

State Board for Crane Operators
Minutes of the September 4, 2013, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John, Chairman; Edward Shapiro, Richard DeJulio; Nate Brown

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; William Abbott, SFM; Glenn Carrezola, IUOE Local 478; Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS; David D'Ostilio, IUOE, Paula Clarke, GBA for IUOE 478; Chris Syrok, Associated Builders & Contractors; Linda Spring DAS/DCS/OSFM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Old Business:

- A. Agreements for Atlantic Marine Construction and Nucor Steel are in the process of being cited. Crane Board awaiting fore more information.
- B. No further discussion of Crane Bill No. 323, now Public Act No. 12-99 took place.
- C. An update on the re-certification process was as follows: Approximately 50 applications for re-certification for crane operation have been received. Letters with exam dates and locations will be sent out by the end of September. Tests are ready to administer. The Crane Inspector will be speaking to various construction organizations and make them aware of the status of the testing process.
- D. The report has been finalized for the accident which occurred at the Moses Wheeler Bridge project involving crane operator Frank Papa. The Board is ready to proceed with the hearing. The Crane Inspector will have the legal department set up the informal hearing and continue the legal process. Detective Richard Cop, a Board member, will most likely be the Hearing Officer.
- E. The same process as above will take place for the New Britain to Hartford Busway project accident.
- F. Apprentice crane applications reviewed resulted in 4 applications approved. One application was denied due to the licensed operator that he would be operating under was not available at all times.
- G. A discussion took place regarding when cranes are used with fixed man baskets operating a personnel lifts. The Crane Board feels that it is a crane and should follow the statutes and regulations pertaining to the operation of cranes. Elliot to give warning if a violation is found in the field. If the warning is not heeded, he will defer it to Detective Richard Cop and a \$500 civil penalty will be imposed.

A motion was made by Ed Shapiro and seconded by Richard DeJulio and Chairman Edward St. John to suspend the present testing program and utilize the programs that meet OSHA requirements. (See attachment submitted entitled "Motion")

Attorney Jenna Padula, Department Legal Advisor, stated that it would require a legislative change and that item was not on the agenda. Chairman St. John still wants to proceed with the motion and the seconding. Attorney Padula said she will review the situation and make recommendations. Motion was then made & seconded pending legal review and recommendation. The original motion was stopped and the Chairman would like this placed on the next agenda for discussion.

The Board will review the report to request a hearing on the Stamford Accident.

The State sets the fees on licenses – they will let the department adjust so they fall in line with each other.

Public Comments: Justification was given to maintain status quo for CT testing because it meets OSHA criteria. Cost by each crane operator would be over \$300.00 to acquire outside testing. Public member claimed it was an outrageous motion.

Meeting adjourned 10:26.

EXAMINING BOARD FOR CRANE OPERATORS
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MOTION

I move that the Examining Board for Crane Operators suspend the present Operator Testing Programs, written testing and practical examination, and accept in their place any Accredited Crane Operator Certification Programs that meet the new Federal Criteria as stated in 1926.1427 and providing they meet the eligibility requirement of 1,000 hours of documented crane related experience.