

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF HOISTING ENGINEERS
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE
Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Cranston, RI 02920**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

Board Members in Attendance:

**David Burnham, Chairperson
Ellery Wood, Jr.
James Woloohojian**

Also in attendance: David Rodrigues, Investigator, Ronald D'Ambruoso, Designee, Valentino Lombardi, Esquire, and Benjamin Copple, Esquire, Richard Houlihain, Local 57, and Mr. White

David Burnham, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

There was a Quorum today.

David Burnham, Chairperson, stated that the first item on the agenda

was the minutes from December 11, 2007 meeting. Mr. Burnham asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from December 11, 2007 meeting. James Woloohojian made a motion to accept the minutes, but David Burnham, after checking with Legal Counsel, made an amendment to the December 11, 2007 minutes regarding Ron D'Ambruoso be counted as part of the Quorum and James Woloohojian made a motion to accept the December 11, 2007 minutes as amended. Ellery Wood seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Old Business:

Learner's Training License was passed out to each Board member and guests.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Operator's Training License which will be discussed at further length at our February 12, 2008 meeting. Discussion was made to add an addition to Section 28-26-10 regarding the Learner's Training License, or to create a new law regarding the Learner's Training License and fee for the Training License.

Benjamin Cople, Esquire will research what other states to see what they are doing regarding the language use of what Direct Supervision means, and will report back to the Board next month with this research, and Benjamin Cople will also give us an answer to the last bullet on page one regarding the fee for the training license at our next meeting.

Old Business:

David Burnham asked Ron D'Ambruso if a letter was sent to the Apprenticeship Counsel regarding the discussion we had at our last meeting regarding the fact that the Apprenticeship Counsel modify the ratio to eliminate the job site ration for operating engineers and that they allow the in-house (hands on) rations for training purposes, and that the rations are recommended to be five (5) trainees for one licensed instructor. Ron D'Ambruso will get the letter and minutes from the Apprentice meeting and will have this information for the Board members at our next meeting.

There was no other business before the Board.

Ellery Wood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. James Woloohojian seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Minutes respectively submitted by Elaine J. Heiss, January 8, 2008.

The next meeting of the Hoisting Board is February 12 2008 at 10:00 am in Building #70, 2nd floor conference room, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.