

# **NEW YORK STATE ELEVATOR SAFETY AND STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Time: Commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

- WA Harriman Campus Building 12, First Floor, Rooms D&E Albany, New York 12226
- 295 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14224
- 199 Church Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, New York, New York 10007
- 2 Members attended via videoconference

### **Attendees:**

Board Members (meeting location):

Michael Halpin, Chairman (NYC)

Patrick Tenneriello (NYC)

Charanjeet Singh, PE (Remote)

Hiren "Harry" Vyas (NYC)

Mark Gregorio (NYC)

Randall Pawlik (Buffalo)

Susan McGee (Albany)

Kelly Fuller (Albany)

Jim Hagerty (Albany)

Jerald Pittman (Remote)

NYS DOL Staff:

Vincent Rapacciuolo, Acting Deputy Director of the Division of Safety and Health (Albany)

Deirdre Quain, Supervising Counsel (Buffalo)

**Agenda Item 1 Welcome:**

Vincent Rapacciuolo welcomed all to the second quarter meeting of the NYS Elevator Safety and Standards Advisory Board, and announced some ground rules for the meeting: those joining by video would be muted upon entry and remain muted throughout entire meeting, with any distracting video disabled; there will be public testimony under Item 6; members are joining from Albany, Buffalo, New York City (NYC) and remotely; the meeting is an open meeting and will be posted to the Department of Labor's website. Roll call performed to establish quorum. Chairman Michael Halpin welcomed all and began the meeting.

**Agenda Item 2 Draft Minutes:**

Draft minutes for the May 6, 2024, meeting were presented to the Board. Mark Gregario made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted, which Harry Vyas seconded. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3 Examinations:**

Subcommittee member Randall Pawlik spoke on behalf of the subcommittee. Members of the subcommittee include: Mark Gregorio and Charanjeet Singh, PE (NYC), Randall Pawlik (Buffalo), and Jim Hagerty and Jerald Pittman (Albany).

Discussion on status of the language to include: 1) the qualifications on standards for an initial license request, 2) clarification of license to include all vertical transportation equipment, 3) a discussion on continuing education requirements, 4) clarification of language for limited or accessible equipment licensing, and 5) requirements on inspector initial licensing and continuing education.

The Subcommittee planned to draft a proposal of language for the next meeting, for Vincent Rapacciuolo to share with full Board to review and discuss then.

**Agenda Item 4 Licensing requirements on temporary construction hoists, block hoist that are typically built, performed, and used outside of the industry:**

Randall Pawlik opened discussion of licensing requirements on temporary construction hoists, block hoist that are typically built, performed, and used outside of the industry. Vincent Rapacciuolo gave clarification on the current legislation, and limitations on proposals within the scope of the law.

**Agenda Item 5 Overview of Complaint Process:**

Vincent Rapacciuolo gave a presentation on the Law and NYSDOL's Authority on complaints, as well as an overview of the Complaint Process including how they are received and what the process is for an investigation on complaints received. Information was given on how to make a complaint to the NYS Industry Inspection Program. The Industry Inspection Program has also started a project to have an electronic complaint form added onto the website.

**Agenda Item 6 Repercussions on a company using unlicensed mechanics:**

Vincent Rapacciuolo gave a presentation on repercussions faced by a company using unlicensed mechanics and read Section 955 from the Law.

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## **Agenda Item 7 Discussion on adding temporary mechanic authority:**

Chairman Michael Halpin stated language was sent out prior to meeting to address the issue of temporary mechanics and briefly explained the proposal. Board requested that NYSDOL research temporary mechanic authority and be prepared to present for the next meeting.

## **Agenda Item 8 Public Comments:**

Opened to Public at three locations, no attendees at this time.

## **Agenda Item 9 Future Meetings:**

Board members discussed next meeting to be in-person, Vincent Rapacciuolo to send out tentative date. No additional agenda items were offered for discussion at next meeting.

## **Agenda Item 10 Other Business:**

Vincent Rapacciuolo stated that NYSDOL has language on the Department's website to address the NYSDMV nondriver ID and surrendering the ID, which will be circulated to the Board. Clarifications on continuing education will also be circulated to the Board. No Other Business was discussed. Randall Pawlick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerald Pittman seconded the motion. The meeting concluded.