



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection Board of Industrial Trades**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2023**

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its December monthly meeting via WebEx video conference on March 19, 2023.

Brian Cooper, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. EST.

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Brian Cooper, Chair (Elevator Contractor), Shawn Ellis (Class One, Steam Engineer), Garth Grannum (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, Michael Johnson (Master Plumber Gasfitter), Alex Lemu (Class One, Steam Engineer), Alvin Venson (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning), 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), Kimberly Troxler (Program Support Specialist), Shakira Richardson (Program Manager, Consumer Protection Unit), Shantell Thompson-Weaver (Special Assistant), April Randall (Legislative and Public Affairs Officer) 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, Shawn Ellis, and properly seconded by Board member, Alvin Venson, the Board unanimously approved the December 19, 2023, minutes, with edits.

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

- Mr. Ulysses Cooper – American University
- Maurice McCoy – Watergate Plant
- Raymond Stack – Local 99
- Bill Fahey – Watergate Plant
- Michael Pierorazio – Watergate Plant
- Keith Jones – Department of Buildings (DOB)
- Edward Howell – Department of Buildings (DOB)
- Mary Williams – District of Columbia Homeowner
- Mayda Colon – Watergate Plant
- Michael Whitehead – Master Electrician Applicant
- Michelle Thorton – District of Columbia Homeowner
- Eric Sidberry – No Response



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- JM – No Comment
- Lorenzo Bell - Watergate
- Ms. Kimberly Brown – Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA)

### **Agenda Item: Old Business:**

- All future technical review applications will be reviewed by respective committee(s) before board meetings.
- The board reviewed and unanimously voted to approve the 2024 proposed Meeting Dates via a Special "Email Session" after the December 2023 meeting
- OPL has been in contact with both the Maryland and Virginia Board of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and the Plumbing Board. Maryland is currently drafting an initial reciprocity memorandum for review. Virginia advised that they would contact OPL at the beginning of 2024 to continue/discuss a plan of action. This is ongoing and updates will be provided upon receipt.
- OPL has completed round three of the required regulation updates with both Steam Engineers. Clarification/updates provided to legal counsel. This is ongoing and final updates will be presented to the board for a vote upon completion.
- Ms. Kearney will 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.

### **Agenda Item: New Business:**

- The board welcomed newly sworn-in members.
  - Clifton Tamorria
  - Gregory Kinnard
- The board was reminded to register for the Quarterly Board and Commission Ethics Training before 24 April 2024. This training is Mandatory for all board members.
- Ms. Kearney will 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.
- A vote on the recommendation that the administration be allowed to approve applicants who have been convicted of a felony or felonies, other than a serious violent felony, more than five (5) years before the date of the application will take place in Executive Session.
- A vote on Steam Engineers Regulation revisions will take place in the Executive Session.
- A review of Technical Applications will take place in the Executive Session.

### **Agenda Item: Recommendations:**

- The board unanimously voted to approve that the administration be allowed to approve applicants who have been convicted of a felony or felonies, other than a serious violent felony, more than five (5) years before the date of the application.

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- Recommendation that the administration be allowed to approve applicants who have been convicted of a felony or felonies, other than a serious violent felony, **more than five (5) years before the date of the application.**
  - A serious violent felony means:**
    - A Federal or State offense, by whatever designation and wherever committed, consisting of the following:**
      - Murder
      - Manslaughter other than involuntary manslaughter
      - Assault with intent to commit murder
      - Assault with intent to commit rape
      - Aggravated sexual abuse and sexual abuse
      - Abusive sexual contact
      - Kidnapping
      - Aircraft piracy
      - Robbery
      - Carjacking
      - Extortion
      - Arson
      - Firearms use
      - Firearms possession
  - Accordingly, the administration would not be authorized to approve any applicant convicted of one of the offenses specified above. The applications would continue to be brought before the board for a technical review.
- Steam Engineers Regulation Revisions to Chapter 4 Sections 400 – 499.
- The board unanimously voted to approve Reinstatement with the scheduled fine fee for the below:
  - E. Valle
  - F B HARDING INC
  - G. HARDING
  - H. Billiet
  - J. Holdridge
  - J. Robinson
  - J. Melendez
  - J. Arias
  - J. Palma
  - J. Fraley
  - K. Spriggs
  - L. Cooper
- The board unanimously voted to approve Electrician Journeyman licensure for F. Painter.
- The board unanimously voted to approve authorization to test for Electrician Master to K. Newby.

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- The board unanimously voted to approve Electrician Apprentice licensure for M. Smider.
- The board unanimously voted to approve authorization to test for Steam Engineer, Class 3 to G. Patterson.
- The board unanimously voted to approve Electrician Journeyman licensure for M. Whitehead once tax documents are provided.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Michael Johnson and seconded by Alvin Venson the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:36 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Cooper, DC Board of Industrial Trades Chair  
Date:

- Recorder: Chanda Kearney, Board Administrator