

# INDIANA ELEVATOR CODE COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Indiana Elevators, Escalators, Manlifts, and Hoists Safety Codes Committee

Cisco Webex Virtual/Electronic Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

1. The Indiana Elevators, Escalators, Manlifts, and Hoists Safety Codes Committee (Committee), subcommittee of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (Commission), was called to order by Committee Chairman Michael Corey at 9:04 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

- a. Committee Members Present:

Michael Corey, Chairman, Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation and Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Member

Joe Albertson, IUUC Local 34

Clifford McDaniel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

Steve Stuard, Stuard & Associates, Inc. (Retired)

John Watson, Mid America Elevator

- b. Committee Members Absent:

Tom Dorsten, Schindler Elevator

Jim Lockard, Kone Elevator

Adam Sisson, Otis Elevator

- c. Committee Staff Present:

Douglas Boyle, Director of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission and Committee Secretary (IDHS)

Justin Guedel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Deputy General Counsel

Bryston Sprecher, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Committee (IDHS)

- d. Guests Present:

Matthew Cronley, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

Clifton Dukes, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

Bart Giesler, John Frick & Associates

Todd Albertson, Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation

Brian Stanley, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

## 2. Roll Call/Attendance

Attendance was taken via roll call. Secretary Boyle noted that a quorum was present, with five (5) voting members in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. It was noted that Brian Stanley, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Elevator and Amusement Ride Inspector, and potential replacement for voting member Gary Harrington, who retired from his position at IDHS in May 2020, had joined the call.

## 3. Review and Discussion on the Committee's Completed Work (March 2018 through February 2020 meetings)

Secretary Boyle began the discussion by reminding the Committee of the progress that had been made over the course of the last couple years. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, the Committee was forced to stop meeting at the beginning in March. Therefore, the goal of this meeting is to serve as a regroup. Secretary Boyle advised that he didn't believe any action(s) will be taken at this meeting, but rather a plan will be devised that will move the Committee in a direction to finish reviewing and amending the remaining model code books and rules. As it stands currently, the Committee completed its review of ASME QEI-1-2013, ASME A17.1-2016, ASME A18.1-2017, ANSI/ASSP A10.4-2016, and ASME A90.1-2015 at the end of the February 2020 meeting. A complete list of all the proposals approved by the Committee from March 2018 through February 2020 is attached for reference at the end of this document. Secretary Boyle stated that this list should be helpful in outlining what still must be discussed, as well as in assisting IDHS staff as it begins to draft some semblance of the proposed rule.

## 4. Review and Discussion on the Committee's Incomplete Work

### a. Meeting Minutes

Secretary Boyle stated that the meeting minutes from December 17, 2019, January 21, 2020, and February 18, 2020 had not yet been written. He advised that these minutes and the minutes from today's meeting will hopefully be finalized and placed in front of the Committee for approval at next month's meeting.

### b. Remaining Model Codes to Review

The Committee still has four (4) model codes to review and adopt with any amendments incorporated into the proposed rule, including: ASME A17.6-2017, ASME A17.3-2015, ASCE Automated People Mover Standard 21 – 2013, and Rule 1 (675 IAC 21-1).

## 5. Other Business/Other Considerations

### a. Discussion on Committee's Membership/Potential Need for Additional Members

Due to work-related conflicts and other issues and commitments, Secretary Boyle explained that there had been some members that were forced to step away from their positions on the Committee. As such, it will be necessary for the Committee to appoint a couple of new replacements in the coming months, to ensure that the Committee will be able to achieve a quorum and continually meet going forward. Additionally, as stated previously, Brian Stanley may begin serving as Gary Herrington's replacement in the near future, upon approval by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. Gary Herrington was responsible for the majority of the proposals for code change, so it is important that the Committee finds other individuals who will be committed to reviewing the codes and willing to bring forward proposals that will best serve the state's industry and the regulated public. In an effort to ensure that the Committee possesses ten (10) members, as set forth in the Committee's bylaws, Secretary Boyle stated that he will reach out to Purdue University to inquire about a potential replacement for Jeff Cooper. Additionally, Steve Stuard volunteered to reach out to a representative from Indiana University. Chairman Corey agreed with this approach stating that having members from two of the largest universities in the state of Indiana would be a tremendous asset.

b. Discussion on Statutory Obligations to Review the Most Current Editions of the Model Codes

Pursuant to IC 22-13-2-2(c), the latest editions of the model codes listed in state statute must be formally reviewed by the Commission (or an appointed subcommittee) within twenty-four (24) months of publication. As such, Secretary Boyle informed the Committee that three (3) updated editions have been published since the Committee initially began its work, including: ASME A17.1-2019, ASME A17.3-2017, and ASME QE-1-2018. Director Boyle advised that there is no obligation to adopt the newer versions of the codes. It was decided that the Committee will focus primarily on the 2017 version of ASME A17.3. Steve Stuard stated that he will review and verify if there are any significant amendments or changes in ASME 17.3-2019 compared to ASME A17.1-2016, which has already been reviewed and amended by the Committee. Overall, the Committee's goal is to keep the approved amendments it has already made to the model codes that it has already reviewed.

6. Plan Forward

a. Set Meeting Date for October 2020

After some discussion, it was decided that Tuesday, October 20, 2020 would be the most suitable meeting date for the Committee members. Secretary Boyle informed the Committee that, depending on the circumstances surrounding the State of Indiana's public health emergency declaration, the Committee may be permitted to meet in-person at next month's meeting. Secretary Boyle stated that this is unlikely, as he would rather err on the side of caution and not put the members in a position where they are traveling in and out of Indianapolis – especially considering that the meetings are typically quite brief. Thus, the

Committee should expect that the October meeting will be conducted virtually/electronically again via Webex. Secretary Boyle reminded the Committee that proposals for code change should be submitted to him the week prior to the meeting. These proposals will be considered as the Committee begins its review of ASME A17.3-2017. Lastly, Bart Geisler mentioned that he had a discussion with IDHS Legal staff on the documentation required for obtaining an elevator mechanic's license and the possibility of incorporating some language into Rule 1 to satisfy these requirements. Although Secretary Boyle was not aware of the extent of this conversation, he stated that he would gather more information and would be open to discussing this option during the Committee's review of Rule 1, as well as after consulting with the legal team at IDHS to ensure that any conflicts with statute are avoided.

## 7. Adjournment

Chairman Corey thanked everyone for their time and stated that he is looking forward to completing the Committee's remaining business in the coming months. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.