



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

Board of Industrial Trades
Draft Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300 A/B, Washington, DC.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Smith (Chair) at 1:30 p.m. EST and attendance was taken.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Robert Smith (Chair and Master Electrician), Alvin Venson (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic), Brian Cooper (Elevator Contractor), Constantin Rodousakis (Master Electrician), Keith Jones (Class 1, Steam Engineer), Petrick Washington (Elevator Mechanic), Richard Jackson (Master Plumber and Gasfitter), and Garth Grannum (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic)

Staff Members Present: Jennifer C. Champagne (Board Administrator), Patrice Richardson (Staff), George Batista (Investigator), Ben Case (Staff), Daniel McCoy (Program Analyst), Robert Simpkins (Permit Center Manager),

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

Members of the Public Present: Paul Strauss, Esq. (Law Offices of Paul Strauss & Associates, P.C.), and Robert Rivera (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Applicant)

Agenda Item: Executive Session

- At approximately 1:36 p.m., a motion duly made by Alvin Venson and properly seconded by Garth Grannum, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session (Closed to the Public) to consult with an attorney pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A); D.C. Official Code 2-575(b)(9) to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications and legal counsel report.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

- Robert Simpkins met with the Board to discuss whether licensed tradespersons with hundreds of permits under their purview are acting within the scope of work.

Agenda Item: Minutes

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Keith Jones and properly seconded by Board member Garth Grannum, the Board unanimously voted to approve draft minutes for the July 19, 2016 meeting.

Agenda Item: Applications for Licensure

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Keith Jones and properly seconded by Board member Brian Cooper, the Board unanimously voted to approve 4 applications under technical

review during the executive session.

- It was reiterated that reinstatement applications where none of screening are checked in the affirmative are not subjected to technical review by the Board and will remain under the purview of Board administrators.

Agenda Item: Old Business

- Information will be forwarded to the Board on troubleshooting their email accounts. It was noted that use of a non-MOTA issued District of Columbia government email address does not replace the use of the DC Boards and Commission email address when communicating Board matters.
- With the exception of one staff member, everyone has undergone BEGA training. Staff will send an email with upcoming training dates to the group.
- Badges will be activated to allow access to the DCRA building at 1100 4th Street, SW.
- The latest revised version of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) was sent to Kia Winston for her review on August 12, 2016. Ms. Winston is currently reviewing the document and will present her changes to the Board when complete.
- Copies of the WAMU article were distributed and the issues surrounding the article were discussed.
- Three of seven applicants are currently being vetted by the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA).


Agenda Item: New Business

- The Board unanimously voted to elect Board member Keith Jones, Class 1, Steam Engineer, as co-chair of the Board of Industrial Trades.
- Board staff will recommend and create multi-disciplinary committees.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. EST.
- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Garth Grannum and seconded by Keith Jones, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Smith.
Name

12-20-16
Date

Recorder: Jennifer C. Champagne