

**ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 10, 2022**

**I. Call to order**

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in-person and via a remote conferencing service.

**II. Roll call**

Members present: Kris Kesterson, Chairperson  
Wayne Sims, Vice-Chairperson  
Kathleen Uehling  
Marvin Schumacher  
Craig Clabaugh

Members absent: Amy Infelt, Kerry Dixon and Justin Carleton.

Ms. Caroline Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, participated remotely

Ms. Kesterson appointed Ms. Uehling as Secretary pro tem with the absence of Ms. Dixon.

**III. Approval of agenda**

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

**IV. Approval of minutes from January 4, 2022**

Ms. Uehling moved to approve the minutes from January 4, 2022. Mr. Sims seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

**V. Items for Action**

- A. *Petition for a temporary waiver from Wraywood Manor, regarding headroom in an existing facility (E2022-005)*

Mr. Schumacher recused himself from this variance request.

Mr. Troy Tilleraas, Vice-President of Field Operations for Schumacher Elevator, attended the meeting remotely and spoke to the board regarding the request. This is a Dover hydraulic alteration to an existing apartment building in Ft. Dodge. The machine room has a 6'10" clearance with exposed rafters. The plan is to make a legal-sized machine room, as well as putting sheetrock on the rafters to make the space fire rated. When completed, this will not have the required 7' clearance. Lights will be put along the sidewall to maintain as much height as possible.

Ms. Kesterson stated that the board has set a precedent with approving similar variances and listed the following conditions: 1) Machine room door is to be self-closing and self-locking; 2) Machine room needs to be sheet rocked; 3) Sign on the machine room door "Authorized Personnel Only"; 4) Sign on the machine room door "Caution – Low Overhead" in 2" letters; 5)

Machine room lights to be mounted on the side walls to maintain 79" height'; 6) No new non-elevator equipment can be added to the machine room.

Ms. Uehling moved to approve the variance with the conditions provided by Ms. Kesterson and based on the impossibility of moving up the ceiling. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The board approved the variance with Mr. Schumacher abstaining.

Mr. Schumacher returned to the meeting.

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

Commissioner Rod Roberts began by reporting that there is finally some movement happening with board appointments. The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> to have names submitted. Mr. Joe Mullen, as the Labor Board Administrator, notified those board members to proceed if they are applying or reapplying again. Mr. Schumacher and Ms. Infelt's terms do not expire until 2023. The Commissioner encouraged the applying members to state in their application as to why they want to continue to serve on the board. He also encouraged the board to amplify their reasons why if they are contacted personally by the Office of the Governor.

Commissioner Roberts announced that Iowa Workforce Development, along with the Division of Labor, presented the budget to the House subcommittee in person yesterday. The Commissioner felt the presentation went well and is anticipating a status quo budget of 3.5 million this year. There was a delay with giving the presentation and the Commissioner used the opportunity to meet with legislators and government affairs people. The first funnel date is next week when all policy bills must be reported out of their respective standing committees. Once that is done, more focus is put towards the budget process.

## **VII. Communications**

Mr. Schumacher relayed his concerns over the staffing shortages they are experiencing throughout the state regarding elevator testing. One of the problems they are having is finding information on current dates of Category 5 testing on wheelchair lifts. Mr. Schumacher had been in discussions with Mr. Jim Baedke, Safety Coordinator with the Division of Labor, about getting this information. Mr. Baedke stated that some wheelchair lifts require 5-year tests if they have a brake or a safety. The Division of Labor database does not have a way to disseminate which ones require the test. Commissioner Roberts offered to Mr. Schumacher that staff will investigate this and report back at the next meeting.

## **VIII. Next meeting dates**

- Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 9:00 am – to be held in-person with a remote option
- Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 9:00 am – to be held in-person with a remote option

## **IX. Next meeting agenda**

- Variance request from MidAmerican Energy E2022-006
- Report from the Division of Labor regarding load tests for wheelchair lifts
- Discussion of Election of Officers

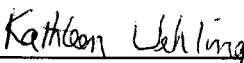
**X. Public comments**

None

**XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Uehling moved to adjourn the meeting and the board approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Ms. Kathleen Uehling, Secretary Pro Tem