

ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021

I. Call to order

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom.

II. Roll call

Members present: Kris Kesterson, Chairperson
Kerry Dixon, Secretary (via Zoom)
Wayne Sims, Vice-Chairperson
Marvin Schumacher
Kathleen Uehling
Justin Carleton
Craig Clabaugh

Members absent: Amy Infelt

Ms. Caroline Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, participated.

III. Approval of agenda

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Schumacher seconded the motion. The Board approved it unanimously.

IV. Approval of minutes from May 25, 2021

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the minutes from May 25, 2021. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

Ms. Kesterson introduced Mr. Matt Mitchell, the new manager for the elevator program. Mr. Mitchell stated that he previously spent 13 years as an inspector for the Division of Labor and he is replacing Jim Borwey.

V. Items for Action

A. Waiver application from City Center of Mason City, Inc. concerning conduit in the machine room of an existing building (E2021-004)

Mr. Edward Kent, President of City Center of Mason City, was not in attendance. The variance request concerns machine room conduit that isn't related to the operation of the elevator. There is a telephone line that runs through the room, up the shaft and into the attic that has been abandoned and can be removed. The application contends that it would be a hardship to trace and relocate all the electrical lines through the room.

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the variance to allow the electrical conduit to remain in the room. All abandoned piping, steam piping, and phone wiring is to be removed. Photo documentation is to be provided to the Division of Labor upon completion. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously.

B. Waiver application from Shive-Hattery concerning an existing ladder in a machine room at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (E2021-007)

Ms. Jessie Clark, Architect at Shive-Hattery, spoke via Zoom about this request. They are replacing an existing 1970's cart lift. The controllers are installed on the upper platform which is 4' 7.5" above the lower level. The code requires a 60° stair up to the platform and they contend there is no room to put a compliant stair. They are requesting to keep the existing ladder which is OSHA compliant.

Ms. Uehling moved to approve the variance and Mr. Schumacher seconded the motion. The remaining board members approved the motion.

VI. Discussion topic – video phones

Mr. Schumacher voiced his concerns over the installation, monitoring and cost of video phones in elevator cabs. He contends that they shouldn't be required. The cost to monitor is approximately \$60 to \$100/month and installation is about \$4,000. Local jurisdictions have already made it a requirement. Cedar Rapids and Des Moines both have adopted it from the IBC code. This topic can be discussed during code review next year.

VII. Division of Labor Report

Commissioner Rod Roberts welcomed the board back and indicated that things are getting back to normal. The Commissioner stated that we will continue to allow the Zoom option for meetings.

The Commissioner stated the Senate did not take up nominations for the various boards. Ms. Caroline Barrett, A.G. Representative, reiterated the position of the Attorney General's office regarding hold overs. The Commissioner will make a formal request that the legislature address nominations during the special session. If the legislature takes no action in the special session, confirmations will wait until January. Terms will be based on how the legislation is written.

Mr. Sims asked about the election of officers, which will be on the next agenda. Ms. Barrett stated that hold overs can serve as officers.

VIII. Communications

None.

IX. Next meeting dates

- July 13, 2021 at 9:00 am – to be held in-person with a remote option
- August 24, 2021 at 9:00 am – to be held in-person with a remote option

X. Next meeting agenda

- Election of officers
- Waiver for Midland Living
- Waiver for Autumn Ridge


XI. Public comments

Mr. Sims asked if there are reports pertaining to waiver requests that the board be provided those items. Ms. Uehling stated that the Division of Labor already tries to gather that information for the board when it is applicable.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Clabaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. The board approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kerry Dixon, Secretary