



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

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its monthly meeting on September 17, 2019.

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

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brian Cooper (Elevator Contractor), Constantin Rodousakis (Master Electrician), Richard Jackson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Shawn Ellis (Class 1, Steam Engineer), Tanya Lewis (Electrician Master), Michael Johnson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Alvin Venson (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic)

By Phone: Garth Grannum (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic), Alex Lemu (Class 1, Steam Engineer), Courtney Braxton (Asbestos Supervisor)

Staff Members: Nicole McClendon (Program Coordinator, OPLA), Jennifer Champagne (Board Administrator), Chanda Kearney (Program Support Specialist), Jocelyn Reyes (Program Support Specialist), Vincent Parker (Administrator, BPLA)

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Esq. (Legal Counsel)

The Board welcomes new member, Tanya Lewis, to the Board of Industrial Trades. Ms. Lewis has previously served on the Board of Industrial Trades and brings over 36 years of experience as an electrician and project manager with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 26.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Alvin Venson and properly seconded by Board member Michael Johnson, the Board unanimously voted to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- Elizabeth Falcon, Executive Director, DC Jobs with Justice (DC JWJ), spoke with the Board regarding DC JWJ's complaint against Power Design, Inc. (PDI) and asked that the Board revoke PDI's license.
- David Redden, General Counsel/Risk Manager, Power Design, Inc., gave a brief overview of PDI's history and stated that DC JWJ has inaccurately characterized the facts surrounding their work in the District and ask that the Board dismiss their complaint.



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Agenda Item: Final Recommendations:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Alvin Venson, and properly seconded by Shawn Ellis, the board unanimously voted to issue a fine of \$1250 to the electrical contractor, Pipe Dreams. LLC (PC1202).
- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Alvin Venson, and properly seconded by Tanya Lewis, the board unanimously voted to issue a fine of \$1625 to the electrical journeyman, Solomon Alemu (EJ903227)
- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Alvin Venson, and properly seconded by Tanya Lewis, the board unanimously voted to forward the matter concerning Power Design, Inc., (ECC901166) for investigation.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Eleven licensees attended the Board's free Environmental Protection Agency/Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (EPA/AHERA) asbestos supervisor refresher course on August 19, 2019 at the DCRA offices. Upon successfully passing the course, each licensee received an EPA/AHERA asbestos supervisor refresher certification from a federally-certified asbestos provider.
- Brian Cooper, Richard Jackson, and Alvin Venson attended the NASCLA State Contractor's meeting in Baltimore, MD August 26-29, 2019.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- Electrical and Elevator licenses are being renewed and will expire 11/30/2019.
- In place of the October board meeting, the Board will meet for the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) meeting. This is a mandatory all-day workshop that will be held at the DCRA offices.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Richard Jackson and seconded by Alvin Venson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:42 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cooper, Chair
Date:

Recorder: Jennifer C. Champagne, Board Administrator