

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the State of Tennessee Elevator & Amusement Device Safety Board, December 5, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

- I. Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Board Members present: Robbie Fox (Chairman), David Hale, James Roy Pope, Larry R. Moore, II, Victor LaPorte, and Mitch Rader

Department Staff present: Dewayne Scott, Tom Herrod, Kenneth Nealy, Dan Bailey, Melissa Owens, James Steele, Mike H. Hardy, Lance Scott, Jennifer Murphy, Jamie Diefenbach, Michael Batstone, and Michelle Rosemore.

Guests were: Fred D. (Tony) Thompson, II, Esq.
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - Mr. Pope made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mr. Rader seconded the motion. After voting, the Agenda was adopted.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Meeting of the September 6, 2023 - Mr. Rader made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Hale seconded the motion. After voting, the Minutes were approved.
- V. ELEVATOR UNIT REPORT - Chief's Report – presented by James Steele
- VI. AMUSEMENT DEVICE UNIT REPORT - presented by Mike Hardy
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
 - **Eastman Chemical Company** - Mr. Larry Moore is seeking a variance for required fire service to be added to the new elevators inside the perimeter fence of the facility, which currently does not have fire service in the event of an emergency. Chief Inspector Steele commented that consistency is key in the internal training of a fire department response to all of the elevator equipment of the company.

Mr. LaPorte and Mr. Steele discussed rise limits and Codes A17.3 and A17.1. Annual training of Eastman personnel and the internal fire department was also discussed.

Mr. LaPorte asked about training of other employees and the use of elevators in the event of a fire.

Mr. Steele recommended that the variance be granted, bringing consistency to the location.

Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the variance. Mr. Pope seconded it. After voting, the motion carried.

- **K&S Southern Midways** - Mr. Hardy presented the facts surrounding K&S Southern's appeal of a penalty order for \$3000 for a September 15th injury accident on its amusement device. The penalty was for \$300 a day for 10 days for failure to report the accident.

K&S was also advised that a post-accident inspection report was required by the State prior to future operations and prior to the expiration date of their permit, August 31, 2024.

Kathryn Deshler, representing K&S, advised that the company would be represented for the appeal, but no one appeared.

Mr. Hardy advised he will proceed with the collection process.

VIII. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ELEVATOR & AMUSEMENT DEVICE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 5, 2024

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fred D. Thompson, II, Esq., representing the Elevator Industry Workers Preservation Fund, discussed a licensing bill for elevator equipment mechanics and is developing proposed legislation for it.

X. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.