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2	ELEVATOR AND AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY BOARD
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8	QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
9	STATE OF TENNESSEE ELEVATOR AND AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY BOARD
10	March 2, 2021
11	(Via Zoom Video Conference)
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1	APPEARANCES:	1		AGENDA
2	Robbie Fox, Chairman Fixed Amusement Device Representative		I.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mike McPherson	1	II.	Introductions and Announcements
	Elevator Inspector Supervisor	5	III. IV.	
4	Thomas R. Jackson]	TV.	December 1, 2020
5	Elevator Inspector Supervisor	6		
6	Mike H. Hardy		V.	Elevator Unit's Report
7	Amusement Device Manager	7		
/	David Hale, Board Member		VI.	Amusement Device Unit's Report
	Tennessee Fair Association Representative	8		
9	Larry R. Moore, II, Board Member	9	VII.	Old Business
10	Owner and Lessees Representative	9	WITT	. New Business
	Lewis Moorer, Board Member	10	VIII.	* KONE-Mike Church Warren County Courthouse
	Public-at-Large Representative	10		* KONE-Mike Church Stirr Restaurant
L2	Kelly O'Connor, Board Member Public-at-Large Representative	11		
13	rubiic-at-maige Representative		IX.	Open Discussion Items
	Mitch Rader, Board Member	12		* Amusement Device Unit
	Insurance Company Representative Victor LaPorte, Board Member			* Elevator Unit
15	Manufacturer Representative	13		
16		14	х.	Announcement of Next Meetings * Dates for board meetings in 2021
	James Roy Pope, Board Member	14		* June 1, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. (CST)
	Traveling Amusement Device Representative Thomas Herrod	15		* September 14, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. (CST)
10	Assistant Commissioner, State of Tennessee	13		* December 7, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. (CST)
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20	Dan Bailey, Esq. Legal Counsel, State of Tennessee	17		* Locations - TBA
	Jennifer Murphy	18	XI.	Adjournment
	Board Secretary, State of Tennessee	19		
22	GEOVE & GEORGE GOVER DEPONENTS	20		
23	STONE & GEORGE COURT REPORTING Nan George, Zoom Moderator	21		
	Cassandra Beiling, Licensed Court Reporter	23		
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25	*Reporter's Note: All names are phonetically spelled unless otherwise provided to the reporter.	25		
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2	CHAIRMAN FOX: I appreciate	2	spea	aking, under chat, if you would, put your name
3	everyone being here this morning. We're going to	3	and	the company that you work for or represent.
4	call the March 2nd, 2021 meeting of the Elevator	4		The other thing that I would ask is,
5	and Amusement Device Safety Board to order. We	5	wher	n you speak, identify yourself first; such as,
6	are allowed under Executive Order 78, that	6		s is Robbie Fox and I'm making a motion to do
7	pertains to COVID allows state boards to hold	7		tever. Or just identify yourself as you're
8	their meetings electronically, at least until	8		ting ready to speak.
9	April the 28th of 2021.	9	3001	Under the adoption of I don't
و 10	And with that being said, again, we	10	thir	nk there's anything that we need to read here.
11	will call the meeting to order. And under	11		l, I'll read it anyway. In the event of an
12	introductions and announcements, I would ask	12		rgency, security personnel will take attendees
13	everyone to make sure that they put their name in	13		a safe place in the building and will direct
14	the bottom left-hand corner of your screen. Those	14		n to exit the building on the Rosa Parks side.
15	of you that have normal computers, not iPads, you	15		And I'm sure that only pertains to
16	can right click on your name and then rename it.	16	thos	se who are at 220 French Landing. So we have
17	David, I don't know how to do it in	17		read that into the minutes.
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18 an iPad, if you want to tell us, Mr. Hale. 19 MR. HALE: You click on 20 participants, and then your name should be there. 21 You click it and then you click rename, and you 22 can fix it. CHAIRMAN FOX: All right. So I 24 would ask everyone to do that, that's on the iPad, 25 or make sure that we can see your name in the

18 The adoption of the agenda. I would 19 entertain a motion for approval and adoption of 20 the agenda. 21 MS. O'CONNOR: This is Kelly 22 O'Connor. 23 I will make a motion to approve the 24 agenda for today. 25 MR. POPE: James Roy Pope.

	Page 6 Second.	1	Page 7 MR. MOORER: Lewis Moorer votes
	CHAIRMAN FOX: I have a motion and	2	yes.
3	a second. And, Ms. Jennifer, I think you need a	3	MS. MURPHY: Kelly O'Connor?
4	roll call on this; is that correct?	4	MS. O'CONNOR: Yes.
5	MS. MURPHY: Yes.	5	CHAIRMAN FOX: Motion carries.
6	CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. We have a	6	I would also entertain a motion for
7	motion and a second. Any additional discussion?	7	approval of the minutes of the December 1st, 2020
8	(No verbal response.)	8	meeting. And those should be they would have
9	CHAIRMAN FOX: Hearing none, roll	9	been mailed to you in your packet. I would
10	call, Ms. Murphy.	10	entertain a motion.
11	MS. MURPHY: Vic LaPorte?	11	MR. RADER: Board Member Rader
12	MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte, board	12	makes a motion to approve the minutes of
13	member.	13	December 1st, 2020.
14	CHAIRMAN FOX: Do you vote yes or	14	MS. O'CONNOR: Kelly O'Connor.
15	no?	15	I'll second that motion.
16	MR. LaPORTE: I'm sorry. Yes.	16	CHAIRMAN FOX: I have a motion and
17	MS. MURPHY: David Hale?	17	a second. Any discussion?
18	MR. HALE: Yes.	18	(No verbal response.)
19	MS. MURPHY: Mitch Rader?	19	CHAIRMAN FOX: Hearing none,
20	MR. RADER: Yes.	20	Ms. Murphy?
21	MS. MURPHY: Larry Moore?	21	MS. MURPHY: Vic LaPorte?
22	MR. MOORE: Yes.	22	MR. LaPORTE: Yes.
23	MS. MURPHY: James Roy Pope?	23	MS. MURPHY: David Hale?
24	MR. POPE: Yes. MS. MURPHY: Mr. Lewis Moorer?	24	MR. HALE: Yes. MS. MURPHY: Mitch Rader?
25	MS. MURPHI: MI. LEWIS MOUTEI!	25	MS. MURPHI: MITCH RAUEL!
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                  MR. MCPHERSON: Yes, sir.
                                                                         MR. HALE: This is David Hale.
                  CHAIRMAN FOX: The 458 under
                                                        3 Yes, I can see it.
 4 construction, the permits that you have issued or
                                                                         MR. HARDY: Permits issued so far
 5 working with, how does that compare to prior
                                                        5 this fiscal year, we're at 176. And as we did the
 6 years?
                                                          December board meeting, we went back -- you know,
                  MR. MCPHERSON: The last several
                                                        7 due to COVID and the current situation with the
8 years, since I've been here, it's close to
                                                        8 industry, we went back and made a comparison. As
9 average. It's slowed down a little bit since
                                                        9 far as where we were in the last fiscal year,
10 COVID and things. But still, here in Middle
                                                       10 fiscal year '19-'20, we had permitted -- during
11 Tennessee, we're still on the upswing. About
                                                       11 the same exact time period, we had permitted
12 every month we are approving at least 50 new
                                                       12 140 companies last year. So actually, we were a
13 elevators. So we're staying right there in the
                                                       13 little bit surprised, but we are ahead of the game
14 same steady pace of keeping that same number for a
                                                       14 right now and believe that things are going to
15 while.
                                                       15 pick up and continue to open. We all hope it
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. All right.
                                                       16 will. So I think that our numbers will look
                                                          really good toward the end -- at the end of June.
17 Thank you very much.
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                Does anyone have any comments or
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                                                                       And I want to personally thank
19 questions of Mr. McPherson on his report?
                                                       19 Jennifer Murphy for all of her work. She wears
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                (No verbal response.)
                                                       20 lots of hats, and she's been maintaining our
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. Moving right
                                                       21 permitting process, and that seems to be working
22 along. Thank you, sir.
                                                       22 well for us at this time.
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                Mr. Hardy?
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                                                                       Of course, we know this graph is
                  MR. HARDY: This is Mike Hardy with
                                                      24 going to eventually bell-curve. So we don't know
25 the Amusement Device Unit. Can everyone see the
                                                       25 how COVID has affected us, but we'll see how we
                                             Page 12
1 looked at the year-end and go from there.
                                                        1 can see in this center section, from 16, 17, 18,
                As far as new companies permitted, so
                                                        2 and 19. We were considering those sprained ankles
3 far this fiscal year we've permitted 20 new
                                                        3 and shoulders and elbows as reportable accidents,
 4 companies. And I also think that that's a
                                                        4 but we have since provided a little bit more
 5 positive sign. We had a lot of closures, a lot of
                                                       5 investigation and determined that these accidents
 6 shutdowns, a lot of carnivals that didn't operate,
                                                        6 were not a direct result of any equipment failure
7 of course, during the summer last summer and
                                                        7 on a trampoline or anything associated with those
8 toward the end of -- and during the fall. But we
                                                        8 parks.
9 have permitted 20 new companies.
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                                                                    And that's my report. If anyone has any
                We believe that this graph will
                                                       10 questions, I would be glad to entertain those as
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11 flatline after a point, but there again, we don't
12 know from the effects of COVID and whatever, as
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Mr. Hardy, thank you
13 far as when that will happen. But we're going to
                                                       13 very much. Good report.
14 continue to reach out and permit new companies as
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                                                                       Item Number 7, Old Business.
15 they're discovered.
                                                       15 Mr. Herrod, do we have anything under old business
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                                                       16 that we need to discuss?
             And the number of devices in companies
17 where the permits have been issued, through
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Mr. Chairman, I'm not
18 yesterday, we have permitted -- and that, of
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                                                          aware of it, unless the commissioner, the chief
19 course, correlates to one and one to inspections,
                                                       19 inspector, has any items that he remembers from
20 as well, 1617 devices. So I think we're on track,
                                                          the last time or --
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21 again, to reach last year's number, if not surpass
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                                                                       Ms. Murphy?
22 it.
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                                                                         MS. MURPHY: Nothing.
             And reportable accidents, we've had zero
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Nothing? Okay.
24 so far this fiscal year. We have had some
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. Item
                                                       25 Number 8, under new business, KONE, Mr. Mike
25 reports, as usual, from trampoline parks, as you
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                                                                         MR. RADER: Mitch Raider makes a
 1 Church, Warren County Courthouse. Mr. Church, do
 2 you want to address the Board on this?
                                                       2 motion to approve the variance for the Warren
                  MR. CHURCH: Yes. Good morning.
                                                       3 County Courthouse.
 4 Mike Church, KONE Elevator Company. I'm here to
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                                                                         MS. O'CONNOR: Kelly O'Connor.
                                                                       I'll second that motion.
 5 request a variance on behalf of Warren County for
                                                       5
 6 their courthouse at 111 South Court Square in
                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: We have a motion and
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 7 McMinnville, Tennessee. The County is wanting to
                                                       7 a second. Any discussion?
 8 replace an existing two-stop elevator, which is a
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                                                                       (No verbal response.)
 9 machine room-less traction elevator, with a speed
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Hearing none --
10 of 150 foot a minute.
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                                                                         MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, are
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                The existing pit is 49 inches. And
                                                      11 there any conflicts?
12 KONE is requesting an order for a variance, as in
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                                                                         MR. LaPORTE: Yes. Vic LaPorte,
13 past projects that we've requested in front of the
                                                      13 board member. I'll recuse myself from the vote on
14 Board, to allow a 40 1/2-inch apron guard and use
                                                      14 this, as I am a KONE employee.
15 the existing pit without modification.
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Thank you,
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay.
                                                      16 Mr. Bailey.
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                Mr. McPherson, do you want to respond
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                                                                       Ms. Murphy, roll call vote, please.
18 to that, please?
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                                                                         MS. MURPHY: David Hale?
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                  MR. MCPHERSON: Yes, sir. At 40.5,
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                                                                         MR. HALE: Yes.
20 we can go for that. The max we prefer to allow
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                                                                         MS. MURPHY: Mitch Rader?
21 would be 39 1/2, so I don't have anything against
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                                                                         MR. RADER: Yes.
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                                                                         MS. MURPHY: Larry Moore?
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. What is the
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                                                                         MR. MOORE: Yes.
24 pleasure of the Board? I would entertain a
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                                                                         MS. MURPHY: Lewis Moorer?
25 motion.
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                                                                         MR. MOORER: (No verbal response.)
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                  MS. MURPHY: I saw his lips move
                                                       1 unanimous.
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. Mr. Church, I
 2 yes.
                Kelly O'Connor?
                                                       3 would recognize you for the Stirr Restaurant.
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                  MS. O'CONNOR: Yes.
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                                                                         MR. CHURCH: All right. Thank you
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                  MS. MURPHY: James Roy?
                                                         so much. On behalf of the owners of the Stirr
                                                       6 Restaurant, located at 123 3rd Avenue South in
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                  MR. POPE: (No verbal response.)
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                                                       7 Nashville, Tennessee, the owner is removing a
                  MS. MURPHY: You're muted, James.
                  MR. POPE: (No verbal response.)
                                                       8 traction freight elevator and installing -- and
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                  MS. MURPHY: I'm not sure he's
                                                       9 wants to install a new machine room-less traction
                                                      10 elevator in its place.
10 there anymore.
                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Who is the actual
                                                                       The existing pit is 51 inches. KONE
                                                      11
12 host? Is that you, Jennifer?
                                                      12 is requesting, for the owner, a variance to allow
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                  MS. MURPHY: No, sir. It is Nan.
                                                      13 a 42 1/2-inch apron guard and to use the existing
                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Nan, is there any
                                                      14 pit without modification.
15 way that you can unmute him?
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Mr. McPherson, do
                  MS. GEORGE: I can ask to unmute
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                                                      16 you want to respond, please?
                                                                         MR. MCPHERSON: We will vote or go
17 him. There he is.
                                                      18 with -- that is fine as well. That's kind of the
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                  MR. POPE: Yes.
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay.
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                                                          max. So that has our blessing.
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                  MR. POPE: Sorry about that.
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: That's okay. This
                                                      21 entertain a motion from the Board.
22 is all new to everybody.
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                                                                         MS. O'CONNOR: Kelly O'Connor.
                Okay. Ms. Murphy, have we got
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                                                                       I move to approve the variance.
24 everyone?
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                                                                         MR. HALE: Dave Hale.
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                                                                       I move for a second.
                  MS. MURPHY: Yes, sir. And it was
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1	Page 18 CHAIRMAN FOX: We have a motion and	1	Page 19 Okay. Open discussion items. Is
2	a second to approve. Any further discussion?	2	there anything else on the KONE or under new
3	(No verbal response.)	3	business that we've missed?
4	CHAIRMAN FOX: Hearing none,	4	MS. MURPHY: No, sir.
5	Ms. Murphy?	5	CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. Item
6	MS. MURPHY: David Hale?	6	Number 9, open discussion items.
7	MR. HALE: Yes.	7	Mr. Herrod?
8	MS. MURPHY: Mitch Rader?	8	MR. HERROD: Yes. This is Tom
9	MR. RADER: Yes.	9	Herrod, Assistant Commissioner. I just want to
10	MS. MURPHY: Larry Moore?	10	update the Board on the fee increase changes that
11	MR. MOORE: Yes.	11	we had proposed at the last meeting.
12	MS. MURPHY: Lewis Moorer?	12	After some consideration and talking
13	MR. MOORER: (No verbal response.)	13	to the Attorney General's office, we're
14	MS. MURPHY: He said yes.	14	withdrawing those fee increases for the time being
15	Kelly O'Connor?	15	until we can make some improvements in that from
16	MS. O'CONNOR: Yes.	16	the standpoint that, I think, some of the fee
17	MS. MURPHY: James Roy Pope?	17	increases conflicted with the existing statute.
18	MR. POPE: Yes.	18	So we're going to come back with another proposal
19	MS. MURPHY: It's unanimous.	19	at the next meeting.
20	CHAIRMAN FOX: Did Mr. LaPorte	20	So otherwise, the safety code
21	MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte, board	21	changes, that part of the rule changes, is at the
22	member.	22	Attorney General's office now and will be sent
23	I recuse myself from this vote for	23	back to us and then we'll send it to the Secretary
24	stated conflict.	24	of State's office.
25	CHAIRMAN FOX: Motion carries.	25	With the timing, we're trying to get
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3 4	elevators in their business? In layman's terms,	3	down the road, I believe, before the adoption of
1	what are we going to be asking them to provide or	5	the 2019 would be requested.
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7	MR. JACKSON: This would be only on	7	CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. So you're asking this board to approve this for new
8	new installations that a lot of the local	8	installations?
9	jurisdictions Nashville, Knoxville, Franklin	9	MR. JACKSON: No, sir. What I am
1	a lot of them have adopted the 2018 IBC building		
10	code. We've got some of these local jurisdictions	10	requesting is that we inspect to the standard of the A17.1 safety code that the State of Tennessee
12	that are requesting that they put this visual	12	has adopted. We're wanting to stick with we
1		13	feel like since there's a direct conflict with the
13	text-based system on the elevators.		
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15	elevators to does not reference this requirement until the 2019 edition of the A17.1 elevator and	15	should follow the standard of the A17.1 code.
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18	escalator safety standard. So as far as the cost,	17	pleasure of the Board?
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21	it's not in A17.1, there's no guide for us to inspect this communication. There's no quide for	21	expect them to inspect in accordance with IBC, so
22	us to inspect it to.	22	I think we should stick with what's in Al7.1. So
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- 12 private-resident unit that does not meet the
- 13 safety requirements of the A17.1 elevator code or
- 14 the Al8.1 safety standard for platform lifts and
- 15 stairway chairlifts, if any of these type units
- 16 have been installed.
- 17 I've been in contact with Chris
- 18 Jenkins, who is a Sevier County codes inspector,
- 19 and he informed me there is a significant number
- 20 of elevators that have been installed over the
- 21 years. I also spoke with a State of Tennessee
- 22 Fire Marshal, Mr. Bainbridge, who approves plans
- 23 and inspects the larger cabins, and advised both
- 24 we were going to approach the Elevator Board for
- 25 their guidance on how to address this issue.

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- 1 verify that they are safe for the public to use.
- 2 These home elevators have collapsable gates on
- 3 them.
- 4 They put them in homes, which is
- 5 fine, but you put one on a commercial property and
- 6 you've got people or kids running around playing
- 7 on this thing, you know, you can stick your hand
- 8 in a gate and you can open that gate up and little
- 9 fingers would be smashed up pretty bad. Plus they
- 10 could also reach through the gate and touch the 11 wall as the unit is moving. The walls are flush,
- 12 but there's still a possibility of them getting
- 13 their arm hung and their arm sucked down between
- 14 the gate and the wall itself.
- 15 So what we need is a recommendation
- 16 from the Board or what the Board feels -- how they
- 17 feel this should be handled on an inspection basis
- 18 for our department.
- 19 CHAIRMAN FOX: Comments from the
- 20 Board?
- 21 MR. HALE: David Hale,
- 22 Mr. Chairman.
- Mr. Jackson, so what is your
- 24 recommendation as far as existing elevators? Are
- 25 you suggesting that we need to go back and make

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- 1 They've both informed me they would assist us in
- 2 any manner we request. We really don't know how
- 3 many of these have been installed because nobody
- 4 is permitted. We found this out by accident. We
- 5 actually had an elevator company, and he had
- 6 called me in the past and asked -- they were going
- to put a LULA, limited use limited accessibility,
- 8 elevator in a unit and he asked me if it needed to
- 9 be permitted. And I asked him, is this a
- private-residence elevator, and he said no, it's
- strictly for rental. 11
- 12 So they permitted it and put it in,
- 13 and when the owner of the lodge found out that the
- 14 State was going to inspect it, he got upset and
- said that the State didn't have jurisdiction over 15
- it because it wasn't a hotel or a motel and that
- it was being installed under the residential code. 17
- 18 Residential code, hotel and motel, fall under R3
- 19 in the International Building Code.
 - I feel like if this is going to be
- 21 rental property only and it's not a private
- residence, then it falls under the same category.
- 23 These people are renting this out for -- as a
- 24 commercial property, in our opinion, and we feel
- 25 like we should be inspecting these units just to
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- 1 those elevators all be changed?
- MR. JACKSON: That is a really good
- 3 question, because I really don't know what the
- 4 answer would be on that. As far as a safety
- 5 standpoint, I feel like we should look at every
- 6 unit that's out there and put it under our
- 7 umbrella of inspecting, our inspection process.
- 8 As far as going back in on existing
- 9 units, that's probably a little bit over my head
- on what kind of decision is to be made on that. 10
- It's going to be a huge expense to some of these
- 12 folks that have put these units in, unknowing that
- they should have permitted it. 13
- 14 I really feel like these elevator
- 15 companies that are installing them, I feel like
- they should've reached out and done a little bit 16
- 17 more homework on seeing what was code compliant
- and what wasn't. If it's strictly rental, I would
- think that they would know it should be under the
- 20 State's umbrella.
- 21 But as far as going in on existing
- 22 units, that one goes a little over my head. I
- 23 quess I would defer back to Mr. Bailey on that. I
- 24 don't know what the legal aspects are on what
- 25 would be grandfathered and what wouldn't and what

Page 30 Page 31 1 we could do, as far as going into these existing 1 other inspecting units or other code units in 2 establishments. 2 cities and counties to try to get them to work CHAIRMAN FOX: Mr. Jackson, I would 4 submit to you that a lot of times these folks will 4 When these plans are submitted to 5 fill out a permit and they'll say it's for my 5 them to approve, if there's an elevator, if we 6 second home, and then about the time they get 6 could get them to notify us that the unit is going 7 ready to get the CO on it, they say, "Oh, it's now 7 in, we would be ahead of the game on that, and, 8 also, educating a lot of the smaller elevator 8 going to be a cabin rental. I've changed my 9 mind." 9 companies that are installing these units, let 10 MR. JACKSON: Very good point. 10 them know that if it's going in a rental property, 11 CHAIRMAN FOX: So something that --11 it has to be permitted. And then if they don't 12 I tried to figure this out this morning -- is how 12 permit it after we let them know, then I feel like 13 would you be notified if it were that we have an 13 we should possibly have them come in front of the 14 elevator proposed in that construction piece? 14 Board and explain why they're installing the units 15 Would you get that from the individual counties 15 after they've been advised they have to contact 16 and cities that issue the permits for the cabins? 16 us. That would be my recommendation. 17 MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir. I feel 17 MS. O'CONNOR: Mr. Jackson -- Kelly 18 like, after speaking with the inspector in Sevier 18 O'Connor -- let me ask you. And I'm just playing 19 devil's advocate here. I don't own my own house. 19 County and speaking with the State Fire Marshal 20 that approves the larger units, both of those 20 I live in a rental house. This was built for and 21 gentlemen said they would be more than happy to 21 by residential codes. I'm a long-term renter. 22 let us know when one of these elevators is being 22 I've lived in this place for 20 years. What is 23 installed. So we would be able to be ahead of the 23 the definition or where is the drawing line 24 game. And it's also a process, I feel, we would 24 between long-term rentals and short-term rentals? 25 have to reach out to anybody we could as far as 25 I know we're talking more Airbnb and 1 high turnover. But I think we're getting into 1 like a -- it's like an apartment or a hotel. So 2 some murky areas here as to what constitutes 2 it sort of falls under the same classifications as 3 commercial and what constitutes residential, 3 a lot of the units we inspect, as far as the way 4 aren't we? 4 we see it. MR. JACKSON: This is Thomas MS. O'CONNOR: So these cabins are 6 Jackson. 6 multifamily? 7 I agree a hundred percent. There is MR. JACKSON: No, ma'am, we don't 8 a fine line that needs to be walked on this. 8 consider them multifamily. But -- all right, an 9 Because, you're a long-term rental. Okay. To us, 9 example -- and I'm not an expert on this. This is 10 that would -- to me/us I feel like that would be 10 all pretty new stuff to me. So as far as all the residential and IBC-R codes, there's a lot of 11 nontransient. You're there for the long-term. It 12 sort of falls under the same category as private 12 differentiation in it. But we look at it as --13 residence where we strictly do not enforce any 13 multifamily would be like an apartment complex. 14 private residence inspections. 14 These are lodges that they're building, and then 15 On the transient rentals, where you 15 they're renting these lodges out to -- let's say 16 have people rolling in and out every week, that's 16 the Elevator Board wanted to have a meeting or a 17 the main issue I feel we need to address, because 17 get-together away, you might go in and rent one of 18 it's not someone that's renting that property and these lodges and each of you have your own 19 that's their home. This is somewhere they're individual rooms, then, with a big, joint family 20 going on vacation. I was in Florida a couple of 20 room downstairs, such as that. So we're looking 21 weeks ago and I was in a condo. It didn't have an 21 at the thing as a hotel. CHAIRMAN FOX: This is Robbie Fox. 22 elevator, but it's a rental property. 22 So we inspect elevators in apartments 23 What spurred this, Ms. O'Connor, 24 as long as it's not in a single-family unit. And 24 they're building cabins here now that have --

25 there's one that I know of that has 22 bedrooms

25 these are not single-family units. This is just

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1 and 22 bathrooms -- well, actually, more

- 2 bathrooms. But they have an elevator in it, and
- 3 so they classified that as a residence, not as a
- 4 commercial venture. And, you know, they're
- 5 getting a couple thousand dollars a night, up to
- 6 three or four thousand dollars a night in some
- 7 cases in some of these places. So that's where
- 8 the -- that's a commercial venture versus a
- 9 residence.
- 10 And then, like yourself in the
- 11 apartments, there's certainly a difference there.
- 12 MS. O'CONNOR: Let me ask, again,
- 13 Mr. Jackson, has there been any research done in
- 14 other states, particularly Florida, other tourist
- 15 areas? Because, you know, this is not the first
- 16 time this has happened, this Airbnb-kind of-
- 17 phenomenon. And I don't know if these are Airbnb
- 18 or not, but it sounds like that is what's kind of
- 19 spurred this on. What are other states doing on
- 20 this? Do we know?
- 21 MR. JACKSON: This is Thomas
- 22 Jackson.
- 23 No, ma'am. We haven't researched to
- 24 this point. And I'm not sure of the differences
- 25 in an Airbnb and the type of installations that

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- 1 we're talking about on these rental cabins, these
- 2 large rental cabins. There again, I'm not really
- 3 sure what other states are doing and how they're
- 4 addressing it. We can do some research and check
- 5 into it. I can reach out to some other AHJs and
- 6 find out if they've had this come up in their
- 7 jurisdictions.
- 8 But, like I said, it's one of these
- 9 how do you weigh it out and what approach should
- 10 we take, or should we take an approach. That's
- 11 why we wanted to bring it in front of the Board to
- 12 get your opinion and get your thoughts of the
- 13 process.
- 14 MR. MOORE: This is Larry Moore,
- 15 board member.
- 16 From my perspective, I wholeheartedly
- 17 believe that they should be inspected and should
- 18 be permitted. For one thing, the elevators are
- 19 being installed. As far as the money for the
- 20 owners, the elevator is being used as a selling
- 21 point or a renting point to these owners. So as
- 22 far as the expense for the permit, I don't see
- 23 that as a problem.
- 24 My second point is if I was a renter
- 25 and my children were on these elevators, I would

- 1 want to know that they had been inspected, and not
- 2 just assume that because it's an elevator, it's
- 3 been inspected. And I would venture to say that
- 4 most people that rent these automatically assume
- 5 that the elevator did go in in accordance with
- 6 code and has been inspected by a state inspector
- 7 and is safe for their family members to ride on.
- And, you know, that's, in my opinion,
- 9 what this Board is for, is keeping the public safe
- 10 by making sure our elevators are safe and
- 11 installed and inspected in accordance with code.
- 12 So I wholeheartedly support performing the
- 13 inspections and permitting these elevators
- 14 because, you know, it's a conveyance. It's a
- 15 conveyance for people and not private individuals
- 16 and their private residences. So that's my
- 17 opinion.
- 18 MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte, board
- 19 member.
- 20 We just did all the rule changes for
- 21 the upcoming 2016 code. And as far as private
- 22 residence elevators, we've basically matched what
- 23 was already in place in the 2010 code.
- 24 Mr. Jackson, I understand your point
- 25 about not inspecting residences. I think the code

- 1 that we follow has nothing to do with the property
- 2 for the Elevator Unit. We don't inspect
- 3 residential elevators. So if there's a
- 4 residential elevator, for some reason, in a
- 5 commercial setting, you guys still would not
- 6 inspect that.
- 7 It sounds to me like this is a wrong
- 8 piece of equipment, maybe, in the wrong
- 9 application. But if you start inspecting these
- 10 residential elevators, I think you're setting a
- 11 precedence of where do we stop inspecting
- 12 residential elevators.
- 13 I would believe more that, moving
- 14 forward, that if they are going to be permitted,
- 15 they should be LULAs or the type of units that the
- 16 elevator department does inspect. As far as the
- 17 existing ones, I don't believe that we should
- start inspecting them. And a couple of things,
- maybe -- we'd have to really think this through,
- 20 but it would be not popular with the owners, but
- we can ask that they be removed from service or
- 22 maybe that they're locked out of just regular
- 23 public use. And that if somebody comes and rents
- 24 these cabins, that is handicapped, that's actually 25 in the need of the use of the elevator, that it is

Page 38 1 unlocked for that person. That's the only 2 authorized person and that he's trained on how to 3 use it. And it's not just open for, like you 4 said, anybody's kids, dogs, whatever. That might 5 avoid the impact of removing these from service. 6 But definitely that they are locked off, limited use, only with proper training. But, again, I think if we start 9 saying that we want to go back and start 10 inspecting residential elevators that we just 11 specifically excluded in our rule changes, I can 12 see that as a huge conflict and I don't know where 13 that can of worms stops at that point. 14 MR. JACKSON: Thomas Jackson. 15 I think that's a really good 16 suggestion, as far as it's sort of, like, 17 grandfathering, but then putting a restriction on 18 it to where only someone who's handicapped would 19 have access to it. And then the rental property

23 suggestion.
 24 MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte, board
 25 member again.

20 or the owner could actually hand that person the

21 key that could turn it on and use it while he was

22 renting the property. That would be a very good

Page 39 1 As far as inspecting them, while I 2 don't think, again, because of the rule changes 3 that are current and the ones that are hopefully 4 going to be in place July 1st prevent us from 5 doing so, there are other avenues to get those inspected, if you are comfortable recommending a private inspection company, a consultant with a 8 QEI license or someone who is not barred by our state rules from inspecting those for that private 10 customer. I don't know that you can enforce that, but we can certainly, you know, highly suggest 12 that a qualified elevator inspector, other than someone employed by the state elevator department 14 inspects those. 15 MR. HALE: Mr. Chairman, David 16 Hale. 17 I think part of the point of this is, 18 though, that these aren't residences. If you 19 build a 22-bedroom -- you know, unless you're a 20 movie star, you didn't build a 22-bedroom house. 21 And if you build a 22 -- the example that Chairman Fox gave, for instance, you built that and you 23 built it for the purpose of making money, it's not 24 a residence. It's a money-making venture just 25 like the Hilton Hotel is or whatever.

Page 40 So I think part of the point is --2 part of Mr. Jackson's point is, is these aren't 3 residences; so therefore, they shouldn't have 4 residential elevators. And from another angle of 5 that, from my 30 years in the fire service, it 6 concerns me that fire departments are responding, 7 expecting those elevators to be commercial 8 elevators to find that they're residential 9 elevators, and they're trying to deal with 10 emergencies in those situations. MS. O'CONNOR: But doesn't this go 12 back to codes and who is inspecting it initially? 13 And if they're inspecting to residential codes, I 14 don't know where we get into that. 15 MR. JACKSON: This is Thomas 16 Jackson. 17 Right now these units are not being 18 inspected. I spoke with Mr. Jenkins in Sevier 19 County, and we were talking and I asked him -- I 20 said, is anybody inspecting these units. And he 21 said, the only thing that I know is I actually 22 have found out some of the measurements. And he 23 said, I asked just to go in and take some

24 measurements just to do the basics. He said he

25 doesn't know anything about elevators, that he's

1 not, you know, licensed to inspect, but that he 2 knew nobody was looking at these, and he was just 3 going in and just, basically, just taking 4 measurements to make sure that the running 5 clearance between the car and the wall was right. 6 I don't think he was going through 7 safety circuits and going through the process that our inspectors go when they accept an elevator or 9 when they do a bi-annual inspection. But he was doing the best he could. 10 11 I mean, that gentleman, I'll give him credit. He 12 did something. And there's a lot of people that would have just said I don't know anything about 14 that and just walk away. So I think the gentleman 15 has tried to look at them and make sure they're as 16 safe as he can. But as he's stated to me, he's 17 not an elevator inspector. He's just doing the 18 best he could. So right now no one is looking at 19 these units other than this one gentleman. And I 20 don't know what --21 MS. O'CONNOR: I --22 MR. JACKSON: I don't know what 23 other jurisdictions. I don't know if this is going on all over the state. We have different 25 areas that, you know, there may be an area where

Page 42 Page 43 1 people go in and vacation or spend time, and we 1 or shouldn't have attention; just not from the 2 don't know if other units have been installed like 2 elevator department. 3 this in other parts of the state. 3 MR. JACKSON: Thomas Jackson. MS. O'CONNOR: I agree that this is I really haven't been looking or 5 a problem. I just don't know -- it feels like 5 really haven't tried to address the individual 6 it's out -- we're straying out of our lane in 6 single dwelling. I'm more concerned right now 7 doing this, though. 7 with these multiple-room units that they're 8 MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte --8 renting out, as far as what Chairman Fox spoke of 9 MR. JACKSON: Thomas Jackson. 9 a minute ago to where they're having 14 or 20 10 I agree. 10 rooms that they rent out, and then they stick an 11 11 elevator over to the side and no one is checking MR. LaPORTE: Ms. O'Connor, to your 12 point, there's rental homes -- there are 12 it out. 13 single-family homes in downtown Nashville that 13 The single-home units -- and really I 14 people rent. And people might have a 20-year 14 haven't even tried to touch base on that at this 15 lease or a 1-year lease that they renew 20 times, 15 point. I'm more concerned with these big rental 16 or they might only be there every six months and units that they're building. I feel like if I go 16 17 you have a new family in there. It's almost an rent a property, and I'm the only one -- me and my 17 18 identical situation and just the frequency is 18 family are the only ones that are going to be in 19 different. I mean, if it's a residential elevator 19 that residence, then that's a different 20 in a residential structure built for a single 20 circumstance from what I'm trying to address. I 21 family, even though they rented it every weekend, 21 may not have been real clear on that. But if I go 22 again, it's the type of unit that we're looking at 22 rent a cabin and it's got an elevator in it, I'm 23 the elevator department permitting and inspecting, 23 the only one that's in there, me and my family. 24 And it's not like there's 20 different people that 24 and we have specifically written that out of our 25 rules. I'm not saying it doesn't need attention 25 are renting 20 different rooms and they've got an 1 elevator set out in the middle and it's not being MS. O'CONNOR: Kelly O'Connor. 1 2 checked or inspected, in any case. It's a little But still, doesn't that go back to 3 bit different circumstance. It may not be 3 who's issuing that building occupancy? I mean, if 4 legally -- I'm not sure. But I'm looking at it, 4 it was initially inspected as a residence, you 5 as far as just the aspect of if it looks more like 5 know, regardless of whether there's an elevator or 6 a hotel than it does a private residence or a 6 not, how that elevator is a residential unit, 7 single-family home or a single-home rental 7 that -- we're straying -- aren't we straying out 8 property, I feel like it falls under a different 8 of our lane by saying yes, this -- you know, it's 9 category. And there again, I may be totally out a 22-room lodge that is being rented out 10 frequently -- aren't we straying out of our lane? 10 in left field with my thinking, but... 11 MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte. 11 If that building occupancy is for residential --12 Yeah. I guess I wasn't completely 12 and there again, I agree that there's a problem 13 clear with that. I'm talking about single family, 13 here, but I don't know that it's within our 14 one lease to one family. If you have a 22-room 14 jurisdiction to stray over in that lane. 15 cabin that you've got 22 different leases on, 15 MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte. 16 that's clearly commercial. 16 No. Because that's what you're 17 MR. JACKSON: Right. 17 saying is basically the same thing as an apartment 18 MR. LaPORTE: And then a private 18 building. And that's very clear, that's 19 residence elevator should not be in that building, commercial. And we do not allow residential 19 20 and that should be removed from service, period. 20 elevators installed in an apartment building with 21 That's the wrong piece of equipment, for many 21 multiple units and multiple dwellings. 22 reasons, for that application, including use and 22 So I think, clearly, somebody here 23 duty, not just safety, but capacity usage. Those 23 made a mistake by allowing an elevator to be 24 units are not made to run that much. So that's 24 installed under a permit, whether -- not an

25 elevator permit, but, obviously, a building permit

25 clearly a misapplication.

Page 46 1 somewhere was allowed. And somebody made a big 2 mistake is what it sounds like to me. So the 3 question here is how to cure that mistake. CHAIRMAN FOX: This is Robbie Fox, 5 Chairman. Going back to give just a little bit 7 of background, this is sort of an anomaly here in 8 Sevier County, as they're building these large 9 cabins everywhere. They're overnight rentals. 10 They are not -- they don't have anything to do 11 with a family coming to visit, spend the night, go 12 home. I mean, this is a deal where you'll have 13 40, 50, 60 people in one home, one house. It's 14 not a house. It's a mini hotel, Mr. LaPorte. 15 That's a good point.

16 And that's what's going on. And 17 these things are cropping up everywhere. And, you 18 know, I don't want us inspecting residential 19 elevators. I do not. I don't think that's 20 something that -- but in this case, you've got a 21 lot of people -- to Mr. Moore's point a minute 22 ago -- who think that this elevator in these large 23 cabins has been inspected and it's safe. That's

25 have some oversight. Now, again, what that is, 1 would have to have a commercial license to do so.

2 And I don't know if that's what would trigger this

24 why I would stray and -- or say that we need to

3 or not. You know, if it is a single-home

5 residence, even if that's rented, I don't see that 6 as being something that we would ask the

7 inspectors to find and police. But, you know,

8 something -- and I'm aware of what's going in down

9 there. And you're right. They're hotels.

10 They're mini hotels, is what they are.

So I don't know, Mitch. Is there any 12 way you, for instance, would be flagged that that

13 is happening? Not that you should be the police,

14 but that, you know -- what would trigger that?

15 MR. RADER: You know, that's a good

16 question. I really don't know. A lot of these

17 cabins go with these property management

18 companies. They're not rented by the individual.

19 They're not rented through Airbnb or VRBO.

20 They're going on to Cabins USA or the various

21 property management companies.

I would say that possibly could be a

23 starting point, would be the property management

24 companies. Of course, they also have to receive a

25 CO, once the construction is done, by the City.

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1 I'm not totally clear on what I think we need to

2 do, but part of the process, to me, would be

3 notification from the permit writer to the State

4 of Tennessee. And at some point, the State Fire

5 Marshal's office should be notified. And then if

6 they're putting an elevator in it, that's probably

7 a red flag or at least a notice over to the

8 elevator group as to what's happening with the

9 elevator. To me that would be the process.

10 And I don't know how to make that

11 happen. And that may be Mr. Herrod or Mr. Bailey

12 who does the process or notification. And then,

13 obviously, if we inspect them, that comes down to

14 Mr. Jackson and Mr. McPherson.

15 MR. MOORE: Larry Moore, board

16 member.

17 Is there not a commercial business

18 license that these owners are applying for?

19 Robbie? Mitch? You know, it would seem to me

20 like that that would be the triggering factor.

21 You know, if you go out to do -- you know, write

an insurance policy for this particular building,

23 or if you are, you know, somebody that's building

24 a residential home and then, all of a sudden,

25 going to start renting it, I would think they

1 So in order to grant a CO, they would need to make

2 sure that the elevator is inspected.

But to Robbie's point, this is a huge

4 industry up here, and it is a for-profit business.

5 And these cabins are getting larger and larger.

6 In fact, it's a big part of my industry and my

7 agency. We write a lot of it. You're seeing the

8 cabins getting bigger and bigger, and, certainly,

9 I didn't really realize that a lot of these

10 elevators that would go in there were residential

11 elevators. But I do know of several cabins, just

12 as Robbie was saying, that are 20-plus rooms. So

13 they're acting just like a hotel.

14 But to my point, to get a CO, that

15 would be a good starting point.

16 MR. HALE: David Hale.

17 Mr. Chairman, is it that -- would it

18 be possible that we set some type of length of

19 residency that is required to establish it as a

20 residence versus a commercial piece of property?

21 In other words, if somebody is going to occupy it

22 for greater than 30 days, then it's a residence.

23 If they're not somebody that's going -- the same

24 family occupying it for whatever that amount of

25 time is, it's a commercial property. There's got

Page 50 Page 51 1 to be some kind of a way to determine what makes 1 sprinklers, which require a lot of different 2 it a residence, and just the fact that it's got a 2 safety standards that a residence doesn't require. 3 bedroom doesn't make it a residence. I think 3 And that's where I am seeing where the difference 4 there's got to be some kind of trigger there, and 4 is. So with regard to the elevators, if it were a 5 whether that's the length of residency by that 5 hotel being built -- using Mr. LaPorte's example, 6 single person. Otherwise, I could go over here 6 if it were a hotel being built and we found out 7 and build a hotel and build me an apartment in it they had built it using a residential elevator, I 8 and say nope, it's a residence, and all those 8 mean, how did they get their CO, doing that, that 9 other rooms are just, you know, there for my 9 we would find out? I mean, in my mind, it's a 10 friends to stop by. codes violation, and whoever issued that CO really 11 made a huge mistake. And that's the dividing You've got to have some kind of 12 trigger. 12 line, if that makes sense. 13 CHAIRMAN FOX: Mr. Hale, in 13 CHAIRMAN FOX: This is Robbie Fox. It does. Ms. O'Connor, one of the 14 response, I think there is, in the building 14 15 permit-type legislation and rules and regulations, 15 things -- again, part of the residency requirement 16 there is a rule that states that you must -- if is 30 consecutive days. And in these cabins, or 16 17 you declare it a residence, you must stay there a 17 the cabins being built -- and I think this is 18 minimum of 30 consecutive days. I think that's 18 according to the Fire Marshal and the building 19 correct. inspectors -- if there are over 8 -- no, over 20 MS. O'CONNOR: Kelly O'Connor. 20 12 people staying in the cabin at any one time, I think this is where I keep getting 21 that that facility has to be sprinkled. And then 22 hung up, too, is, in my understanding, there's two what happens is these folks come in and sign a 23 different building codes. There's one for 23 document that says that there will never be more 24 residential building codes; there's another one 24 than 8 inside that facility, but no one goes by 25 for commercial properties, which requires 25 and does the cabin police to check them, because Page 52 1 they just don't have time. And there are 1 VRBO or Airbnb. It's getting 180 to 225 nights 2 approximately -- Mitch, keep me honest here --2 rented a year. 3 between 16,000 and 18,500 cabins here in Sevier 3 MR. HALE: David Hale. 4 County. 4 But not by the same person. MR. RADER: That would be accurate. 5 MR. RADER: Correct. Yeah. MR. HALE: Right. I think that's 6 That would be accurate. 6 7 7 the key to it, right? Not the same person staying CHAIRMAN FOX: So --MR. RADER: I mean, how many have 8 there for 30 days. 9 an elevator, I wouldn't know, but I'm sure there 9 MR. RADER: Right. 10 MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte. 10 are several. CHAIRMAN FOX: I say that based So if this was a small 20-room 11 11 12 upon intimate knowledge. My sister is the one who 12 Hampton Inn, we wouldn't even be having this 13 discussion, right? We would be locking that unit 13 issues the building permits for those. She is the 14 person who issues the building permits for Sevier 14 out and asking them to tear it out. This is kind 15 County. And there are numerous cabins being built 15 of the same situation. This is just a 16 with the elevators proposed in them. 16 cabin-looking Hampton Inn to match East Tennessee. MR. HALE: Mr. Chair, would there 17 It's no different. It's -- and again, if it was a 18 be a way that we could say if there's greater than 18 Hampton Inn or a Hilton, we would be there making 19 sure this unit was taken out of service. 19 four bedrooms, and those rooms are being rented 20 out for less than 30 days at a time, that it's 20 CHAIRMAN FOX: Robbie Fox. 21 commercial? 21 Any other comment on this or MR. RADER: If it's an overnight 22 questions? 23 rental cabin, it's getting 200-plus nights rented. 23 MR. HALE: David Hale. 24 So they differentiate it as an overnight rental 24 I still think -- to Mr. Jackson's 25 and it's on a property management company or it's 25 question, I think as a Board, we need to give them

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 1 something to -- a platform to stand on, you know,
                                                        1 have the meeting within 30 days or 45?
                                                                         MR. HERROD: I think we could
 2 whether it's the number of rooms or something. We
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 3 need to give them something that says 22 rooms is
                                                        3 within 45 days. If we had it within 30 -- we need
 4 not a residence. You know, 22 rooms being rented
                                                        4 to give a 30-day notice. So anything over
 5 individually or for less than X amount of time,
                                                        5 30 days, we could announce that and have it a
 6 something to qualify that. I think they deserve
                                                        6 month and one day from now, actually. But we can
  to have something to work from.
                                                        7 do that if that's the Board's recommendation.
                  MR. HERROD: Mr. Chairman?
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                                                        8 We'll do it at a certain time that meets the
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Yes?
                                                        9 requirements of posting for the public to be aware
                  MR. HERROD: This is Tom Herrod.
                                                       10 of it.
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                The discussion sways me one way or
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Well, the reason I
12 the other, depending on who is speaking at the
                                                       12 ask that, the 45 days, is that's the time when
13 time. So I think maybe we need, as the elevator
                                                       13 everything opens up here, about April the 15th.
14 group, to do a little more research, as someone
                                                       14 And so we're going to be in full swing at that
15 suggested, to find out what other states have done
                                                       15 time. And I can tell you right now that the
16 and maybe get with our legal counsel and look at
                                                       16 building is going on like crazy.
17 the law a little bit closer and just see if we
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                                                                         MS. MURPHY: Forty-five days is
18 have any jurisdiction at all on how we can handle
                                                       18 April 13th.
19 this.
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Is that a Tuesday?
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                It probably would be good to either
                                                                         MS. MURPHY: Yes, sir.
21 come back at a special meeting in 30 days or
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Okay. Mr. Chairman,
22 45 days or wait until the next board meeting to
                                                       22 we can do that on the April the 13th, a Tuesday,
23 have more clarification on this issue and give
                                                       23 if that meets with everybody's approval.
24 everybody time to think about it.
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN FOX: Does anybody have a
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Mr. Herrod, could we
                                                       25 hard conflict?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                                                                       I have access to the International
                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. 9:00 Central
                                                        2 Building Code. I do not have a residential code,
                                                        3 but I can probably come across one. I can speak
 3 Standard time?
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                  MR. HERROD: No, sir. Daylight.
                                                        4 with one of the fire marshals locally and see if
                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Oh, that's right.
                                                        5 he's got one that I can look at, or I can purchase
 6 We do change to daylight savings. All right.
                                                        6 one.
                  MR. HERROD: And it will be
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                                                                       But I can get the definitions and try
 8 virtual, this special meeting. It will be a Zoom
                                                       8 to get some terminology and see if there's any
 9 meeting.
                                                        9 more information in the residential code that I
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                  CHAIRMAN FOX: Well, this has been
                                                       10 haven't pulled out of the International Building
11 good discussion, and we've identified a few
                                                       11 Code. I know there's going to be a difference. I
12 issues. I appreciate everybody bringing that to
                                                       12 know right now that the State Fire Marshal gets
13 our attention.
                                                       13 involved if a unit is over so many rooms, if the
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                  MR. MOORE: Mr. Fox, this is Larry
                                                       14 capacity is so many. And I can get back with him
15 Moore, board member.
                                                       15 and verify. I'm thinking that -- and I may be
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                Would it be possible for someone with
                                                       16 mistaken. I probably shouldn't even say anything,
17 access to several different versions of, like, the
                                                       17 but I will. If it's over five rooms, I think the
18 international residential code, International
                                                       18 category changes, and whether it falls under the
19 Building Code, and, of course, the elevator code
                                                       19 IBC R-3 structure or whether it falls under a
20 to have specific definitions for what is a
                                                       20 residential code.
21 residence, what is -- you know, different
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                                                                       So I'll do some research on those and
22 definitions for us to use in our discussion in
                                                       22 I can definitely come up with a little bit more
23 45 days? Does that sound okay?
                                                       23 information. This came on us real quick. This is
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                  MR. JACKSON: This is Thomas
                                                       24 something that just came up a week or two ago, and
25 Jackson.
                                                       25 I've researched it, you know, as fast as I could
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Page 58 Page 59 1 listings of qualified inspectors that typically 1 so I could present it to the Board. But I can 2 definitely go and do some more research on the 2 inspect amusement devices. Now, we accomplish 3 definitions and see if there's anything that 3 this in the law on our find-an-inspector page of 4 differentiates which code these units are being 4 our website, and we have a direct link to NAARSO, 5 built under. 5 AIMS, and ACCT, which are the three certifying MR. LaPORTE: Vic LaPorte. 6 agencies. Larry, I was just thinking the same 7 Recently, NAARSO has changed their 8 thing. There's also very good definitions of not 8 configuration on their website. It makes it 9 only the structure, but in A17.1 2010 and '16, 9 extremely hard because I think there are thousands 10 Section 5.3 of private residence elevators and 10 of names and inspectors on that inspector listing 11 where they're applicable. So I can provide those 11 through NAARSO alone. And it makes it extremely 12 definitions and email them out to everybody. 12 hard for, you know, some smaller amusement 13 CHAIRMAN FOX: That would be great. companies to actually find an inspector from these 14 Okay. So we're looking at 14 listings. So we accomplished the law's intent by 15 April 13th, 9:00 a.m. daylight savings time, and 15 continuing to supply these lists, but we also have 16 reconvene to discuss the elevator issue. 16 recently added a condensed listing to the website. 17 Is there anything else for the good 17 It's not up yet, but the proposal is -- it's being 18 of the order? 18 created now, that our customers can go to that 19 MR. HARDY: Chairman Fox, I have condensed listing and they can find smaller 20 something from the Amusement Device Unit -- I'll 20 listings from each, AIMS, ACCT, and NAARSO, to 21 be brief -- for open discussion. 21 help them more easily find an inspector. 22 CHAIRMAN FOX: All right. 22 So that's in the works for us, and I 23 MR. HARDY: The law requires --23 think it's going to be beneficial for, you know, 24 and, Dan, you help me if I misspeak here -- but 24 the mom and pop inflatable operator down the 25 the law requires that the Commissioner will supply 25 street that might have limited computer Page 61 1 capability, and I think it will help our customer 1 (No verbal response.) 2 base to more readily and easily find an inspector. CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. Thank you, 3 It's almost impossible now, with the changes that 3 Mr. Hardy. 4 NAARSO has made, to go in and navigate to someone Announcement of the next meetings: 4 5 in our area that provides those services. So 5 The date for the board meetings of 2021 would be 6 that's something that's up and coming, and we're 6 June 1st, 9:00 a.m. Central daylight time; 7 going to maintain that on a monthly basis, if 7 September 14th, 2021, Central daylight; and 8 needed, just like we do our compliant and 8 December the 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, 2021, 9 noncompliant list on the website. 9 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time. 10 And the only other thing is that --And Ms. Murphy said earlier it's 10 11 and thanks to you, Chairman, for the original 11 possible that we might get to meet in person on 12 invitation. When this meeting is over we're going 12 June 1st. 13 to head over to East Tennessee and observe the 13 MS. MURPHY: Fingers crossed. 14 inspections. Dollywood is undergoing their annual MR. HALE: Mr. Chair, should we 15 inspections, and we like to go over there and meet 15 recess instead of adjourn -- that might be a Dan 16 with those guys and kind of observe what they're 16 Bailey question -- so that we can still conduct 17 doing, try to learn a little bit about the 17 business on April the 13th? 18 inspection techniques and points on major rides 18 CHAIRMAN FOX: Mr. Bailey? 19 like we find in Dollywood. 19 MR. BAILEY: I think that would And that's all I had. I just wanted 20 probably be -- if the purpose for the April 13th 21 to report those two activities. And I would be 21 meeting is only to discuss this item of these 22 glad to answer any questions on those if anyone 22 cabins, then I think it's probably best to recess 23 has any. 23 instead of adjourn. 24 CHAIRMAN FOX: Any questions from 24 CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. So I would

25 entertain a motion to recess until April 13th.

25 the group?

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1	MR. HALE: So moved.	1 CERTIFICATE
2	MR. RADER: Second.	2 STATE OF TENNESSEE) 3 COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)
3	CHAIRMAN FOX: Okay. We have a	
4	motion and a second.	4 I, Cassandra M. Beiling, a Notary Public 5 in the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify:
5	It's been a great meeting. Thank	6 That the within is a true and accurate
6	you-all. I appreciate everyone's attendance and	7 transcript of the proceedings taken via Zoom Video
7	your attention and your information. Very good.	8 Conference before the Elevator and Amusement
8	Thank you.	9 Device Safety Board and the Chief Inspector or the
9	(Board meeting recessed until	10 Chief Inspector's Designee, Tennessee Department
10	April 13th, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Daylight Savings	11 of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of
11	Time.)	12 Workplace Regulations and Compliance, Elevator and
12		13 Amusement Device Unit, on the 2nd day of March,
13		14 2021.
14		15 I further certify that I am not related to
1		16 any of the parties to this action, by blood or
15		17 marriage, and that I am in no way interested in
16		18 the outcome of this matter.
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18		20 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
19		21 hand this 27th day of March, 2021.
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23		24 NOTARY Cassandra M. Beiling, LCR# 371
24		Notary Public State at Large
25		25 My commission expires: 3/10/2024
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