
**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 18, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 1100 N. Eutaw Street 5th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Brian Wodka, Chairman, Industry Member
Lance Brown, Vice-Chairman, Industry Member
Steven Noonan, Ex-Officio Member, Chief Boiler Inspector
John F. Arizaga, Industry Member
Gary Brown, Consumer

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I
Johnston Brown, Administrative Specialist III
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator

STAFF

ABSENT: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards

GUESTS

PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Brian Wodka, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Stationary Engineers to order at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the business meeting minutes held on May 9, 2023.

Upon Mr. Lance Brown’s Motion, and Mr. Arizaga’s second, the Board unanimously voted to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes without amendment or correction.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the joint May 9, 2023 meeting of the Boards of Boiler Rules and Stationary Engineers.

Mr. Lance Brown moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Arizaga seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to approve the May 9, 2023 joint meeting minutes.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Not report was offered as the Committee did not meet.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Application Review Committee is currently working on two pending applications.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for May 2023:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Stationary Engineer Grade 1	7	3	4	43%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	3	0	3	0%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	4	2	2	50%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	5	1	4	20%
Stationary Engineer Grade 5	4	4	4	100%
TOTAL	23	10	13	40%

PSI Exams submitted the following statistical summary for June 2023:

Stationary Engineer Grade 1	12	3	9	25%
Stationary Engineer Grade 2	4	1	3	25%
Stationary Engineer Grade 3	5	0	5	0%
Stationary Engineer Grade 4	8	5	3	63%

Stationary Engineer Grade 5	4	1	3	25%
TOTAL	33	10	23	30%

Cumulative results for 2023, 185 candidates have been tested, with 64 candidates having passed and 121 candidates failing, for a pass rate of 35%. Since the inception of the test 7,411 candidates have been tested, with 2,620 having passed and 4,751 having failed, for a pass rate of 35%.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Wodka would like to further discuss a PSI Exam inquiry at the September Business meeting when Mr. Bull can be present.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Thornton explained that the Secretary of Labor intends to make all Mechanical Board fees non-refundable. The Board discussed the matter and the concern over the impact, particularly whether this change could deter a potential license candidate from testing. Ms. Thornton clarified that license examination fees are paid directly by candidate to the exam vendor, PSI, Inc., which has a long-established non-refundable fee policy.

Mr. Lance Brown moved to approve an amendment to COMAR 09.17.03.03 to indicate that fees payable to the Board are non-refundable; Mr. Gary Brown seconded. The Board unanimously voted to approve proposed action on an amendment to the regulation, pending the Secretary’s approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

None offered.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

None offered.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

None offered.

CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR REPORT

Mr. Noonan stated that the Maryland database for monitoring the Boilers and pressure vessels will be now undergoing a transition between our jurisdiction online to the National Board’s JRS

program. Currently Mr. Noonan does not have access to live data to research active objects at this time. He expects that the database will be online by early September.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon Mr. Arizaga's **Motion** and Mr. Lance Brown's second, the Board voted, by a roll call vote unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Signature on File

September 19, 2023

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on: September 19, 2023