

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Indiana Government Center South Conference Center
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Conference Room D

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

a. Committee Members Present:

Michael Corey, Chairman, Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation and Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Member
Joe Albertson, IUEC Local 34
Gary Herrington, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Clifford McDaniel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Adam Sisson, Otis Elevator
John Watson, Mid America Elevator

b. Committee Members Absent:

Tom Dorsten, Schindler Elevator
Jim Lockard, Kone Elevator
Steve Stuard, Stuard & Associates, Inc. (Retired)

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

d. Guests Present:

Matthew Cronley, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Thomas Hendricks, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Clifton Dukes, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Bart Giesler, John Frick & Associates

Wes Applegate, Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation

2. Roll Call/Attendance

Attendance was taken via the attendance sign-in sheet. Chairman Corey noted that a quorum was present, with six voting members in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Review and Action on Meeting Minutes from Monday, November 18, 2019

Committee Secretary Douglas Boyle presented the meeting minutes from the Committee's Monday, November 18, 2019 meeting. Chairman Corey called for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing no additions, corrections, or other comments, Joe Albertson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Gary Herrington seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

4. Committee Review of Approved Proposals for Code Change to ASME A17.1-2016 – Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators

Committee Secretary Douglas Boyle advised the Committee that he did not have a chance to compile all of the Committee's approved proposals for code change from its last several meetings, even though he advised the Committee that he would try to do so at the end of the Committee's November 18, 2019 meeting. He advised the Committee that he will try to compile all of the ASME A17.1-2016 proposals for code change in order chronologically, and he will work with IDHS' Public Affairs Office to have that information posted to the Committee's web page at a later date.

5. Begin Review of ASME A17.6-2017 and ASME A18.1-2017

Committee Secretary Douglas Boyle advised the Committee that he had begun the process of working with IDHS' Fiscal Division to procure an electronic copy and a physical copy of the ASME A17.6-2017 code book, but he hadn't obtained those copies yet. During discussion, John Watson advised the Committee that there are very few changes between the 2010 and 2017 editions of ASME A17.6, and he didn't believe there were any significant policy changes in ASME A17.6-2017 that may require substantial amendment to the model code. He also stated that he may be prepared to recommend adopting and incorporating ASME-A17.6-2017 by reference into the statewide code without amendment.

Douglas Boyle reminded the Committee that it would still need to carefully review and provide a fiscal impact analysis for adopting ASME A17.6-2017 in the statewide code, as ASME A17.6 has never been adopted in the statewide code. The Committee determined that adopting ASME A17.6-2017 will likely create savings for the regulated public. Justin Guedel advised the Committee that the governor and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will still likely want to see actual numbers and an estimate of the savings that ASME A17.6-2017 will create, even though the Commission is now required to adopt ASME A17.6 into the statewide code. After

additional discussion, Douglas Boyle advised the Committee that he will work with IDHS staff to bring forward a proposal to adopt ASME A17.6-2017 for the Committee's next meeting. No proposals for code change to ASME A18.1-2017 were provided to the Committee prior to the meeting. Chairman Corey advised the members of the Committee that they should plan on submitting proposals for code change to ASME A18.1-2017 for the Committee's next meeting.

6. Discussion on the Prospect of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Adopting a Written Competency Examination to be completed in Applying for an Indiana Elevator Mechanic License [Indiana Code § 22-15-5-12(b)(2)(B)]

Chairman Corey stated that the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission had recently appointed the Committee to aid in the reviewal process of a licensing examination that can be adopted by the State of Indiana as a means of prospective elevator mechanics seeking to obtain the proper certifications. He opened up the floor to the Committee's members to voice any concerns or suggestions they may have had.

Steve Stuard began the discussion by stating that he felt the proposed test was inadequate based on his review of a previous version of Elevator World's test a couple years ago. He elaborated by advising that more emphasis should be placed on the work experience of an applicant through a single statewide approved program, as opposed to several programs that statute currently permits. In addition, Mr. Stuard thought it would be useful if the State of Indiana works to approve test that can be used and approved by surrounding midwestern states. Although this was a viable plan, Mr. Guedel stated that it fell under legislative guidelines, and thus would fall outside of the scope of the Commission's responsibilities. Mr. Guedel then went on to give a brief overview of the test, which will consist of one hundred and sixty (160) questions coming from a thousand (1000) question bank.

The discussion continued for some time, but most of it echoed Mr. Stuard's concerns that only qualified applicants who have completed the necessary work experience or approved apprenticeship be permitted to sit for the exam. Mr. Guedel reiterated that the application would require the applicant to submit past work experiences, training, or apprenticeship programs completed in the elevator industry or a related field. A minimum of one thousand (1000) hours are required to be completed prior to sitting for the test and an affidavit filled out by the individual who oversaw one's training must be signed as well. Chairman Corey was happy with the discussion and stated that the Committee will continue its approval process of a licensing examination in the coming months. Director Boyle concurred stating that it is important that the Committee take its time and do a thorough job.

7. Other Business/Plan Forward – Establish 2020 Meeting Schedule

Committee Secretary Douglas Boyle advised the Committee that he had not yet had a chance to procure a copy of ASME A17.6-2017, even though the Committee had discussed the intention of moving on to reviewing ASME A17.6-2017 at its previous meeting. The Committee briefly discussed that it may possibly adopt the ASME

A17.6-2017 model code standard without any amendments, but Chairman Corey concurred that it would be prudent to review the model code book before adopting it without any amendments.

Chairman Corey asked the other members of the Committee if they felt comfortable with the status of ASME A17.1-2016, and if they felt additional proposals/amendments needed to be considered regarding ASME A17.1-2016? Since the Committee spent several months and several meetings discussing and reviewing proposal for code changes ASME A17.1-2016, Douglas Boyle advised that it might be a good idea for him to compile all of the Committee's approved proposals for code change to ASME A17.1-2016, to essentially serve as the summary of amendments that will be incorporated into the new code. He advised that he would try to have that information put together by the Committee's next meeting.

Chairman Corey then advised the members of the Committee that they may be ready to move on to either ASME A18.1 or ASME A17.3 at the next meeting as well, once the Committee completes and final work on ASME A17.1-2016 and ASME A17.6-2017. Gary Herrington stated that it may easier to address ASME A18.1 before ASME 17.3. After some additional discussion, the Committee determined that the agenda for the next meeting will be wrap up any final work on ASME A17.1-2016, potentially review and adopt ASME A17.6-2017, and try to begin reviewing ASME A18.1-2017. Douglas Boyle advised the Committee that its next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room D of Indiana Government Center South, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Corey thanked the members for their service. Chairman Corey adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.