

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
SAFETY AWARENESS BOARD**

Thursday April 21, 2011

8:00 A.M.

In attendance: Wayne Coulombe

Nicholas Giardino

James Jackson

Edgar Ladouceur

Joseph Sabitoni, Chair

Bernard Trembl

Mark Ryan, Investigator

Valentino Lombardi, Legal Counsel

Not in attendance: Eric Anderson

Timothy Byrne

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Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Joseph Sabitoni. A quorum is present.

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 9, 2011 meeting was made by Nicholas Giardino, seconded Bernard Trembl and passed unanimously by the board.

Ronald D'Ambruoso, Acting Assistant Director of Workforce Regulation and Safety, addressed the Board.

Mr. D'Ambruoso reviewed the procedures for meetings with the Board. The Board has a discussion.

Mr. D'Ambruoso provided an update regarding OSHA-10 investigations. Mr. D'Ambruoso informed the Board that investigations are still going on even though the Board hasn't met. The Board was informed that meetings may be canceled as those that have been found in violation have been paying. Meetings will be held for those that are appealing the violation. In the future the Board may take on other endeavors which may expand the duties of the Board. Mr. D'Ambruoso informed the Board that all investigators in the department are also performing investigations of OSHA-10 as there is no chief for the area.

Mr. D'Ambruoso asked the Board if they have any questions or suggestions for the Board. It was asked if the Board knows of anyone conducting OSHA-10 training that is not on our current list so they can be added.

The Board continues a discussion on OSHA-10 enforcement. Further discussion was had regarding OSHA-10 trainers.

The Board presents questions to Valentino Lombardi, legal counsel, regarding investigations. A discussion ensues. It was noted by Mr. Lombardi that there will be a training session for all department board members coming up soon as there are many new members on various boards within the department. All board members within the department will be notified of the date.

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chairman: Nicholas Giardino nominated Edgar Ladouceur. James Jackson nominated Bernard Trembl. A vote was taken and there was a tie – 2 votes for Ed Ladouceur and 2 votes for Bernard Trembl. Wayne Coulombe made a motion to table the election for Vice Chairman until next month, seconded by Nicholas Giardino and passed unanimously by the Board.

Chairman: James Jackson nominates Joseph Sabitoni. There are no other nominations. A vote was taken. The vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Sabitoni as Chairman.

Mark Ryan went over the board books with the board members.

Board members present confirmed that the 8:00 am start time is a good time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Edgar Lacouceur, seconded by Nicholas Giardino and passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 8:00 am.