

# INDIANA ELEVATOR CODE COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Indiana Elevators, Escalators, Manlifts, and Hoists Safety Codes Committee Cisco Webex/Virtual Online Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 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, October 20, 2020.

a. Committee Members Present:

Michael Corey, Chairman, Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation and Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Member  
John Watson, Mid America Elevator  
Clifford McDaniel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)  
Steve Stuard, Stuard & Associates, Inc.  
Brian Stanley, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

b. Committee Members Absent:

Tom Dorsten, Schindler Elevator  
Jim Lockard, Kone Elevator  
Adam Sisson, Otis Elevator  
Joe Albertson, IUEC Local 34

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 Commission (IDHS)

d. Guests Present:

Clifton Dukes, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)  
Bart Giesler, John Frick and Associates  
Brian Smith, Indiana University – Bloomington

2. Roll Call/Attendance

Secretary Boyle conducted roll call noting that quorum was met with five (5) voting members in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

### 3. Committee Staff Updates/Announcements

- a. Status Update on Indiana Open Door Law and Public Meeting Requirements during the State of Indiana's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – Douglas Boyle, Director of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission & Justin Guedel, IDHS Deputy General Counsel

Secretary Boyle stated that the State of Indiana's public health emergency declaration was extended with the signing of Governor Holcomb's Executive Order No. 20-44. Per Executive Order No. 20-44, will expire on November 1, 2020, unless the public health emergency is further renewed by another executive order. Secretary Boyle advised stated that he believes the Committee will continue meeting electronically via Webex through at least the end of the year, given that positive COVID-19 cases continue rise throughout the state and in-person meetings could pose health risks to the Committee's members, its staff, and the general public. Justin Guedel, IDHS Deputy General Counsel, affirmed Secretary Boyle's statements and assessments.

- b. New Committee Member – Brian Stanley (Indiana Department of Homeland Security Elevator and Amusement Ride Inspector)

Director Boyle informed the Committee that Brian Stanley was officially appointed as the newest member of the Committee at the Commission's October 6, 2020 meeting.

### 4. Committee Review and Action on Meeting Minutes

Secretary Boyle informed the Committee that Bryston Sprecher, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, had completed a draft of the meeting minutes from February 18, 2020 and September 22, 2020, but Secretary Boyle had not yet completed the minutes from December 17, 2019 and January 21, 2020; however, John Watson noted two (2) issues with the minutes from September's meeting. Firstly, he was incorrectly included on both the present and absent columns of the attendance list. Secondly, in the summary of proposal for code change #106, "*testing and*" should be omitted *not "and replacement"*. Director Boyle made these corrections and stated that December and January's minutes will be presented at next month's meeting.

### 5. Committee Review of ASME A17.3-2017 – ***no proposals for code change were submitted in advance of the Commission's meeting***

Without proposals for code change to review, there was little to substantively review and vote on during the meeting. With that being said, the Committee did have a thorough discussion regarding to adopting ASME A-17.3-2017. The consensus was

that the Committee will identify sections in the rule that it wishes to retain without modification. The rest of the model code will then be struck and deleted without substitution. Although costly in terms of fiscal impact, the members agreed that certain sections dealing with door restrictors and car top inspections should be included in the Committee's proposed adoption of this code, to protect the public's safety. Justin Guedel, IDHS Deputy General Counsel, advised that any rules that are formally adopted would be effective immediately, but the Committee can stipulate to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a specific deadline of compliance. Secretary Boyle ended the discussion by reminding the Committee that it could submit proposals for code change via the webform (<https://www.in.gov/dhs/boards-and-commissions/code-comments-proposals-and-advice/>) found on the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's homepage or simply by emailing the Proposal for Code Change form (State Form 41186) to either himself, Mr. Sprecher, or the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's email address ([buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov](mailto:buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov)). Secretary Boyle stated that he expected each member to submit proposals in a timely fashion for consideration at next month's meeting.

## 6. Other Business/Other Considerations

### a. Updates on Removals/Appointments of Committee Voting Members

As promised at last month's meeting, Steve Stuard contacted Indiana University to inquire about appointing a representative from its elevator shop to serve on the Committee. University leadership suggested Brian Smith, who serves as the shop supervisor. Secretary Boyle stated that a vote to approve Mr. Smith as an additional member of the Committee will take place at the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2020. Additionally, Secretary Boyle reminded the members that Gary Herrington was removed from the Committee at last month's meeting. Tom Dorsten and Jim Lockard will be involuntarily removed from the Committee as well due to lack of attendance, per Secretary Boyle's recommendation.

## 7. Plan Forward

### a. Set Meeting Date for November 2020

After some discussion, it was decided that November 17, 2020 will be the date of the next tentatively scheduled Committee meeting.

### b. Set Agenda for November 2020 Meeting

Because there were no proposals submitted for ASME A17.3-2017, the Committee will continue with its plan review ASME A17.3-2017, so long as proposals for code change are submitted in advance of next month's meeting. Steve Stuard will also bring forward a comparison of ASME A17.1-2016, which has already been reviewed and amended by the Committee, and ASME A17.1-2019, the latest edition, for deliberation at the November meeting.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.