

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

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

9:00am

In attendance:

Timothy Byrne

Stanley Davies

Steven Gray

Bobby Joe Harris

Michael Januario

Jack King

Quinlan T. Regan

Dennis Brennan, Robert Eva, Fred Foeri and Charles Wright were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Nick Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator and Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lallie, Legal Counsel.

1. – Call to Order: Stanley Davies called the meeting to order at

9:00am.

2. – Minutes of January 2, 2013 meeting: Bobby Joe Harris inquired about the Stephen Clift matter that was mentioned in the minutes as to the status. Mr. Clift was not allowed to test. Bobby Joe Harris made a motion to approve the minutes to the previous meeting; seconded by Michael Januario and passed unanimously by the Board.

3. – Conflict of Interest: Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lallie, Legal Counsel, addressed the board reminding board members that if they have a conflict of interest with any matter before the board they should recuse themselves and not voting.

4. – HEARINGS: None

5. – MECHANICAL BOARD RULES & REGULATIONS: There has been no action on the rules and regulations as the subcommittee has not met yet. Subcommittee members will be contacted to set up times to meet.

Stan Davies addressed the Board regarding Fire Suppression systems mentioned at previous meetings. Mr. Davies states individuals were to take a test with the Fire Marshall's Office and then come to Professional Regulations but he did not see anything under the Fire Suppression section of the code. Mr. Davies recommends

this should be addressed in the Mechanical section of the Rules and Regulations. There is a discussion. Mr. Davies requests the subcommittee address the matter.

***Quinlan T. Regan addressed the Board. It has been brought to his attention that some larger property managers in RI are looking to hire individuals from trade schools that are in the HVAC program, he was unsure of other programs, to work in their companies to manage their properties. Mr. Regan noted that only exemptions from the licensing law are people who are for a public utility company, hospitals, schools, state employees regularly employed as maintenance personnel on the premises of the employer and any person employed in a plant maintenance department. Mr. Regan did not think this applied to a property management company that manages houses or small buildings and may be trying to circumvent the law. Concerns are expressed and there is a discussion.**

The question presented is whether this type of company comes under the exclusion in the law. Maryellen McQueeney-Lally will provide a legal interpretation for the next meeting. RIGL 28-27-29 is the statute in question.

The board will wait for legal interpretation and discuss it at the next meeting.

6. – ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Quinlan T. Regan; seconded by Tim Byrne and passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24am.