
**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 15, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Via Google Meet Video and Teleconference

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Brian Wodka, Vice Chair, Industry Member
Steven Noonan, Chief Boiler Inspector
Lance Brown, Industry Member
John F. Arizaga, Industry Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Gary Brown, Consumer Member

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards
Kausar Seyed, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
Sharon Harris-Friend, Complaint Manager, Mechanical Boards
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I
Johnston Brown, Administrative Specialist III
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator

GUESTS

PRESENT: Dan Fieki, BGE

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman, Brian Wodka, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Stationary Engineers to order at 10:09 a.m.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Director Bull advised the that with the resignation of Board Chair, Greg Restivo, it was necessary to hold officer elections. Counsel Kinstler advised the Board that, pursuant to Md. Ann. Code, Bus. Occ. & Prof. § 6.5-203, the Board “shall elect a chair and other officers as necessary” and that the Board is authorized to determine the manner of elections and officer terms.

Mr. Noonan nominated Brian Wodka for Chair. Mr. Wodka approved the nomination. Upon a **Motion**, by Mr. lance Brown and a second by Mr. Arizaga, by a roll call vote, the Board unanimously voted to elect Brian Wodka to serve as Chair of the Board of Stationary Engineers.

Mr. Noonan nominated Lance Brown for Vice Chair. Mr. Brown approved the nomination. Upon Mr. Arizaga’s **Motion**, and a second by Mr. Lance Brown, by a roll call vote, the Board unanimously voted to elect Lance Brown to serve as Chair of the Board of Stationary Engineers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the business meeting held on May 17, 2022, as the Board was not able to meet in July 2022 and September 2022.

Upon Mr. Lance Brown’s **Motion**, and Mr. Arizaga’s second, by a roll call vote, the Board unanimously voted to approve the May 17, 2022 minutes without amendment or correction.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Director Bull advised the Board that, with the resignation of Board Chair, Greg Restivo, it was necessary to appoint new members to a Complaint Committee. Ms. Kinstler stated the committee can be comprised of industry members and consumer members, and that it is up to the Chair to appoint individuals to sit on a committee. She stated that Board members can also ask and volunteer to serve.

Mr. Wodka asked members to agree to serve on a Complaint Committee. Members Arizaga, Lance Brown, and Noonan, agreed to serve on the Committee. The Board considered that, as Mr. Noonan serves as an ex officio member of the Board, his service to the Complaint Committee would not create a quorum.

Upon Mr. Lance Brown’s **Motion**, and Mr. Arizaga’s second, by a roll call vote, the Board unanimously voted to establish a Complaint Committee with members, Mr. Arizaga, Mr. Noonan, and Mr. Lance Brown.

Counsel Kinstler advised Director Bull to contact Mr. Kris King to confirm that he would be able to attend or assign Counsel to attend in advance of any future meetings of the Complaint Committee.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Vice Chairman Wodka asked about the application review process and whether the Board reviewed all applications or only those that PSI deemed to require further review by the Board in order to approve an applicant for a license exam. Vice Chairman Wodka described his understanding of the application revie process conducted under Chairman Restivo. Director Bull

replied that he was not aware of the process described by Vice Chairman Wodka. Director Bull stated that he would contact PSI to review the application transmittal process with a representative and report back to the Board.

Chairman Wodka asked that the Board establish an Application Review Committee and requested members interested in serving. Members Wodka, Arizaga, and Noonan agreed to serve on the Committee. The Board recognized that, as Mr. Noonan serves as an ex officio member of the Board, his service on the Application Review Committee would not create a quorum.

Upon a **Motion** by Mr. Lance Brown and a second by Mr. Arizaga, the Board unanimously voted to establish the Application Review Committee with members, Wodka, Arizaga, and Noonan.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for May 2022:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	13	5	8	38%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	7	2	5	29%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	7	3	4	43%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	3	1	2	33%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	1	1	0	100%
TOTAL	31	12	19	39

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for June 2022:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	15	4	11	27%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	3	0	3	0%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	5	0	5	0%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	6	4	2	67%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	6	0	6	0%
TOTAL	35	8	27	23%

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for July 2022:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	10	6	4	60%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	6	2	4	33%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	4	1	3	25%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	1	1	0	100%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	3	0	3	0%
TOTAL	24	10	14	42%

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for August 2022:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	8	1	7	13%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	5	3	2	60%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	6	3	3	50%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	5	1	4	20%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	6	3	3	50%
TOTAL	24	10	14	42%

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for September 2022:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	17	3	14	18%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	8	2	6	25%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	8	3	5	38%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	3	1	2	33%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	7	4	3	57%
TOTAL	43	13	30	30%

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for October 2022:

Stationary Engineer	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	14	4	10	29%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	3	0	3	0%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	3	3	0	100%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	4	3	1	75%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	3	1	2	33%
TOTAL	27	11	16	41%

Director Bull reported the PSI examination results for the month of October 2022 during the Board meeting and stated the results from May-September would be reflected in the minutes. Director Bull also reported that since January 2022, 343 candidates have been tested, with 119 candidates having passed and 224 candidates failing, for a pass rate of 35%. Since the inception of the test 7174 candidates have been tested, with 2537 having passed and 4637 having failed, for a pass rate of 35%. There are currently 4,129 active licensees.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director John Bull introduced new staff, Sharon Harris-Friend, Mechanical Boards Complaints Manager, as well as Johnston Brown, who will serve as Administrative staff for the Board. Director Bull advised the Board that the Department is requesting boards and commissions hold at least two in-person meetings per year. Mr. Bull asked if the Board would consider scheduling the first in-person meeting in March 2023. The Board agreed that they will meet in person on March 23, 2023. Mr. Bull stated that Board members are encouraged to attend the March meeting in person but if that is not possible, they could still attend virtually.

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Bull asked that the Board consider authorizing him to sign the minutes upon ratification by the Board during a public meeting. Director Bull explained that with virtual attendance at meetings, it is often difficult to obtain the Chair's live signature.

Upon a **Motion** by Mr. Lance Brown and a second by Mr. Arizaga, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Executive Director Bull to sign the minutes on behalf of the Board as approved during a public meeting.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

No report necessary.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chairman Wodka expressed his gratitude to former Board Chair, Greg Restivo, thanked Lakissha Thornton for serving the Board, and welcomed Jay Brown as Board staff.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon Mr. Arizaga’s **Motion** and Mr. Lance Brown’s second, the Board voted, by a roll call vote unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Signature on File

January 17, 2023

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on January 17, 2023