



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration  
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Board of Industrial Trades  
Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2021**

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its May monthly meeting by teleconference on March 16, 2021.

Chair, Brian Cooper, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. EST.

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Brian Cooper, Chair (Elevator Contractor), Courtney Braxton (Asbestos Supervisor), Michael Dalton (Consumer Member), Shawn Ellis (Class One, Steam Engineer), Garth Grannum (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic) (Richard Jackson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Constantin Rodousakis (Master Electrician), Michael Johnson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Alvin Venson (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic), Alex Lemu (Class One, Steam Engineer), Petrick Washington (Elevator Mechanic)

Staff Members: Cynthia Briggs (Program Manager), Jennifer Champagne (Board Administrator), Nicole McClendon (Program Coordinator)

Members of the Public: Jean Ellis

**Agenda Item: Acceptance of Minutes:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Michael Johnson, and properly seconded by Board member, Petrick Washington, the Board unanimously voted to approve the February 16 minutes.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:**

- None

**Agenda Item: Old Business:**

- None

**Agenda Item: New Business:**

- Board members reviewed DCRA's new Contractor Rating System was launched earlier this month. On the day of the launch it got approximately 8,000 hits to the site. Ratings for architects, interior designers, general contractors and home improvement contractors are listed now. With the roll out, electricians, plumbers/gasfitters, and refrigeration/air-conditioning contractors will be



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- included. The Board strongly supports this new tool

**Recommendations:**

- Board members were made aware that the contract associated with the current application system, Learning Builder, has ended. The application is set to retire on March 31, 2021. The Board recommends that a message announcing that the application will no longer be available be sent to members of the public as well as the Board's reciprocity partners, Maryland Board of Master Electricians and the Virginia Board of Contractors. The Board requests ongoing updates on any temporary application(s) made available to the public to obtain a new license or renew an existing license.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Michael Johnson and seconded by Richard Jackson the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:16 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cooper, Chair

Date:

Recorder: Jennifer C. Champagne, Board Administrator