



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection Board of Industrial Trades
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its December monthly meeting via WebEx video conference on September 17, 2024.

Brian Cooper, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. EST.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brian Cooper, Chair (Elevator Contractor), Tanya Lewis (Master Electrician), Shawn Ellis (Class One, Steam Engineer), Garth Grannum (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, Alex Lemu (Class One, Steam Engineer), Alvin Venson (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning), Petrick Washington (Elevator Mechanic), LaVonne Woods (Master Electrician), Travon Previtere (Asbestos Supervisor), Gregory Kinard (Master Plumber Gasfitter), and Clifton Tamorria (Elevator Inspector).

Staff Members: Tiffany Crowe (Director), Jacqueline Noisette (Program Manager), Nicole McClendon (Program Coordinator), Shakira Richardson (Program Manager, Consumer Protection Unit), April Randall (Legislative and Public Affairs Officer), Nicole Bramstedt (Legislative Affairs Specialist), Kimberly Troxler (Program Support Specialist), and Chanda Kearney (Program Support Specialist)

Legal Counsel: Marc Nielsen (Legal Counsel)

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Tanya Lewis, and properly seconded by Board member, Petrick Washington, the Board unanimously approved the June 18, 2024, minutes, with edits.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- Mr. Issac Jones

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Reminder that Occupational Professional Licensing (OPL) and the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) are still working to fill Board of Industrial Trades (BOIT) vacancies: 1 master plumber/gasfitter, 1 asbestos, and 1 consumer member. This is ongoing.
- A draft Maryland reciprocity agreement for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning is currently in review. This is ongoing.
- A draft Maryland Electrical reciprocity agreement revision (to include Maryland Journeyman and County licensed Masters) is currently in review. This is ongoing.

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- Ms. Kearney will continue to revisit coordinating with Maryland and Virginia to obtain and discuss reciprocity for Plumbers and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning versus pursuing universal options. This is ongoing.
- Steam Engineer Regulation Revisions have been sent to DLCP Legislation for rulemaking. This is ongoing.
- The board voted to approve that four board and three staff members attend the NASCLA Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia on 9 – 12 September 2024.
- The board reviewed a complaint report from DLCP Central Processing Unit (CPU) and unanimously voted to approve a fine fee of \$2,500 and a 90-day suspension for G. Escobar.
- The board unanimously voted to approve Reinstatement with the scheduled fine fee of \$2,436 for seven licensees
- The board unanimously voted to approve licensure for five licensees and one renewal
- The board unanimously voted to disapprove two applications

Agenda Item: New Business:

- The 2024 National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia on 9 – 12 September 2024. NASCLA members were present along with sponsors including Lowes and Home Depot. Board of Industrial Trades (BOIT) members and staff attended various educational and networking seminars including:
 - Human Connection (Magician)
 - Supreme Court's pivotal decision regarding Chevron Doctrine
 - Achieving full compliance across multiple states
 - Economic Trends
 - Examining Organized Crime
 - Fraud in the Solar Industry
 - Practical applications of AI Technologies in Construction
- Board Meetings will be held via Zoom beginning 1 October 2024. Board members will be invited to attend training offered on various dates.
- Ms. Kearney will create an Excel spreadsheet of ongoing actions

Agenda Item: Recommendations:

- The board unanimously voted to approve a recommendation to the Consumer Protection Unit (CPU) that if the applicant (aka respondent) pleads "Admit" to the Notice of Infraction, the CPU settles the original \$2,436 fine for an 80% reduction or \$487 versus no fee at all for the first offense.

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- The board unanimously voted to approve Reinstatement with the scheduled fine fee of \$487 for the below:
 - M. Hughes
 - Paramount Mechanical Corporation
 - Boiler and Furnace Cleaners, Inc.
 - A. Winfield and Water Works LLC
 - B. Rookstool
- The board unanimously voted to approve Authorization to Test for Electrician Master licensure to C. Lancon.
- The board unanimously voted to approve Electrician Journeyman licensure for S. Williams.
- The board unanimously voted to approve Authorization to Test for Operating Engineer Crane Limited, Class 7D to R. Salmon.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Shawn Ellis and seconded by Tanya Lewis the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:52 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cooper, DC Board of Industrial Trades Chair

Date:

- Recorder: Chanda Kearney, Board Administrator