

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF ELECTRICAL APPEALS**

July 10, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

**OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION
CITY HALL, 455 NORTH MAIN
OCI CONFERENCE ROOM, 7th FLOOR**

Chairman Dave Urban called the meeting to order at 3:13 pm, with Board members Tony Naylor, Tim Lenz, Brad Ragland and Secretary Tom Kerschen present. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Jeff Vanzandt and Electrical Inspector Chris Nordick. Board member Mike Kilian was absent.

The minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were read. Board member Naylor made a motion the minutes be approved as written, it was seconded by Board member Lenz and approved.

The recent examination results from Prometric for electrical examinations administered by their office for City of Wichita approved applicants were presented to the Board. The results were as follows:

APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT NUMBER	EXAMINATION CLASSIFICATION	EXAMINATION RESULT
Chris Broadrick	9025	Master	Passed
Paul Prouty	5117	Journeyman	Failed
Michael Hoobler	9363	Journeyman	Failed
Kevin Sullivan	8295	Journeyman	Failed
Randy Spivey	3177	Res. Wireman	Failed
William Colburn	4713	Elec. Elevator Master	Passed

Two (2) Master Electrician, three (3) Journeyman Electrician applications were reviewed for approval to be administered the appropriate examination for certification. The results were as follows:

NAME	NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION	ACTION
Carmen Branson	1257	Master	Approved
Stanislav Jekov	3750	Master	Approved
Andrew Mabe	2150	Journeyman	Approved
Brian Jay	6633	Journeyman	Approved
Michael Hoobler	9363	Journeyman	Approved

Under part A of the new business section of the agenda, the Board welcomed Sam Hughey, an elevator consultant under the employ of Verclaim Inc. and Behringer Harvard. Mr. Hughey stated this is in regards to the elevator at 301 N Main, Epic Center, which serves floors 19 to 22. This elevator is not working at this time due to problems caused by water damage. Behringer Harvard has had different elevator companies looking for almost a year for replacement parts and came to the conclusion that replacement parts are no longer available for the existing elevator and Mr. Hughey is thinking about replacing the existing roped hydraulic elevator with a dual telescopic set of jacks on a hydraulic elevator. If they do replace the existing elevator with a new unit, the City of Wichita ordinance would require the complete installation to meet the ANSI A17.1 – 2004 (A17.1) code.

Mr. Hughey is requesting a variance as the existing hoistway does not meet the requirements of section 2.1.6.2 of the A17.1 which requires in part “(b) beams, floor slabs, or other building construction making an angle less than 75 deg with the horizontal shall not project more than 100 mm (4 in.) inside the hoistway enclosure unless the top surface of the projection is beveled at an angle not less than 75 deg with the horizontal. There is approximately a 12- 14 inch ledge in the upper part of the hoistway where the hoistway extends through the 23rd floor. This decrease in the dimension of the hoistway is due to a walkway for servicing air-conditioning equipment. This walkway is 38 inches wide and to redo the hoistway to full size would decrease the walkway for servicing equipment to approximately 24 inches. Mr. Hughey pointed out that by replacing the existing roped hydraulic elevator with a hydraulic elevator there will no longer be equipment in the top portion of the hoistway that will need to be serviced. Mr. Hughey brought photos of the area in question so the Board could see just what clearances he was referring to.

Mr. Hughey’s variance request was for 2 different options. Option one is requesting that the Board look at this elevator replacement as an emergency replacement and not require the new elevator to meet the elevator code as adopted by the City. Option two is requesting that the Board grant a variance on the elevator hoistway and allow the hoistway to remain without modification. Mr. Hughey stated he was informed by the manufacturer of the new elevator that it can be installed and will operate with no change in hoistway dimensions.

The Board thanked Mr. Hughey for his time and would continue to discuss this in greater detail later in the meeting. Chairman Urban told Mr. Hughey he would be notified by Secretary Kerschen via mail of the decision of the Board.

The Board continued this discussion in depth. Secretary Kerschen explained to the Board that currently there is an access panel in the upper portion of the hoistway for servicing the ropes and sheaves that are part of the roped hydraulic. Changing the elevator to a hydraulic would mean that there would no longer be equipment in that top portion of the hoistway and the access panel would no longer be needed.

Board member Naylor made a motion that the requested variance for considering the replacement of the elevator to be an emergency replacement be denied as the existing elevator was damaged almost a year ago. This motion was seconded by Board member Ragland and the vote was unanimous.

Then Board member Naylor made a motion that a variance to Section 2.1.6.2 of the A17.1 elevator code be allowed and the existing hoistway for the elevator that serves the 19 to 22 floor of the Epic Center at 301 N Main in Wichita could remain without modification for the installation of the new hydraulic elevator. Board member Ragland seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no unfinished business or new business to conduct, Board member Lenz made a motion to adjourn. Board member Naylor seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

The time was 4:18 pm.

Tom Kerschen, Secretary,
Board of Electrical Appeals