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

**DATE:** May 16, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Division of Labor and Industry  
10946 Golden Valley West Drive  
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Brian Wodka, Chairman, Industry Member  
Lance Brown, Vice-Chairman, Industry Member  
Steven Noonan, Ex-Officio Member, Chief Boiler Inspector for the State  
John F. Arizaga, Industry Member  
Gary Brown, Consumer

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:** John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards  
Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Occupational and Professional  
Licensing  
Sloan Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General  
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I  
Johnston Brown, Administrative Specialist III  
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator

**GUESTS**

**PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Wodka, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Stationary Engineers to order at 9:32 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the business meeting held on March 21, 2023. Upon Mr. Gary Brown's **Motion**, and Mr. Arizaga's second, the Board unanimously voted to approve the March 21, 2023, minutes without amendment or correction.

## COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

No report was offered.

## APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Board discussed an applicant whose application was under review. Two of the three members reviewed the application prior to the Board meeting, the third member did not submit his review until after the minutes were sent out. Mr. Arizaga asked what the process is if an applicant he knows personally, asks him about his application status, Mr. Bull replied that he can just refer the applicant to him or Jay Brown, the Board Administrator. Mr. Arizaga motioned to table the report until the July meeting, seconded by Mr. Gary Brown, motion carried.

## REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for April 2023:

	<b>Candidates Tested</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Pass %</b>
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	11	5	6	45%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	6	2	4	33%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	6	2	4	33%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	12	6	6	50%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	4	3	1	75%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>46%</b>

Director Bull also reported that year to date, 126 candidates have been tested, with 43 candidates having passed and 83 candidates failing, for a pass rate of 34%. Since the inception of the test 7,352 candidates have been tested, with 2,599 having passed and 4,753 having failed, for a pass rate of 35%. There are currently 4,083 active licensees.

Mr. Bull stated that the pass rates are in line with other States, and feels the low scores are Moreso due to the applicants are being taught and their comprehension of the material. Mr. Bull stated regarding PSI Exam questions, the Board can set up a meeting with PSI at the Eutaw St Office, it must be at that location to protect the integrity of the exam. Mr. Arizaga inquired about the

apprenticeship program for Stationary Engineers to which Mr. Wodka stated that the Maryland Stationary Engineer Apprenticeship has been approved and is now in effect. Mr. Wodka worked along with Christopher Maclairon, the Director of Maryland Apprenticeships to develop the criteria for the program. Frederick Health is the first employer participant.

Mr. Lance Brown asked how long after an applicant fails the test before they can retake the exam. Sloane stated there actually is no wait time limit and that applicants can take the test as many times as they want per Maryland Statute 6.5-308. Sloane also stated that it should be noted that if an applicant has a documented learning disability, arrangements can be made to accommodate them.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to report.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bull stated that Mr. Wodka and Mr. Gary Brown will continue their appointments until a replacement is named. The mid-term appointment period has opened, the Board will wait to see if anyone applies for the Stationary Engineer position during that time frame.

Mr. Bull stated Commissioner Morgan last day is today and that the new commissioner John Dove will start on May 17, 2023. He also stated that we are currently going through an audit for the application process. Mr. Wodka stated that PSI can review and approve exam applications, and they will only send to the Board the applications that are questionable and need further information. Mr. Bull stated that once per quarter, he must audit PSI and how they approve applications and what their process is.

### **COUNSEL'S REPORT**

None offered.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report necessary.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **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 10:00 a.m.

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7/18/23

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John Bull  
Executive Director

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Date

Signed as voted and approved by the Board on: 7/18/23