



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

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its monthly meeting on March 19, 2019.

Board member, Brian Cooper, called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. EST.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brian Cooper (Elevator Contractor), Constantin Rodousakis (Master Electrician), Michael Dalton (Consumer Member), Richard Jackson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Michael Johnson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Garth Grannum (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic), and Petrick Washington (Elevator Mechanic)

By Phone: Alex Lemu (Class 1, Steam Engineer)

Staff Members: Cynthia Briggs (Interim Program Manager, OPLA), Jennifer Champagne (Board Administrator), Vincent Parker (Administrator, BPLA)

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

Members of the Public: Eric Jones (ABC Metro Washington), Jason Roberts (ABC Metro Washington), Michael Lynch (EM200538)

Agenda Item: Recognition of the Passing of Board Member Robert L. Smith, Jr.

- Former chair, community activist and friend, Robert L. Smith, Jr. passed away on March 4, 2019. Mr. Smith served as member of the Board for over 17 years.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Richard Jackson and properly seconded by Board member Michael Johnson, the Board unanimously voted to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- Eric Jones and Jason Roberts of ABC Metro Washington discussed the license classification of apprentices and journeyman with
- Michael Lynch (EM200538) spoke with the board regarding its recent decision to close the matter against Paul Nunley.

Agenda Item: Final Recommendations:

Upon a motion duly made by Board member Michael Dalton and properly seconded by Richard Jackson, the board unanimously voted to forward the matter concerning Class 3 Steam Engineer licenses for investigations.



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- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Richard Jackson and properly seconded by Michael Dalton, the board unanimously voted to uphold the original determination concerning the matter of Paul Nunley (EM901191) and Michael Lynch (EM200538) as there were no apparent violations.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- On February 6, the Office of Administrative Hearings permanently revoked Ralph Threath's (DM665) license.
- In advance of the next Board meeting, committees will review and vet the testing and certification of trade organizations to determine whether the Board will recognize these organizations for the sake of exam waiver. The Board will determine whether the qualifications for certification are equivalent or higher than the Board's requirements for licensure.
- The Small Business Resource Center (SBRC) and the Board/OPLA will host an information session on Understanding the Licensing Basics for Industrial Trades on March 20th at 10 a.m.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- Cynthia Briggs, Interim Program Manager, OPLA, attended the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Association (NASCLA) Board of Directors' meeting on March 7-9, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ. Conference materials will be sent to Board members. NASCLA's 2019 Annual meeting will be in Baltimore, MD, August 26 & 27, 2019.
- Alvin D. Venson resigned his position as Chair of the Board of Industrial Trades. Mr. Venson will continue his work as Board member but feels it's best to allow other members to serve as chair.
- Upon a duly made motion made by Board member Petrick Washington and properly seconded by Garth Grannum, the Board unanimously voted to elect Brian Cooper as Chair of the Board of Industrial Trades.
- Upon a duly made motion made by Board member Brian Cooper and properly seconded by Michael Johnson, the Board unanimously voted to elect Richard Jackson as Vice Chair of the Board of Industrial Trades.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Michael Dalton and seconded by Michael Johnson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2019 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Cooper, Chair

Date:

Recorder: Jennifer C. Champagne, Board Administrator