

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
CONTRACTORS, TECHNICIANS AND INSTALLERS**

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, February 1, 2004

In Attendance: William McGowan, Chairperson

Paul Feeney

Robert Zuba

Steven Mollo

Larry Ryan

Mr. William McGowan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. The above members were present for today's meeting. Members absent for today's meeting were Jay Bombardier and the vacant board member position. There was a quorum.

There was no meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

The first order of business is acceptance of the minutes of the Tuesday, December 7, 2004 meeting of the Board of Examination and Licensing of Telecommunication Systems Contractors, Technicians and Installers. Mr. Paul Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Steven Mollo seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There are no appeal hearings on the agenda for today's meeting. There was one communication letter. Avaya requested information from the Department as to what types of telecommunications work can be done by an unlicensed individual, and what work has to be done by a licensed individual. Mr. Robert Gaj, Chief Telecommunications Investigator, responded to Avaya by telephone and clarified the licensing requirements to them.

The next order of business is the annual election of officers.

Mr. Paul Feeney made a motion to nominate Mr. William McGowan as Chairperson for next year. Mr. Larry Ryan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Larry Ryan made a motion to nominate Mr. Paul Feeney as Vice-Chairperson for the next year. Mr. Robert Zuba seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Paul Feeney made a motion to nominate Mr. Robert Zuba as Secretary for the next year. Mr. Larry Ryan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Under other business, Mr. McGowan asked Mr. Gaj for a report on the number of licenses, fines issued/paid by violators of the telecommunications law, number of examinees at the last testing

cycle, how many passed and how many failed for each category.

Mr. Gaj informed the Board that he would like to get some new test questions from Board members in their respective area of expertise. In addition, the study materials need to be updated.

Mr. Ron D'Ambruso, Administrator in the Division of Professional Regulation informed the Board that starting in April, 2005, the division will be starting a new testing system called Scantron. Mr. D'Ambruso explained some benefits of Scantron, such as the ability to measure the effectiveness of test questions, and the ease of correcting exams. This new system will allow the Division to conduct testing on a monthly basis rather than quarterly, and as mentioned above, the Division intends to have this system online by April, 2005.

The Board discussed the need for legislation in order to clarify what can and cannot be done with a telecommunications license. The law is too vague in this regard, and should be clarified.

There was no further business before the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Feeney at 10:25 a.m., and seconded by Mr. Zuba. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Examination and Licensing of Telecommunication System Contractors, Technicians and Installers

is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70 of the RI Department of Labor & Training, second floor conference room.