

ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2025
10AM

LOCATION: IN PERSON AND WEBEX

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Jones
Greg Eldridge
Greg Sacks
James Chapman
John Orr
Tim Bean, State Fire Marshal

STAFF PRESENT

Madison Smith, Elevator Safety Unit
Tina Chaidez, Elevator Safety Unit
Ed Barton, State Elevator Inspector
Melvin Chuck Barks, State Elevator Inspector
Robert Dawes, State Elevator Inspector
Ron Evans, State Elevator Inspector
Matt Luetkemeyer Asst. State Fire Marshal

VISITORS

Name:
Mark Lucas
David Vance
James Lockard
Tonya Yates
Michael Amador
David Still III
Rachel William
Brian Wright
Kelly Meyer
Matt Fernandez
David Scott
Tim Roberts
Tina Ripple
Brad Heriford
Jessica Petot

Business:
VDA Inc.
High Sierra Elevator Inspections
VDA Inc.
Atis Elevator Inspection
Love
Metro of St. Louis
Kone
Midwest Elevator
Midwest Elevator
IUEC 3 Elevator Constructors
IUEC 3
Midwest Elevator
Gershman Commercial
Midwest Elevator
Midwest Elevator

I. OPEN AND WELCOME

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM. Introductions were made by all present.

II. APPROVAL OF December 23, 2024 MINUTES

Jim Chapman motioned to accept the December 23, 2024 minutes. Craig Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

The location is requesting a variance to remove the factory installed battery rescue feature.

State ID: 2014 and 2015

Code Reference: ASME A17.1-2026—8.6.1.7.5

Craig Jones motioned to approve the variance. Jim Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. 210 S Pleasant St. Independence, MO 64050

The location is requesting a variance hoping that the existing toe guards can stay on the cars without replacing them and inspectors will not be able to write them up.

State ID: 5631 and 5632

Code Reference: ASME A17.1-2004/2005 2.15.9.2(A)

Jim Chapman motioned to deny the variance for the toe guards. John Orr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance denied and asked to receive photos of machine, control panel and rope gripper and then submit a new variance with rope/cable gripper.

V. 16091 Swingley Ridge Rd. Chesterfield, MO 63017

The location is requesting a variance to install new top and bottom directional limit switches, program/adjust elevator to use physical switches rather than software, install new piston riser/spacers, install new buffer stands and springs, and adjust floor heights as needed.

State IDs: 5849

Code Reference: A17.1-2016 3.25.1, A17.1-2016 3.4.2

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the variance. Craig Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. 4970 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

The location is requesting a variance for removal of the ERU components.

State IDs: 9133

Code Reference: ASME A17.1-2016 – 8.6.1.7.5

John Orr motioned to table the variance. Jim Chapman seconded the motion. Motion tabled unanimously.

VII. N. 8th St. at E Walnut St, Columbia, MO 65201

The location is requesting a variance to allow newly installed power unit to remain in-place, with proper guarding over the top to protect against water leaking onto equipment.

State IDs: 9365

Code Reference: MO Minimum 11CSR 40-5.065 (H) 2. Machine rooms, A17.1-2016 2.7.9.2 Temperature and Humidity

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the variance. Greg Sacks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 6195 Washington Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63112

The location is requesting a variance to let the residential elevator stay in a commercial application.

State IDs: 23730

Code Reference: Memorandum 015-1 Residential Elevators in Commercial Use

John Orr motioned to deny the variance. Jim Chapman seconded the motion. Motion denied unanimously.

Requesting the inspector to come in person in front of the board to explain why there are no violations.

IX. 2069 Missouri State Rd, Arnold, MO 63101

The location is requesting a variance to have a sprinkler riser in hoistway. Building plans had been submitted for review and passed inspection, and the design was previously approved.

State IDs: 24808 and 24857

Code Reference: A17.1-2016 2.8.2.3.1

Jim Chapman motioned to deny the variance. John Orr seconded the motion. Motion Denied unanimously. Make sure fire suppression follows the correct codes.

X. US HWY RT 60 South Outer Rd, Dexter, MO 63841

The location is requesting a variance for 24/7 Communication required per IBC code

State IDs: 26981 and 26982

Code Reference: IBC 2018/ASME 2019 Section 2.27

Craig Jones motioned to approve the variance. Jim chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. 902 S. Jefferson St. Kearney, MO 64060

The location is requesting a variance for emergency communication for Excelsior Springs. The adoption of 2018 IBC, the Video/Text emergency communications for OTIS to install video/audio text in the newly installed elevator.

State IDs: 27065

Code Reference: IBC 2018/ASME 2019 Section 2.27

Craig Jones motioned to approve the variance. Jim Chapman seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

XII. 3000 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144

The location is requesting a variance to allow AUX Lowering to be removed.

State IDs: 15168

Code Reference: ASME A17.1-2016 – 8.6.7.5

Craig Jones motioned to the variance. Jim Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. INSPECTOR

A. Mark Lucas- VDA Inc.

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the license. Craig Jones seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Insurance is expired, needs updated insurance.

XIV. INSPECTOR

A. David Vance- High Sierra Elevator Inspections

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the license. Greg Sacks seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Insurance is expired, needs updated insurance.

XV. INSPECTOR

A. James Lockard- VDA Inc.

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the license. Greg Sacks seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Insurance is expired, needs updated insurance.

XVI. INSPECTOR

A. Tonya Yates

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the license. Craig Jones seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Needs current QEI card.

XVII. INSPECTOR

A. Michael Amador

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the license. Greg Sacks seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Insurance is needed.

XVIII. CONTRACTOR

A. Master's Elevator Company LLC

Jim Chapman motioned to approve the license. Greg Sacks seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

XIX. DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT

Craig Jones motioned to give Matt Luetkemeyer the power to review/deny applications for Deputy Chief position. Jim Chapman seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig Jones motioned to give the department the power to approve or deny new installations/ mechanic/ contractor/ alteration/ major alteration. Jim Chapman seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn

Craig Jones motioned to adjourn meeting. John Orr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2025, at 9:30am to be held In Person with an option to attend via Webex.