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OREGON SPECIFIC EXAMINATION TASK FORCE

Minutes of Meeting

December 13, 2013

Members present:

Sue Newstetter, Chair

James Doane

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Matt Bryan

Jennifer O'Neill

Joy Pariente

Brianna Weekly

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General

Anne Hillyer (Observer)

Art Noxon, PE (Acoustical)

The meeting of the Oregon Specific Examination Task Force (Task Force) was called to order at 12:01 p.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

New Business

Examinee Comment Form

An examinee requested that OSBEELS provide sample examinations of the Acoustical Examination for future examinees. Mr. Noxon pointed out that a large number of questions from the question banks of each examination would be unusable if included in a sample examination and the time and expense of developing questions solely for a sample examination would be very high. AAG Lozano said sample examinations are usually provided when the examination is prepared by a national organization with the time and resources to devote to developing questions only to be used for the sample. Ms. Newstetter mentioned that there are detailed syllabi available for all Oregon-specific examinations. The Task Force determined to not create sample examinations for Oregon-specific examinations.

Email from Ryan Skoug dated October 17, 2013

Mr. Skoug expressed concerns with material included on the Acoustical PE examination. He described an “inconsistency” in the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division 35 Noise Control Regulations. Mr. Doane said, if the examinee has issues with the code, this issue should be forwarded to DEQ. Mr. Noxon said it seems that the examinee is misreading the code by assigning values when there are none. For example, he explained that for a tone to be audible, it must be louder than the center tone, but there is no defined measurement to identify the tone as audible or not. He added that this issue is inconsequential because there is no problem with the code, syllabus or examination, but rather with the individual’s interpretation. Mr. Noxon stressed that the code is always accurate, although it can occasionally be very difficult to work with the technical aspects. He suggested talking through acoustical code issues with someone experienced and knowledgeable to figure out the meaning of the code. Mr. Skoug’s second question had to do with a syllabus typo regarding the Occupational Noise Exposure reference material. The syllabus will be amended to correctly reflect the title of the material as “Occupational Noise Exposure 1910.95” prior to presentation for approval at the January 2014 Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.