



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

December 19, 2017

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 19, 2017 at 1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300 A/B, Washington, DC.

Alvin D. Venson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. EST.

Attendance:

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

Staff Members: Jennifer C. Champagne (Board Administrator), George Batista (Investigator), Cynthia Briggs (Board/Commission Executive), Clifford Cooks (Program Manager), Stacey Williams (Program Support Specialist), Cliff Dedrick (Investigator), Maurice McDonald, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)

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

Members of the Public: Liz Johnson (Permit Expeditor), Trae Lofty, Financial Secretary (Local 77), Thomas (TJ) Johnson, President (Local 77)

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

- Maurice McDonald updated the Board about criminal sanctions and fines imposed for individuals and companies working at District jobsites without proper licensure and suggested the Board reach out to its constituents in the Trades. Board member, Brian Cooper, recommended that OPLA send information to contractors reminding them of compliance. MPD and the Executive Office of the Mayor is working with trade unions in planning an industrial trades' job fair. Kia Winston suggested that planners reach out to the apprenticeship council for a comprehensive list of training programs.
- Liz Johnson, permit expeditor, requested additional information on obtaining permits and a professional contractor's license. The Board reviewed the documents and steps required to apply for an elevator contractor license.
- Thomas Johnson had questions regarding requirements for Class 7 licenses and OPLA's online.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Minutes

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Robert Smith and properly seconded by Board member Brian Cooper, the Board unanimously voted to approve minutes as amended for the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Agenda Item: Old Business

- The elevator and electrical application deadline was extended to 12/31/17. OPLA is tracking the elevator and electrical renewal statistics. Robert Smith suggested that application instructions be available to users and that OPLA create a video to help applicants apply. Board member Keith Jones suggested that a Board member for each trade review application requirements. The customer service line number is 1-866-270-9817.

- Membership Associations are the governing bodies that set standards for licensure in the trades. The Board created its Membership/CEUs committee – members include Brian Cooper (Elevator), Garth Grannum (Refrigeration/Air Conditioning Mechanic), Richard Jackson (Plumbing), Keith Jones (Steam Engineer, Class 1), Alex Lemu (Steam Engineer, Class 1), and Robert Smith (Electrician) – to help incorporate national standards into revised regulations.

Agenda Item: New Business

- None

Agenda Item: Final Recommendations

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Brian Cooper, and properly seconded by Board member, Richard Jackson, the Board unanimously voted to uphold the proposal of settlement order of \$1000.00 issued to Vincent Newman for unlicensed work, issue a fine of \$2500 to designated master Robert Preston (DM200481) and, issue a fine of \$5000 to the electrical contractor Nationwide Electrical Services, Inc. (ECC900034).
- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Brian Cooper, and properly seconded by Board member, Richard Jackson, the Board unanimously voted to request a Notice of Intent to take Disciplinary Action to revoke Ralph Threatt's license and limit the ability to reinstate his license for a period no less than 5 years and issue a \$15,000.00 fine.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Richard Jackson and seconded by Robert Smith, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin D. Venson,



Signature:

Date:

Recorder: Jennifer C. Champagne, Board Administrator