BE IT REMEMBERED, that an Elevator Safety Advisory Committee Meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the Department of Labor & Industries, 12806 Gateway Drive South, Tukwila, Washington.

Committee members present were: Robert McNeill, Scott Cleary, Paul Jones, Garry Wood and Jim Norris. The Department of Labor & Industries was represented by Dotty Stanlaske, Chief Elevator Inspector.

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were held, to wit:

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CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Good morning. Thank you for coming to the February 2018 quarterly Elevator Safety Advisory Committee.

My name's Rob McNeill. I'm the Chairman of the committee, and I represent licensed elevator contractors. We will have the committee members present introduce themselves.

MR. NORRIS: Jim Norris representing labor.
SECRETARY STANLASKE: Dotty Stanlaske, Chief Elevator Inspector.

MR. CLEARY: Scott Cleary representing 270 exemption from licensure and residential.

MR. WOOD: Garry Wood representing general contractors.

MR. JONES: Paul Jones, Conveyance Program Manager, City of Seattle.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Thank you.

We'll start with a safety message. It appears that we're going to have a snow storm of some magnitude. It may make the roads slick and icy over the next couple of days. So make sure when you're driving in the morning
that you're careful about ice and snow and keep your
distance between vehicles, check your tires to make sure
you have good treads, as well as your wipers.

If we do have a safety emergency during the meeting
today, we have an exit behind us (indicating) that we will
use to assemble in the parking lot and make sure that
everyone is accounted for and then we'll tell you what
action we need to do from there.

If we could get a sign-in sheet for everyone, that
would be great; if we could get one started.

So the purpose of this meeting is to update the
stakeholders on the activities we've had over the last
quarter. It's been a very busy quarter. There has been a
tremendous amount of effort expended for the rulemaking
for the State; we'll be discussing that. We have some
elevator bills in the legislature right now as well as
some subcommittees that are in process. So we'll be
discussing all of that as well as scorecards and accidents
and other topics.

Chief's Report

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Dotty, would you start with the
Chief's Report please.
SECRETARY STANLASKE: Sure.

So there is a handout over on that table in case you didn't get that for our statewide annual and other inspections completed. You can see that for the most part our annual inspections have gone up since July, the total number of annual inspections. Still we're not at our target point. And one of the reasons for that is because of the number of other inspections that we are working on. But the trend has been in an upward movement. And we will continue to work more efficiently to get more annual inspections done.

The other inspections completed include alterations. They include new installations. They include accident investigations and that type of thing just in case you were curious.

As far as accidents go, for the first quarter, we recorded five accidents. One for an elevator accident that was no fault of the elevator, and four for the escalator which were no fault of the escalators.

Any questions on scorecards and accidents?

Hot Topics: Current Elevator Bills
SECRETARY STANLASKE: Okay, the next one is Hot Topics: Current Elevator Bills.

The two bills that we have or that we've proposed for this session, one has died, and that is the bill for the Class B permits, which would have allowed a different method of inspection for stair chairlifts and alterations. But that one died, so that's no longer alive.

The second bill that is alive is the temporary license for mechanics or temporary mechanic's license. So that one is still alive.

And do we know where that is, Alicia, in the process?

MS. CURRY: I can look it up right now.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Okay.

Open Seats on ESAC

SECRETARY STANLASKE: And lastly, we have an open seat on the Safety Advisory Committee. And I believe that that is for an architect or engineer. So we are still looking for someone to fulfill that position.

Do you want me to go into old business?

Introduction of David Puente, Asst. Director of FS & PS

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SECRETARY STANLASKE: Oh, we do have introduction of David Puente, Assistant Director of FS & PS down, but David is not here. So I would guess that he is not going to make it.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Okay. If he does later, we'll move things in the agenda.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Sure.

Old Business

Risk Assessment Subcommittee

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: I'll start with the old business and the risk assessment subcommittee.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: The next meeting of the risk assessment subcommittee will occur on March 1st in the Tacoma office at 9:00 a.m.

We are going to be looking at three items that were part of the State study. The first item is to assess for each type of conveyance the potential of extending inspections and the risk associated with that and then make recommendations to the ESAC at the next quarterly meeting. So we'll look at hydraulic elevators, traction elevators, freight elevators, et cetera, grain elevators
and determine the risk involved if inspections exceed required frequencies.

The other item is regarding penalties for owners if owners are actively trying to maintain compliance. Presently if an owner is attempting to maintain compliance but hasn't and it's a minor issue compared to a major issue of not having a five-year safety test for the last 15 years, the penalties are the same. So we're going to determine what the balance is there as well.

The third one is regarding customer costs and how to balance those. If a customer has a significant requirement based on an inspection to provide excessive capital over their budget to determine what type of items would be acceptable to extend. An example would be lighting in a hoistway. We want to assess the risk on that to the inspectors, the workers and the riding public if that lighting based on proposals from owners were extended by a year so they could get it into their budget.

So we'll be assessing those risk areas so we can make recommendations to the State and go from there.

So the first subcommittee meeting, as I mentioned, will be on March 1st, and you're all very welcome to come.

We've had one meeting previous to this where we really discussed what a risk assessment is. And the
upcoming meeting we'll be doing the risk assessments.

MCP Subcommittee

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: The second item, Mr. Nieman isn't here.

On March 6th at Kemper Development in Bellevue, we will have the MCP Subcommittee meeting. At that meeting -- and all of the information we'll have posted on the Web site prior to the meeting in terms of the specific address.

At that meeting we will be reviewing the electronic MCP that Kemper is beta testing to determine how successful it's been, what areas are working, what is not working in respect to 8.6 and 8.11 requirements of the MCP. And everyone is more than welcome to attend that meeting as well.

Code Adoption Process

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Would you ...

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Code Adoption Process. We've completed the code adoption process as far as the TAC meetings and the ESAC meetings. They worked out very well. We had two different sessions going. One was for
the WAC rules, to review the WAC rules and bring them into alignment with the industry standards. The other was to review the licensing rules and see if there were any changes that needed to be made there. We had TAC, the Technical Advisory Committee, involved with both of those meetings. And we had the -- or involved with both of those processes. And we had the ESAC involved as well.

So we had our last Safety Advisory Committee for that purpose last week. And we will be posting the draft documents on the Web site hopefully this week.

And I am really pleased to say that out of approximately 120 proposals from stakeholders, there were only two that I had to override. And one had to do with the sump pumps in the pits and the output on those. And that was to bring that more in alignment with the national industry standards. And the other one had to do with licensing -- temporary licensing. And there was a proposal to drop that down to 33 percent of education and experience, which would have resulted in a year or less for all the categories.

So I did override each of those, but we had a really good discussion with the proposers of the temporary licensing requirements and will continue to have some discussions there.

So I'll wait until new business and Alicia can speak
about the -- well, I guess we can go right into that, can't we?

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Sure.

MS. CURRY: I can give an update really quick on extending the validity of temporary elevator licenses. It is Senate Bill 6252, and it is in the House. It is scheduled for an executive session in the House committee on labor and workplace standards today at 1:30. So it is still moving forward. And after the hearing today we should know more.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Excellent, excellent.

MS. CURRY: And if anybody's interested in watching those hearings, you can watch them on www.tvw.org.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Could you tell us what room that's in this afternoon?

MS. CURRY: It's labor and workplace standards at 1:30 p.m.

So if you go to tvw.org, you can --

SECRETARY STANLASKE: But if that's an executive session --

MS. CURRY: Oh, you're right. It is executive session.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Okay, so it's not open --

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Then it's probably not open to the public.
MS. CURRY: Correct, correct. Sorry.

But you still may be able to watch it, though.

Next Steps Regarding Code Adoption and Licensing Rules

SECRETARY STANLASKE: So Alicia, do you want to explain the next steps regarding code adoption and licensing rules?

MS. CURRY: Well, the next steps is to get the Web site updated and get the draft document of the rules for the code adoption published on the Web site and also to get that sent out to stakeholders so stakeholders can see the draft.

One of the things that we did talk about was trying to align the code adoption rulemaking and the licensing rulemaking so that they would have the same -- the rules would have the same effective date. And so right now we're trying to align those so that both become effective July 1, 2018. Originally we had planned on having the licensing rules effective August 1, 2018, and code adoption July 1, 2018. But now we're trying to align those.

So I'm hoping to get everything, you know, complete and filed with the Code Reviser's Office towards the end of March, which would put public hearings in May I believe
That's kind of where we're at right now. And, of course, notice will be sent out to everybody of when, you know, the official public comment period starts. And we'll send out, you know, more of the final language when we get closer towards the end of March for that.

So that's the goal right now is July 1st for an effective date.

We've kind of had to push the timeline because there's just so -- I mean, there were so many language changes that we didn't get done as quickly as we hoped that we would get done. So it's taken a little bit longer. That's why there's been a change and an adjustment in the timeline for filing. Although, the effective date still hasn't been affected. So we're still trying for July 1st.

MR. CLEARY: In adopting the new body of the WAC, we're going to be adopting seven new revisions of standard regs, correct? From 17.1 2006 all the way to --

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Oh, yes. Yes.

MR. CLEARY: And so my question to the State is that we vetted the 2016 17.1. Is there any plans to vet the other ones which haven't been vetted that I know of: the 18.1, the 17.2, 17.3, and 10.4? Are we going to do that as part of the process --
SECRETARY STANLASKE: That was done when we made the suggestion to align with the industry codes. The language from the -- the language from the WAC was compared to the language from the industry codes, and they're pretty similar.

MR. CLEARY: But we've never adopted 17.2. And that's only a guideline anyway.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: 17.2 is a guide.

MR. CLEARY: That's not meant to be codified from my understanding. And too, 17.3 is something that we've never adopted because we had Part D, and that's going to have a major impact on some industries. Do they -- do we have an obligation as the Committee to make sure they understand that they need to get their copies and read them and make sure they understand --

SECRETARY STANLASKE: The only impact 17.3 will have on stakeholders is the single bottom cylinder. But we left that in the WAC. So that won't have an impact on them.

And fire fighter service. And if you recall, in Part D, we gave stakeholders two years to address fire fighter service. Because most of them have already done that already. And we gave them five years to address any other major issues that may come up.

MR. CLEARY: Like door restrictors.
SECRETARY STANLASKE: I wouldn't call door restrictors a major issue, but yes. So we allowed some time for them to come into compliance.

MR. CLEARY: And some questions that I've been getting is: How does the State plan to integrate 17.2 with their inspectors? Because that is one way of doing inspections; it's not the only way. And there's some errors and omissions within that document that I've been able to see. How is that going to be reconciled with inspections?

SECRETARY STANLASKE: One of the things that we're working on right now is a standard work process. And in that standard work process we will be telling the inspectors that they need to use 17.2 as a guide. But we will also be going through that and saying, "Yes, use this portion; do not use this portion" because there's some things in there that we don't do such as get in the pit. So we haven't done that yet. But I believe we have a meeting scheduled in the near future to sit down with a core group of inspectors first and say, "This is -- we want you to do it this way in 17.2; this one we don't want you to do because you can't get in the pit" or whatever reason. So we are working on that.

And that's all -- that's all in tune with our goal to
get the inspectors to be more consistent on how they're performing inspections.

MR. CLEARY: And I have a following question that I will ask off-line.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Thank you.

New Business

TAC and ESAC Review of Licensing Rules

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Dotty, would you like to talk about the TAC and the ESAC review of licensing rules?

SECRETARY STANLASKE: That was a very positive experience. It was great to have.

What we did was we took all the applicants, reviewed them, and we looked at -- we only wanted so many from labor and so many from the large companies, and we wanted to make sure that the smaller companies were represented as well. We wanted to make sure union and non-union were represented. We wanted to try to make sure that each category of licensing was represented. The building managers and owners, we wanted to make sure that there was someone there from -- that managed a smaller amount of buildings as well as someone that managed a larger amount
of buildings. And so we had a really good mix of people, a really dedicated mix of people that were willing to do the work to make it possible for us to go through and do the code review and the rule review and come up with the resulting end product.

We repealed over 200 -- about 250 WAC rules that were already pretty much verbatim of what was in the industry standards.

So the next edition of WAC rules will be quite a bit smaller than the previous editions.

And the ESAC pretty much reviewed what the TAC proposed and put forward, and for the most part agreed. Although, we did have some tweaking at that level as well.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Thank you.

This meeting has probably been our shortest one.

There's been a lot of work that's been done over the past quarter. And as soon as the rules are posted, I'm sure everybody will have lots of questions. And we will all be available to help the stakeholders navigate through the rule-making process. So I urge all the stakeholders to contact their representative on the Committee if they have any questions once the rules are posted.

One area of new business that isn't on the agenda is the potential of having this quarterly meeting video broadcast, and with the help of the State we'll be looking
into that to potentially do that in future meetings. This will help particularly the eastern and southern part of the state where it's difficult to travel to this meeting due to geography.

And then there will be potentially the ability to have -- during the stakeholder meeting to have the stakeholders that are remote to be able to ask the Committee questions and get a little more continuity throughout the state going and information as well.

So stay tuned for that.

The other item is just to remind all the stakeholders that with the new format, we will have the stakeholder meeting an hour before this quarterly meeting every month -- I mean, every quarter. This was the first time we've done that. And also a stakeholder meeting afterwards. And that's because of the protocol that we are using now which is aligned with the other safety committees in the state where the stakeholders can give the Committee members input before, after and in between meetings but not during the meeting. So be prepared for that. In the future we will still have the stakeholder meeting after this meeting.

The other item that will be coming out and we'll get it out this week is a monthly newsletter. We've developed the first newsletter, and it summarizes the items that
we've talked about today. That newsletter will come out
every month. The Chair and Vice Chair will be working
together to make sure that that happens just to keep
everybody informed and communication moving. So we'll
update what we have from today's meeting and make sure
that gets posted by the end of the week.

Does anybody else have any new business or other
business that --

MR. WOOD: I have a question for Dotty.

With the code changes that are taking place with the
WAC and such, it's my understanding that the requirement
on an MRL for a machine room is going to go back to what
the ASME requires. Is that a fair assessment of that?
And do you anticipate any challenges to that? I'm being
asked from architects and different folks that -- you
know, obviously that's basically used in other capacities.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: We are still requiring the
machine room.

MR. WOOD: Even with the --

SECRETARY STANLASKE: At our control --

MR. WOOD: So even after the new WAC, we're still
requiring that.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: Yes.

MR. WOOD: Okay. Thank you.

SECRETARY STANLASKE: There is some language in there
that allows for -- well, we already had MRL's in the
overhead, but there's some language that will also allow
for some hydro units in the pit, provided that certain
criteria is met. But at this point we still have the
controllers outside of the hoistway.

MR. WOOD: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Any other business?

Seeing none, do we have a motion to adjourn?

MR. CLEARY: I have a motion to adjourn.

MR. WOOD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: It's been moved and seconded.

All in favor?

THE COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON McNEILL: Opposed. The motion passes.

The meeting is complete. We will follow this with a
stakeholder meeting in 15 minutes.

(Whereupon, at 9:33 a.m.,
proceedings adjourned.)
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