

**ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2021**

**I. Call to order**

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**II. Roll call**

Members present: Kerry Dixon  
Kathleen Uehling  
Justin Carleton  
Wayne Sims  
Craig Clabaugh  
Kris Kesterson, Chairperson  
Marvin Schumacher

Member 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 January 13, 2021**

Mr. Sims noted a correction of the minutes. Mr. Mike Brown was identified as an employee of KONE, Inc., when it should have been TK Elevator. Ms. Uehling moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the noted correction. Mr. Sims seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

**V. Items for Action**

*A. Tabled waiver from MidWest One Bank concerning access door height in an existing building (E2020-011)*

Mr. Kevin Goranson, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. of Facilities for MidWest One Bank, gave an update to the board. Mr. Goranson stated he met with Mr. Mike Brown of TK Elevator to explore options to relocate the governor and they have exhausted all relocation options. The only viable solution is to mount the governor in the mechanical room. This would require removal of existing elevator equipment. The bank requests an extension through the end of the year to budget this project.

Mr. Schumacher moved to grant a temporary variance to the first of the year. Ms. Dixon seconded and the board unanimously approved. The board is requiring that an action plan be submitted by the first meeting of 2022.

*B. Adoption of rule amendments proposed in the Notice of Intended Action published as ARC 5436C*

Ms. Uehling stated that the Adopted and Filed rulemaking document is basically the same as was approved at the last meeting. Ms. Uehling noted that there was one public comment in favor of adopting the ASME rules by reference. There were additional technical and formatting edits by the code editor, as well as a couple of date changes. No other significant changes were made. The effective date is June 1, 2021.

Ms. Dixon moved to adopt the changes published in ARC 5436C. Mr. Schumacher seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

## **VI. Division of Labor Report**

Labor Commissioner Rod Roberts thanked the board for their service. The Commissioner stated that names of board members whose terms are expiring have been forwarded to the governor's office for renewal. Mr. Sims asked if there will be paperwork that needs to be completed, as it has been in the previous years. The Commissioner will check into this and get back to the board.

The Division of Labor anticipates changes coming for OSHA programs. The possibility of pandemic standards has received a lot of press. Marty Walsh has been confirmed as the new Secretary of Labor.

There are several bills of interest in the Iowa legislature. The session is set to adjourn around April or the first of May. The Division of Labor expects a status quo budget. The second funnel will be at the end of next week.

Things continue to function well with some staff working remotely. The elevator inspectors have done impressive work. The Commissioner gave kudos to staff in the field given the circumstances they have been working under.

Mr. Joe Mullen stated the inspectors are doing over 200 inspections a week and he noted that the amusement season is starting. There is still one vacant elevator position that the Division will move on as soon as we get the new bureau chief. The bureau chief vacancy had to be reposted. Hopefully the position will be filled by the middle or end of April.

## **VII. Communications**

A letter was submitted previously to the board from NEII.

## **VIII. Next meeting dates**

- Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9:00 am
- Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 9:00 am

## **IX. Next meeting agenda**

- Waiver petition for the Polk County Criminal Courthouse (E2021-002)

## **X. Public comments**

None.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting. The board approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kerry Dixon", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ms. Kerry Dixon, Secretary

