

EXAMINING BOARD FOR CRANE OPERATORS

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – 2:00pm

Plaza North Meeting Room E

450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by K. Murphy at 2:00pm.
2. Attending:

Keith Murphy, Board Chair	Anne Bonito, License & Applications Analyst
Duane Gates, Board Member	Rebecca Tamborra, DAS Staff Attorney
Shane Kelly, Board Member	Terasia Provost-Daar
Ed Shapiro, Board Member	Frank Carrona
Peter Zvingilas, Board Member	Gregg Strede
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal	
3. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting – Motion made by D. Gates, seconded by E. Shapiro. Minutes unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Legal questions – Questions addressed from the previous June meeting regarding enforcement.
2. Bruce Kern – D. Gates made a motion (seconded by E. Shapiro) to schedule a compliance conference with Mr. Kern at 1:30pm on Tuesday, 10/15/24 (30 minutes before the Board's regular meeting). Motion unanimously approved. DAS Legal to move forward with notice.

New Business

1. Staff/Board Member Report
 - a. New Board members Shane Kelly and Peter Zvingilas were introduced.
 - b. W. Abbott updated the Board on the search for a new Crane Inspector. He indicated that the application deadline had been extended twice. The deadline is currently 11:59pm 9/17/24 (at the time of the meeting it was unknown whether DAS would extend it again).
2. Virtual meetings – The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of in-person and virtual meetings as well as hybrid. The Board agreed to continue holding the October meeting in person and to consider virtual and/or hybrid meetings in the future.

Licensing

The Board discussed Crane Operator applications submitted by the following:

Applicant	Approved	Murphy	Gates	Kelly	Shapiro	Zvingilas
Arguin	✓	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boucher	✓	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cannon		No	No	No	No	No

Applicant	Approved	Murphy	Gates	Kelly	Shapiro	Zvingilas
Chlastawa		No	No	No	No	No
Hollstein	✓	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Landmark	✓	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rutan	✓	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scanlon		More information needed - Application tabled until next meeting				
Simas	✓	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vilela de Oliveira		No	No	No	Yes	No

Approved applicants will be notified and given the opportunity to schedule written and practical exams. Applicants not approved will be notified and given the opportunity to amend their applications for future consideration by the Board.

Crane Inspector Report

1. Testing

- a. W. Abbott and A. Bonito updated the Board on written and practical testing conducted since Elliot Henowitz's retirement. The backlog of individuals awaiting testing has been mostly cleared. The waiting list for testing will "roll over," so that when a new test date is added to the calendar, those who were unable to test on earlier dates will be the first invited.
- b. The Board discussed options for practical testing for non-union members. The Board tabled discussion on this issue until the new Crane Inspector is hired.

Enforcement Actions

1. 7 Loop Road, Clinton, CT. The Board reviewed the complaint and related documents. D. Gates made a motion (seconded by E. Shapiro) to move forward with the enforcement process in this case. The motion passed unanimously. The respondents in the case will be notified that the case will appear on the October meeting's agenda for Board discussion and action.

Public Comments

Terasia Provost-Daar, complainant in the 7 Loop Road case, expressed appreciation to the Board for its time and consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:24pm.

Next meeting:

2:00pm, Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Respectfully submitted 9/20/24 by Anne Bonito

Minutes approved by the Examining Board for Crane Operators on 10/15/24