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13 BE IT REMEMBERED, that an Elevator Safety Advisory
14 Committee Meeting was held at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday,
15 February 16, 2016, at the Department of Labor &
Industries, 12806 Gateway Drive South, Tukwila,
Washington.

16 Committee members present were: only Robert McNeill.
17 The Department of Labor & Industries was represented by
Becky Ernstes, Elevator Technical Specialist.

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PROCEEDINGS

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Introductions/Purpose

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MR. McNEILL: Well, welcome to February's Elevator Advisory Committee meeting. We don't have a quorum of members up here this month either due to vacations or illnesses, so we won't be approving the minutes from the last meeting or likely to nominate a Vice Chairman.

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My name's Rob McNeill. I'm the Chairman for the Advisory Committee. I represent the licensed elevator contractors.

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The other people are not here for various reasons. So we'll still have an informative meeting and let you know what we've been working on and where we are and some new things to come.

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One thing, as you speak today, would you please state your name and who you're with. Milton is the court reporter, and Milton needs to get that information down as we discuss different topics.

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Jack Day is out ill. And Becky has been gracious enough to step in to do some of the reporting that Jack generally does as the Chief.

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The purpose of this meeting is to get information out to everybody and get input back. At 11:00 we'll have the

1 stakeholders meeting. It's open for anything, any topics
2 that you believe are important for us to get involved in
3 and receive or for the future or just ask questions and
4 get answers from the State.

5 I do want to make one announcement first. The State
6 has hired -- or replaced vacancies for two tech
7 specialists. And Dotty Stanlaske is one of the new
8 specialists. And Leon Caril who has been an inspector for
9 -- how many years now, Leon?

10 MR. CARIL: About nine years.

11 MR. McNEILL: Nine years -- has also accepted that
12 position.

13 So I want to congratulate them on their new positions
14 and the support you're going to give all the stakeholders
15 within this state.

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17 Chief's Report

18 Scorecard/Accidents

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20 MR. McNEILL: So we're going to go right to the
21 Chief's Report.

22 And Becky, if you could go over the scorecard and the
23 accidents.

24 And we'll also be passing around the sign-up sheet.

25 MS. ERNSTES: So we have two documents here. One is

1 the accident count per quarter, and we track them by the
2 equipment, elevator no fault, or elevator at fault.
3 That's how we log them. A lot of times it's just slips
4 and falls on escalators. So those are the kind of things
5 we count as no fault. And that's -- we track that by
6 quarters -- fiscal quarters.

7 Scorecard. If you have any questions on that, you
8 can ask. It's pretty self-explanatory. We do the
9 scorecard -- for a while, we were having troubles with
10 numbers coming up from the computer. I think most of
11 that's been taken care of. So the scorecard should be
12 up-to-date and accurate at this point.

13 Does anybody have any questions about the scorecard
14 or the accidents. And if you do later, you can always
15 call us up and talk about it also.

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17 Maintenance/Testing

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19 MS. ERNSTES: The next thing on the agenda is
20 maintenance and testing. Last fall we put out a document
21 about resets for safety test.

22 At this time we're supposed to start doing one \$500
23 penalty if you hadn't reset your date. And that's been
24 put on hold until the end of June, and at that time we'll
25 start enforcing the \$500 penalties. Okay?

1 still active as far as I know. And it has to do with
2 penalty money.

3 MR. BAKER: Becky, I can give updates on the bills if
4 you'd like.

5 MS. ERNSTES: Okay.

6 MR. BAKER: Todd Baker, Department of Labor and
7 Industries.

8 2548 had to do with appeal amounts for electrical and
9 elevator and contractor registration. That bill did not
10 move forward this year.

11 2549 was about rules and delaying the implementation
12 of rules for a ten-year period. That bill did not move
13 forward this session.

14 House Bill 1465 is the Department's request bill to
15 create a dedicated account, combine the funds for
16 Contractor, Factory Assembled Structures, and Elevator
17 program. That bill passed the House last week. Now it
18 will go to the Senate.

19 And the other bill 5598 is the Senate version of that
20 dedicated account bill, and it has not moved forward in
21 the Senate. So the Senate will be reacting to the House
22 version of that bill. And I think -- I'm not sure if the
23 deadline for that floor action is this week or next, but
24 very soon we'll know if that bill's going to move forward.

25 MS. ERNSTES: Thanks, Todd.

1 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Becky?

2 MS. ERNSTES: Yes.

3 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Bob McLaughlin, Tramway User Group.

4 Can you give us a little background on 2549? Was

5 this part of the Department's request legislation?

6 MR. BAKER: No, it was not. It was proposed by

7 Representative Condata.

8 And I don't have the bill analysis or the -- is there

9 a description there?

10 MS. ERNSTES: Well, we spoke against the bill.

11 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Oh.

12 MS. ERNSTES: Basically if you don't know what this

13 says, it says (as read) "Any rule adopted on or after

14 January 1, 2013, applies only to conveyances permitted on

15 or after the effective date of such rule, except that the

16 Department may apply rules establishing minimum standards

17 to all conveyances regardless of the time of permitting

18 but no earlier than ten years after the rule is adopted."

19 So basically they want it to say anything we adopted

20 after July 1st of 2013 doesn't apply until ten years has

21 passed, which would be kind of a nightmare to track.

22 And we did not agree with this bill. It is not going

23 through. It did not pass out of committee.

24 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Was there a group that proposed this

25 or an industry that proposed this?

1 MS. ERNSTES: Senator Condata and Senator -- or
2 Representative Condata and Representative Manweller
3 proposed it.

4 MR. McLAUGHLIN: So we talk to them.

5 MS. ERNSTES: Yeah.

6 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay.

7 MR. McNEILL: Todd?

8 MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

9 MR. McNEILL: Could I ask you one more question just
10 to give everybody a little bit more information on House
11 Bill 1465.

12 So right now all of your funding's out of the General
13 Fund?

14 MR. BAKER: Yes.

15 MR. McNEILL: So how does this bill help ...

16 MR. BAKER: The idea of the dedicated fund is for
17 those three programs, Contractor Registration, Factory
18 Assembled Structures and Elevator program, those programs
19 are currently funded out of the General Fund, and so it's
20 the same fund that, you know, funds education and social
21 services. And so there's obviously budgetary issues there
22 as they're trying to find ways to pay for schools and that
23 sort of thing. There's concern about budget reductions.

24 And given that the FAS and Elevator programs, you
25 know, sell permits, that's the idea is to sell permits,

1 and that pays -- and invoices -- that pays for the
2 inspection services. So trying to create a dedicated
3 account much like the electrical program where they sell
4 licenses and permits, and that creates the fund that they
5 use to do the inspection services. We want to do the same
6 thing for those programs, get them out of that general
7 fund and the budgetary concerns that come along with that.

8 MR. McNEILL: So will that give the agency more
9 flexibility in respect to manpower and hours and ...

10 MR. BAKER: It gives some more flexibility, yes, in
11 being able to make use of the funds we have. However,
12 there's still a process for if we wanted to add inspector
13 positions, we still have to go to the legislature to
14 request that.

15 MR. McNEILL: Okay.

16 MS. ERNSTES: I think one thing, it would help if --
17 if we get to keep the money we collect, then we can do
18 things like overtime. Because right now we don't do
19 overtime because we get allotted money for the year, and
20 when we do overtime, that actually takes away from our
21 budget. So our customers who want overtime and Saturday
22 inspections which we do really limit now, then you have
23 the ability to pay for that, and we could keep the money
24 in our fund. Right now if we do overtime, it takes money
25 out of our allotted money; we don't get any extra to do

1 that kind of work. That's why we restrict it.

2 So if we get some support for that, then we could do
3 those kind of things our customers would like.

4 MR. McNEILL: So that's a great point of information
5 for everyone. So I urge you to look at this bill. And if
6 your companies support it or don't support it, please get
7 ahold of the representative for your district in the
8 Senate so they have some good input from us, meaning the
9 elevator industry, on how we'd like them to proceed with
10 this bill.

11 Thank you.

12 One thing we're going to talk about a little later --
13 it was on Jack's agenda -- are MCP logs. And we'll bring
14 that up under new business on how we want to proceed with
15 that and what the thoughts are.

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17 Old Business

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19 MR.. McNEILL: So we'll go to old business at this
20 point.

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22 Existing Machine Room Access

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24 MS. ERNSTES: Okay. We've been talking about
25 existing machine room enclosures and access to the machine

1 rooms, and we've had some submittals about what that
2 language will say. And this is something we'll be working
3 on as we work towards our next WAC changes and our next
4 adoption of the newer codes. We don't have a time line as
5 of yet to review and do new WAC's, but when we adopt new
6 codes we do new WAC rules.

7 And we have not started on the process of adopting
8 any of the newer codes. I know the City of Seattle has
9 been working on their drafts to adopt the next A17.1. But
10 we haven't started that process yet.

11 This machine room access will be part of WAC
12 adoptions. It's not all set in stone. It's proposed to
13 get some of these older buildings better access to machine
14 rooms when currently we're doing things like going
15 straight up ladders and have nowhere to safely stand to
16 open hatches and some of those things are dangerous that
17 were allowed previously under code that we wanted to work
18 on some better access.

19 So if you have amendments to any of what we've
20 already proposed, then please let us know your thoughts
21 about that.

22 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

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24 Type "A" Permits and Inspections

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1 MR. McNEILL: The next item in old business is Type
2 "A" Permits and Inspections.

3 In January on the 26th we had a four-hour meeting.
4 There were 14 people that attended it. Incredible
5 turnout. We had some inspectors that were involved --
6 Leon Caril and Harry McKenzie -- who added some great
7 input on the inspector's side of Type A permits, gave us
8 some things to think about. We had excellent
9 representation from the accessibility companies as well as
10 the licensed elevator contractors. So I want to thank
11 everybody for that.

12 Right now we have several meetings scheduled to
13 complete our review of Type A permits and what we will
14 recommend to the State.

15 What we did in the first meeting was really as a
16 group talk about what we wanted to accomplish with the
17 permits. We worked on the definition of Type A permits.
18 We started like to categorize alterations and what minor
19 alterations would be. We spent several hours on that. We
20 still have a little bit more work to do. But it was a
21 very productive meeting.

22 By our next meeting, everybody had a little homework
23 to bring their definition of a Type A permit. Also, to
24 start formulating and defining what they believe an
25 eligible company would be to use these permits.

1 Just briefly for people that aren't familiar with the
2 Type A permit, what we are looking at is providing
3 licensed elevator contractors the ability to have a coupon
4 book that would allow them to perform minor alterations
5 without an inspection.

6 Right now the state statute requires that the
7 inspector inspect any alteration before that unit can be
8 turned over for use by the general public.

9 With this coupon book, there would be ten coupons.
10 There would be a random number generator that would
11 randomly generate one of those coupons to have an
12 inspection once that alteration is completed -- minor
13 alteration. And then the inspection would occur within
14 two working days. That way we will get units back in
15 service much quicker than we are now. And the general
16 public will be able to utilize those units much faster and
17 get them back in service for people that really need them
18 if they have accessibility problems or just to help their
19 business.

20 So we still have quite a bit of work to do. The pace
21 is good. We believe that we'll be able to complete this
22 by the next meeting in May. I'm going to be sending out
23 an e-mail and ask everybody that's on the working
24 committee if they would be willing to have one more
25 session in March on the 8th. And I'm going to work on the

1 location, either here or very close by with the elevator
2 contractors office so we can work -- the meetings are
3 going to be 9:00 to 12:00.

4 Right now there's a meeting set up for March 22,
5 April 19, and May 3. So if we can squeeze in this one
6 additional meeting by March 8th, we really should be able
7 to cover everything we need to cover substantially and
8 then formulate a plan before the next EAC meeting.

9 Any questions on the status on Type A permits?
10 Everybody's welcome. We'll have the meeting places and
11 the dates on the L & I Web site for your use. And we hope
12 to get something that's very good and concrete for the
13 State to look at.

14 MS. ERNSTES: Just so you know, it's not a WAC change
15 to do this; it's a legislative change. So it would have
16 to go through the legislature body to get their approval.
17 So it will be proposed as an amendment to the RCW 70.87.
18 So it will have to be approved by the legislature; we
19 can't just change it in WAC.

20 MR. McNEILL: The Type A permits also affect new
21 residential units that are being installed. So everybody
22 has a little bit of an investment in getting their permits
23 so that we can get things turned over more expeditiously.

24 New Business

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1 MR. McNEILL: We'll move on to new business now.

2 Jack was going to talk about MCP logs and updating
3 them, editing or removing items, creating a new layout.

4 So the feeling is, by the Department, that there
5 could be an improvement with the MCP as it now stands,
6 that we could incorporate some things that are in 8.11 and
7 redundant in 8.6 together so it's a little cleaner, and
8 that we can use everything we've learned over the last two
9 years to improve the process.

10 I'd like to know if anybody has any comments or what
11 they think about that idea. If they do -- if we do have
12 enough favorable responses, then we'd like to set up a
13 subcommittee to start looking at that and moving forward.

14 I know everybody spends a lot of time on their
15 individual MCP's and they may not want to change what
16 they've done or they may want to simplify it. So I open
17 it up for everyone right now, if you have any comments
18 you'd like to make. Or if you don't want to make them in
19 public, certainly you can get ahold of me, and I'd be more
20 than happy to get your input.

21 MR. BUNTIN: Skip Buntin with Otis Elevator.

22 I would certainly like to look at forming a
23 subcommittee and moving forward with looking at electronic
24 version of MCP with the onset of the new code. And
25 basically I think the concern was having a format that was

1 similar across the board so the inspectors could come into
2 a machine room and see the same format time and time
3 again, making it easier for them to identify what's been
4 done and not done.

5 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

6 MS. ERNSTES: Yeah, we've also had some input from
7 some of the big development companies who also have a lot
8 of buildings, and when they go from building to building,
9 they see different formats because they have different
10 companies and different buildings, and they would also
11 like to see a standardized form so that they all look and
12 feel the same. We know they won't all be exactly the same
13 because there's some things that aren't on one product
14 that may be on another. But at least a clear standard
15 format. So ...

16 And also was talking about combining some of those
17 things more logically to see if that was ...

18 We were hoping to start moving this along so we could
19 get -- be prepared and put a working group together.

20 MR. McNEILL: So if you're interested, when we're
21 done with discussion, please come up to us and put an
22 asterisk next to your name on the sign-in sheet, and then
23 we'll start to develop a subcommittee and get that moving
24 along.

25 MS. ERNSTES: There's a sign-up sheet -- oh, let me

1 pass this around. It looks like we already passed this
2 around.

3 Anybody that didn't sign this, please do.

4 MR. McNEILL: And then we'll put the sign-up sheet at
5 the end of the table there if you're interested in signing
6 up for the subcommittee on the MCP, just put a little
7 asterisk next to your name, and send out e-mails to you
8 and we'll get things moving.

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10 Future Business

11 Desire to Adopt ASME A17.1 2013 Code

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13 MR. McNEILL: So we can get into future business now.

14 The first item that we had in here was adoption of
15 the 2013 code.

16 I know that the State's done some work already on
17 comparing and contrasting the changes between the '10 and
18 the '13 code. But that's another subcommittee that we'd
19 like to form and start a working group with as well. We
20 don't want to overwhelm you with subcommittees by any
21 means, but based on your input we can determine what are
22 the most relevant and important items that you'd like us
23 to propose and research and work on so we can get them
24 done and make some progress with respect to code writing
25 and safety of the general public and our workers.

1 So I had mentioned that this was one of the items I'd
2 like to accomplish during the next four years. And if we
3 start on it now, it's probably going to take us a year to
4 get it done if we're lucky. So I'm definitely in favor of
5 starting a subcommittee on that that I'd be happy to
6 chair.

7 So if you have any interest on being on that
8 subcommittee, please contact me as well.

9 We talked about the MCP logs, so we don't need to
10 talk about that. But based on the participation that we
11 expect, we'll definitely get that rolling before the next
12 EAC meeting.

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14 Maintenance - Similar Reset as Safety Tests

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16 MR. McNEILL: Maintenance. Jack has discussed the
17 possibility of having a similar reset or maintenance as we
18 had with safety tests just to get everybody up to speed
19 and up and running so they can double load or adjust their
20 maintenance accordingly so they can get the work done.
21 It's very important that we follow the code to get our
22 code commitments done to protect the public.

23 I think that the State's open to doing that.

24 Becky -- I was going to have Jack talk about this
25 one, but you may want to give me a little more input.

1 MS. ERNSTES: We haven't made any concrete decisions
2 about that. We're trying to work through the first round
3 of safety test and see what the outcome of that is and
4 then work on maintenance. So it'll probably be down the
5 road a ways.

6 MR. McNEILL: Okay.

7 MS. ERNSTES: We are concerned about the lack of
8 maintenance and how much -- when the inspectors get there
9 that is not being done. A lot of blank MCP's. It's now
10 February, so we're expecting to see the new MCP's on the
11 job site. And one of the things we're seeing is we see
12 MCP's with no asterisk next to when they're due. So we're
13 trying to address that with the companies when we see
14 that. So we expect to see the new MCP's with documented
15 information about when the maintenance and testing will be
16 performed.

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18 Contracts, What is Included in Full Maintenance Contract

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20 MR. McNEILL: The next item that's a possible future
21 business item, defining what is included in a full
22 maintenance contract. This is one of Jack's items where
23 he wanted to work on what the definition of a full
24 maintenance contract is.

25 I have from a licensed elevator contractor

1 perspective discussed that with Jack that most of the
2 companies aren't going to be favorable to this because
3 they want flexibility on what they would like to market.

4 The challenge from the State's perspective as I
5 understand it is owners and managers in many cases really
6 don't know what they're getting, and they're confused when
7 they have a write-up or work isn't performed that they
8 expect to be performed. So we have a communication
9 problem and an understanding issue with the owners and
10 managers of properties and the elevator companies is what
11 people are really getting and what they're paying for and
12 how we're keeping the public and workers in the industry
13 safe. So I'm sure there'll be plenty more discussion on
14 this.

15 But that's kind of the high-level view of that.

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17 Licensing Criteria

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19 MR. McNEILL: (To Ms. Ernstes) Would you help me on
20 the licensing criteria?

21 MS. ERNSTES: Well, currently we have many different
22 categories of licensing, and we're thinking about
23 combining them. And this would be a WAC rule. This would
24 not have to go through legislation.

25 Legislation when we got licensing gave us ability to

1 do categories of licensing, and through the years we've
2 thought about combining some of them.

3 The other thing we're thinking about is currently the
4 Department is giving licensing test. We have a policy
5 that's not a rule for the people who are not either
6 qualifying through NEIP or through the CAT/CET, and
7 frankly we'd like to get out of the business of being the
8 authority who gives the test who does documentation, and
9 we'd like to eventually have everyone go through a system
10 that's either NEIP or the other -- there's currently only
11 NEIP and the non-union group, the CAT, CET are the only
12 two nationally recognized programs in the United States.

13 And we would like to have people go through a
14 nationally recognized program because we're trying to
15 evaluate whether people are qualified or not based on what
16 the company -- individual companies are training people
17 to.

18 So that means the standard is not consistent. One
19 company may train on this exclusivity or this. And we
20 feel that we'd like to get out of the business of being
21 the middle person in that and go with nationally
22 recognized programs.

23 So that's the discussion on licensing currently
24 that's going on.

25 MR. McNEILL: Good.

1 Proposal For Comb Impact Device

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3 MR. McNEILL: The next future business item is on comb
4 impact devices.

5 Jack is working on a proposal for retrofitting
6 existing units that don't have comb-impact devices due to
7 the severity of injuries that have occurred in the state
8 or nationally and to protect the riding public. He's
9 working on that, and I would expect more detailed
10 information by the next meeting for everybody to
11 understand it and see where the Department would like to
12 go on that.

13 There's one vendor now that has a device that is a
14 retrofit. And various companies also are working on
15 different retrofits based on their designs.

16 So we'll get more information on that from Jack when
17 he's back.

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19 Residential Maintenance Licensing

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21 MS. ERNSTES: So residential -- currently for
22 maintenance on residential conveyance -- and that is only
23 if the owner lives in the home -- there's an exception for
24 having non-licensed individuals perform maintenance. That
25 exemption does not carry over to testing. Testing is

1 supposed to be still performed by a licensed elevator
2 mechanic working for a licensed company. But this is
3 something that we've had a lot of concern about, about
4 persons performing maintenance on residential equipment.
5 So we're entertaining rules to bring back maintenance by
6 qualified licensed individuals.

7 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

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9 Acceptable LULA Applications

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11 MR. McNEILL: The next item is acceptable LULA
12 applications.

13 My understanding is that the Department's looking at
14 where they could be installed and by who; is that
15 correct?

16 MS. ERNSTES: Well, the by who is pretty clear.
17 LULA's are commercial only. Although, people do put
18 LULA's in residential if they want a bigger elevator.
19 And we allow that. We give them a variance for -- the
20 square footage is usually different. So they get a
21 variance based on the higher pounds per square foot for
22 -- just so the capacity matches that. Like you can put a
23 commercial elevator in a residential setting. You can
24 also put a LULA in there. But we currently don't allow
25 LULA's in existing buildings.

1 But we've been trying for a couple of years to get
2 some movement on this about what criteria we would
3 entertain to be in a commercial building besides a church,
4 private clubs and buildings on the historical register.
5 We have not got much movement on that. We haven't had
6 much information come from people, if they want that, if
7 they don't want it, if they think it's a good idea.

8 Previously we do have some LULA's in buildings that
9 are not churches, private clubs or on the historical
10 register. One of those I can tell you that there was one,
11 and now the building occupancy is changing, and that
12 elevator happened to be shut down for the last couple of
13 years, and one of the problems is that we put them in in a
14 building that is low usage or private building, and then
15 it turns into something different four years down the road
16 or two years, and that's what's happened in a building
17 currently where they have a LULA that is shut down, and
18 they want to use it, and we're not allowing to use it.

19 So we do have some problems with LULA's previously
20 installed where occupancy is changing. So we were looking
21 for some kind of criteria that can we put them in
22 buildings and then if the occupancy changes, will they not
23 be allowed or will they be used or should they be keyed
24 off or -- probably not keyed off because the accessibility
25 community does not like keys. As you know, the wheelchair

1 lift keys went away so people have unfettered
2 accessibility. So keys are on a lot a LULA's today for
3 certain uses only.

4 So we're just looking for input. We've been trying
5 to do this for a few years, and we need some more input if
6 people were interested in changing that.

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8 ANSI A10.4 Maintenance

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10 MR. McNEILL: (To Ms. Ernstes) And can you help us
11 with the next one?

12 MS. ERNSTES: Yeah. So A10.4 is the code for
13 temporary construction hoist. And when we're talking
14 about a temporary piece of equipment we use the word
15 "hoist."

16 We have some issues with this regarding -- the latest
17 one was they wanted to use the elevator ran by an operator
18 to do work on the exterior of the building, and they did
19 not want to hire a licensed mechanic to run the elevator.
20 And basically the way I read the A10.4, you can't use it
21 as a work platform to do work on a building. It's for
22 personnel and materials only, and you can't use it as a
23 work platform.

24 Also, we have many operators who are not licensed
25 mechanics who operate these things, and currently they're

1 restricted to just doing the daily checks. And we'd like
2 everybody to be on the same page, which maintenance items,
3 which -- and who can do that. We want to restrict that to
4 licensed mechanics. I think mainly it's contractors
5 pushing the envelope, trying to get their workers or their
6 operators to do more work and more things in lieu of
7 paying for the licensed elevator company to do the work.
8 So we just want to make it clear that maintenance and
9 maintenance logs are required, and that work is to be done
10 by licensed elevator mechanics.

11 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

12 So those are the future items.

13 I'd like to open up the conversation to everybody
14 here. If anyone feels strongly about any of these items
15 that they'd like us to pursue, other future items?

16 We should have the Type A permits done by the next
17 meeting. There's plenty of room to add more items and get
18 some good actions in place.

19 So anything there that piques anyone's interest that
20 you feel strongly that we should start pursuing?

21 MR. MILLER: Noah Miller with George Elevator.

22 I was just wondering if there's any more of those
23 notes or minutes from last meeting. If there's not,
24 that's fine. I just -- I thought ...

25 MS. ERNSTES: The minutes from last meeting?

1 MR. MILLER: Yeah. Or the whatever it is you guys --

2 MS. ERNSTES: Oh, no. We have -- they're at the end
3 of the table, and that's the agenda and the scorecard.

4 If you want the minutes from last meeting, they are
5 published on our Web site under news and information. We
6 publish them once we get them back from the court
7 reporter.

8 So we really don't hand those out, per se, because
9 they're easy to get on the Web.

10 MR. MILLER: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. McNEILL: So any input for us? Skip.

12 MR. BUNTIN: On the issue of the maintenance
13 contracts and -- (inaudible), it would seem to me that
14 BOMA might be a better forum to bring that issue up and
15 deal with as opposed to being regulated by the State.

16 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

17 Anybody else? Go ahead.

18 MR. NEIMAN: I agree with Skip.

19 MR. McNEILL: Go ahead and state your name for
20 Milton.

21 MR. NEIMAN: Oh. Dave Neiman with Kemper
22 Development.

23 I agree with Skip on having BOMA involved. However,
24 I would like to see it regulated by the state, at least
25 what a minimum understanding of a full maintenance

1 contract is. For the simple fact that if the state's not
2 involved, there's no accountability. At least as an owner
3 I don't feel there's any accountability because there's no
4 guideline to adhere to. BOMA's not in a position of being
5 able to standardize guidelines or maintain guidelines or
6 hold people accountable to the guidelines. They certainly
7 have feelings about what they want to see and how they
8 want to see it, but they're not a regulatory body. So by
9 all means involvement, but there's got to be some standard
10 that the companies are held to.

11 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

12 Anyone else have anything they'd like to bring up?

13 This is most likely the shortest EAC meeting --

14 Yes, go ahead.

15 MR. WILSON: Mike with Mobility Concepts.

16 On the new code adoptions, are we going to be looking
17 at any other codes or is it just the A17.1?

18 MR. McNEILL: I believe it's just the A17.1.

19 MR. WILSON: Is that the only code that the State's
20 looking at adopting for new codes? Are they going to
21 adopt the A18.1 current code or any of the other codes?

22 MS. ERNSTES: Mike, we haven't even had discussions
23 about what other codes we're going to adopt.

24 Right now we just have two new people on board to be
25 techs. My role is going to morph into more of training

1 once I get these guys up in plan review. And I think down
2 the road, maybe the fall, we'll start talking about code
3 adoption.

4 But right now that's -- we've got lots of other
5 things on our plate. So we haven't really started the
6 code adoption and made concrete decisions.

7 And Mike, I imagine that we would probably do the new
8 accessibility to keep up with that.

9 I don't know that there are any other A10.4's or 5
10 codes that have been out/moved. So -- but clearly we
11 would be -- we'd probably be looking at accessibility code
12 and the A18's.

13 MR. McNEILL: Thank you.

14 Well, I think we'll adjourn this meeting. I thank
15 everybody for coming. Unfortunately, with a limited
16 amount of people up here, it's been a short meeting.

17 We will do the stakeholders meeting. It's generally
18 at 11:00. But in the interest of keeping everybody here,
19 we'll start it at 10:00.

20 And I did ask the Department to have one little
21 informational section in that for us just on their
22 expectations for permits for drawings that are presented
23 to the Department, just to kind of give you a heads up on
24 things they've been seeing that they'd like some help on
25 so we can get the permitting process to move through more

1 smoothly and quicker.

2 So we'll see everybody in ten minutes.

3 MS. ERNSTES: And if you want to be on a committee,
4 put which committee you want to be on next to your name if
5 you're interested.

6 (Whereupon, at 9:50 a.m.,
7 proceedings adjourned.)
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