

Kansas Elevator Safety Advisory Board

Meeting minutes
October 30,2023

Call to order:

Doug Jorgenson-called meeting to order at 10:05am

Present:

In person: Doug Jorgensen, Cole Haston, Representative Sean Tarwater-online, Senator Mike Petersen, Jarrod Mann, Julie Garcia, Mark Wendland, Spencer Duncan

Absent:

Brent Snyder, Paul Parks

New business

- It was discussed that Doug Jorgensen's replacement as Fire Marshal has been selected; and starting November 13, 2023; will have to move the 3rd meeting to November 20, 2023

Old business

- It was discussed what current code was being used and what current code will be used in 2024. It was stated that the board can adopt the new code. It was stated that there have not been any state elevator codes and using ASME codes. It was stated that only the City of Wichita is the only local jurisdiction keeping their own elevator program.
- It was stated for the next meeting to review the additional codes that will affect elevator inspection.
- It was discussed for our office to start with the ASME code book to find what is required of the inspectors.
- It was discussed to have the language added to rules and regulations to have it be specific the elevator program falls under the Office the Fire Marshal's procedures.
- Doug Jorgensen stated when the City of Overland Park and City of Topeka turned their programs over to the State Fire Marshal's office and according to those dates if the contract for contractors are grandfathered in but each one would be a case by case.
- Doug Jorgensen stated the State Fire Marshal's office would not adopt a new code every three years because it was too daunting to complete with the current state processes.
- Doug Jorgensen stated new installations would need to follow the current code. He also stated the board could put in the rules and regulations about what specific and codes are currently being used.
- Doug Jorgensen stated variances could be granted on financial hardships for churches and small businesses.
- It was suggested that when there are complaints or disciplinary issues that come up, with inspectors it could be brought to the attention of the board. Doug stated with our applications there is a list of requirements to be an inspector or mechanic.
- Maverick Elevator rep stated online there were not enough mechanics to complete all the work and wanted our office to look into temporary mechanics. Doug Jorgensen stated our office could look into that because it was stated in the current bill.

- Todd Stanton business owner stated online majority owner of a small historic building in Liberal known as the Landmark center, stated having issues with the amount of money it took to do testing and inspecting on his elevators.
- Doug Jorgensen stated they were not the only ones who has contacted our office with those issues and to contact your local senator and representative and review the bill and see where your concerns are in the bill for next session. Doug also stated our office, and the board can not make anyone in the state of Kansas change how they do business.
- It was stated the meeting minutes from the first meeting and second meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting because the minutes were transcripts and not minutes.

Adjournment- Called by Doug Jorgensen at 1204pm.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Dunderdale

Minutes approved by