

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
MARYLAND BOARDS OF BOILER RULES
AND
STATIONARY ENGINEERS**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and Virtual Meeting

10946 Golden West Drive Suite #160

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031

Google Meet Joining Info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gjc-tszf-gke>

Board of Boiler Rules Members Present

Ashwani K. Gupta, Ph.D., Chair
John Dunnock, Manufacturer
Eric Harvey, Owner Historical Equipment
Kevin Mulvey, Insurance Company
Jeffrey B. Pope, Public Consumer
Brian Wodka, Stationary Engineer
Philip Kruer, Experienced Engineer
Scott Reynolds, Dep. Boiler Inspector

Board of Boiler Rules Staff

Dearborn, Program Manager
Christina Schaefer, Executive Assistant
Jenny Baker, Assistant Attorney General
Tiffany Jones, Board Coordinator

Call to Order:

Dr. Ashwani Gupta, Chair, Board of Boiler Rules, confirmed that there was a quorum of members of both Boards and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board of Stationary Engineer Members Present

Brian Wodka, Chair
Steven Noonan, Chief Boiler Inspector
Gary Brown, Consumer Member
Lance Brown, Industry Member
John Arizaga, Industry Member

Stationary Engineer Board Staff, David

John Bull, Executive Director
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assist Attorney General
LaKissha Thronton, Administrative Officer
Johnston Brown, Board Specialist

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Wodka asked the Board if there are any comments to the minutes of the May 21, 2022 joint meeting. Mr. Dunnock moved to approve the minutes without amendment; the motion was seconded by Mr. Mulvey. The minutes were unanimously approved without amendment.

Comments from Chair of Board of Boiler Rules

Chairperson, Dr. Gupta, thanked Matthew Helminiak, Commissioner, Division of Labor and Industry, for his service and announced that his has ended. A new Commissioner is expected to be appointed on May 15, 2023.

Mr. Gupta discussed notes from the last meeting including legislative bills.

Report of Chief Boiler Inspector

Mr. Noonan reported for the 2022 calendar year. During the year, there were 53,491 active objects; total high-pressure boilers were 1,800; 2,600 low-pressure boilers; 2,600 pressure vessels; 10,000 uninsured objects; 2,100 overdue inspections; 35,988 total inspections performed; 1100 open violations; 1,600 citations with penalty. Current inspection staff consist of 8 fully commissioned deputy boiler inspectors and 141 Maryland commissioned third-party inspectors. All inspectors were renewed their commissions in February for a two-year period. Office staff remains the same three office staff members. The data management system will be replaced by a new contractor on July 1, 2023.

Dr. Gupta asked if there were any questions. Mr. Wodka asked whether there will be a transition period pertaining to the data management system. Mr. Dearborn stated there will be a five-month lapse until everything is order; staff will monitor and address any issues. Certificates and citations will most likely be impacted. The Boiler Rules Board will need to provide a lot of resources during that period. Mr. Mulvey stated that he spoke to the State about a transition letter going to the chiefs of insurance companies and if that letter will be made available.

Mr. Dearborn confirmed that the letter will be available to the public. He also stated that the agency is very excited about the new system (“JRS”), which will provide several improvements. Mr. Dearborn confirmed that data from the current system has been retrieved and will migrate over to JRS; he explained that data migration has occurred on a weekly basis. He expects to have all data extracted by June 30, 2023. Mr. Mulvey asked if there will be any leniency regarding overdue inspections and citations, to which Mr. Dearborn replied that there will be no leniency and the staff will work hard to maintain service during this transition.

Report of Board of Stationary Engineers

Mr. Wodka stated there is a high demand for the skilled labor of a licensed stationary engineer. He reported that an apprenticeship program for stationary engineers, approved by the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, is active. He also stated that some companies are utilizing the program. He stated that he hopes employers and institutions, such as community colleges, will be encouraged to utilize the program as well and hopes that the “earn to learn” method will attract prospective candidates for stationary engineer licensure.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dr. Gupta announced that Carey Dove has resigned from the Board; he thanked her for her service and hopes that a new member will be appointed to fill the vacant Board seat.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon Mr. Harvey's motion and Mr. Mulvey's second, the Boards voted, by a roll call vote, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Signature on File

7/18/23

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board of Stationary Engineers as voted and approved on 7/18/23