen Uehling
Kerry Dixon
Marvin Schumacher (via phone)
Peggy VandenBerg

Members absent: Wayne Sims, Amy Infelt, Todd Christensen

III. Approval of agenda

Mr. Carleton moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Dixon seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

IV. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2016

Mr. Carleton moved to approve the October 5, 2016 minutes. Ms. Dixon seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

V. Item for Action

A. *Variance petition from the Holiday Inn Conference Center (E2016-162) and concerning condensation lines terminating in elevator shafts*

Mr. Larry Scott and Mr. Lowell Scott spoke to the board. The traveling cable caught fire on the elevator listed in the petition causing the elevator to be brought up to code. The condensate lines from many guest rooms drain into the sump pit. There are two other elevators that have the same condensate line condition. The petitioners requested to amend the variance to include the other two elevators. Mr. Borwey stated that water has begun to build up in the pits and agreed it would be a hardship to move condensate lines from the pits.

Ms. Kerry Dixon moved to approve the variance for all 3 elevators with the following conditions: 1) provide a minimum 50 gallon/minute sump pump with a high water alarm in each pit and 2) move the condensate lines within the pits to eliminate the tripping hazards.

Mr. Carleton seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

B. *Variance petition from Oakwood Properties (E2016-163) concerning water pipe in the hoistway at Bellevue Apartments.*

Ms. Christy Conrad spoke to the board regarding this variance request. This water line comes up the hoistway and is encased in a steel pipe. The pipe is embedded in concrete in some places and is an active water line.

Mr. Jim Borwey stated that the elevator was installed in 1927 and modifications would be difficult.

Ms. Kerry Dixon moved to approve the variance to allow the water pipe to remain under the following conditions: 1) the pipe will be secured to the side walls where clearances allow 2) a sheet metal enclosure will be installed around the pipe 3) provide minimum 50 gallon/minute sump pump with high water alarm.

Mr. Carleton seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Division of Labor

Mr. Borwey stated that the 2 vacancies for elevator inspectors expired and will be reopened.

Mr. Borwey attended the NAESA inspector apprenticeship meeting in Oklahoma City. Mr. Borwey stated the meeting addressed the difficulty in finding qualified inspectors. The Inspector Apprenticeship Program will be led by NAESA and will allow the fast tracking into an AHJ or another inspection agency without coming from the trade. The projected launch of the training program will be spring 2018.

B. Subcommittee on inspector pay

The subcommittee met. Mr. Christensen is preparing a presentation.

VII. Next meeting dates

- Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Capitol View Conference Room, 1000 E. Grand Avenue
- Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Conference Room, 150 Des Moines Street

VIII. Next meeting agenda

- Rules Review
- Report by subcommittee on inspector salaries

IX. Public comments

None

X. Adjournment

Ms. Kesterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vandenberg seconded the motion. The board approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kathleen Uehling