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ATTENDANCE

Elevator Safety Advisory Committee

Ricky Henderson	ESAC Chair & Ad Hoc Representative
Scott Cleary	Owner-Employed Mechanics Exempt from Licensing Representative
Gerald Brown	Secretary & State Government Representative
Jan Gould	City of Seattle Representative
Duane Leopard	City of Spokane Representative
Brian Thompson	Registered Architects and Engineers Representative
John Carini	Building Owners and Managers Representative
Lyall Wohlschlager	Owner-Employed Mechanics Exempt From Licensing Alternate Representative
Carl Cary	Building Owners and Managers Alternate Representative
Jim Norris	Elevator Mechanics License to Perform All Types of Conveyance Work Alternate Representative
Cory Winchell	Licensed Elevator Contractors Representative
Duke Davis	Registered General Contractors Alternate Representative
Jason Howerton	City of Seattle Chief



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2 9:00 A.M., before LORI L. STEFANO, CCR, CSR, RPR,
3 Stenographic Certified Reporter, the following
4 proceedings were had, to wit:

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8 ESAC Introduction

9 Welcome, Introduce Committee

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11 CHAIR HENDERSON: This is the Elevator Safety
12 advisory Committee Meeting. We'll start off with
13 introductions.

14 I'm the current Chair of the ESAC, Rick Henderson,
15 holding the ad hoc position.

16 And if we could, could we just go ahead and go
17 through the rest of the Committee members, introduce
18 themselves. I'll call them out.

19 I believe Garry Wood is not here today for other
20 reasons.

21 Sitting in for him and filling in for him is Scott
22 Cleary.

23 Scott, would you introduce yourself.

24 MR. CLEARY: Yeah. Scott Cleary, MCI
25 Elevators. I represent the 270 Exemption, exempt from



1 licensure, stakeholders, as well as residential and
2 18.1 equipment as well as commercial accessibility
3 equipment.

4 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Scott.

5 I'm just going to go ahead and just call everybody
6 out as we go through here.

7 Gerald, if you would introduce yourself.

8 MS. ERICKSEN: Come back to him.

9 CHAIR HENDERSON: I'll come back to Gerald.

10 Jan, are you there?

11 MS. GOULD: Yes.

12 Jan Gould, City of Seattle Conveyance Program. I'm
13 the Code Advisor.

14 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Jan.

15 Duane, are you there?

16 MR. LEOPARD: Yeah, just barely.

17 Duane Leopard, City of Spokane. And I kind of like
18 to say we represent the Eastside too.

19 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Duane.

20 Brian Thompson.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah.

22 Brian Thompson, with AEGIS Engineering,
23 representing Registered Architects and Licensed
24 Professional Engineers.

25 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Brian.



1 John? John Carini, are you there?

2 MR. CARINI: Good morning.

3 John Carini, Deputy Director of Vertical
4 Transportation for Sound Transit, representing building
5 owners and property managers.

6 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, John.

7 Is Lyall here today?

8 MR. WOHLSCHLAGER: Yes.

9 Lyall Wohlschlager. I'm the Alternate
10 Representative for owner-employed mechanics that are
11 exempt from licensing, as well as residential elevators
12 and accessibility lifts.

13 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Lyall.

14 Carl Cary.

15 MR. CARY: Yeah.

16 Carl Cary, with Mitsubishi Elevator. I'm the
17 Alternate representing building owners and managers.

18 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Carl.

19 Jim Norris.

20 MR. NORRIS: Jim Norris, representing Licensed
21 Elevator Mechanics out of Local 19.

22 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Jim.

23 Jerome Phillips, are you here today?

24 All right. Moving on.

25 Cory Winchell.



1 MR. WINCHELL: Cory Winchell, GM, Schindler
2 Elevator, representing Elevator contractors.

3 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Cory.

4 Duke Davis. Didn't I see Duke on here earlier?

5 MS. ERICKSEN: Yes.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, he's here.

7 CHAIR HENDERSON: I'll come back to Duke.

8 Jason.

9 MR. HOWERTON: Jason Howerton, City of Seattle
10 Conveyance Program Manager.

11 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Jason.

12 MR. DAVIS: Ricky, this is Duke.

13 I'm on. My Mute button is kind of slow to respond.
14 I'm kind of relating with your Mute button today.

15 CHAIR HENDERSON: Fair enough.

16 All right. Gerald.

17 SECRETARY BROWN: Hi.

18 I'm Gerald Brown. I'm the Chief Elevator Inspector
19 for the State of Washington and Program Manager.

20 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Gerald.

21 All right. Did I miss anyone here today that's on
22 the ESAC Committee, on the roll call?

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Carl.

24 CHAIR HENDERSON: Carl Cary?

25 MR. CARY: I introduced myself.



1 You pronounced my name wrong, but I did introduce
2 myself.

3 CHAIR HENDERSON: I did do that. And I'm
4 going to blame it on my glasses need to be redone.

5 MS. GOULD: Ricky, did you remind everyone
6 that we need to say our name before we speak?

7 CHAIR HENDERSON: Yeah. Thank you, Jan.

8 So just a reminder to everyone, when we are
9 speaking, that we need to lead with our name and we need
10 to speak pretty slowly. We do have a stenographer - I
11 don't know if I said that correctly - that is here. And
12 we need to be aware of her and help her out so that she
13 can understand what we're saying and who is saying it.

14 So, with that said, introductions are done.

15 The next item on the Agenda is Meeting Minutes.

16 So do I have a motion to adopt the Minutes from the
17 last meeting?

18 Scott, I see your hand is up.

19 MR. CLEARY: Yeah.

20 Ricky, can you have - is Steve and Brian - are
21 they - can you have them introduce themselves too,
22 please?

23 CHAIR HENDERSON: Okay. Can do.

24 Steve and Brian, are you all here?

25 MR. HORNBACK: So Brian is here.



1 Brian Hornback. I'm the Deputy AD for Field
2 Services and Public Safety, with the Department.

3 I'll be joining you with my computer in a minute.
4 I'm on my phone, just walking in from the doctor's
5 office. So be with you to participate a little better
6 in just a minute.

7 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Brian.

8 Is Steve with us today?

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Steve says his mic
10 is not working.

11 MR. REINMUTH: Yep. I finally got it to work.

12 Good morning, everybody. Steve Reinmuth. I help
13 lead the Field Services and Public Safety Division with
14 Brian and Gerald. And I'm happy to be here today.

15 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Steve. I
16 appreciate it.

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18 Comments Regarding & Vote on February 2024's Meeting
19 Minutes

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21 CHAIR HENDERSON: Okay.

22 So, next item, continuing on with the Minutes from
23 the last meeting.

24 Do I have a --

25 MR. NORRIS: I make a motion to accept the



1 previous Meeting Minutes as written.

2 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Jim.

3 Do I have a second?

4 MS. GOULD: Second.

5 CHAIR HENDERSON: All right.

6 With that said, the Meeting Minutes are adopted.

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8 Chief's Report

9 Scorecard & Accident Report Review

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11 CHAIR HENDERSON: Brings us to the next item
12 on our Agenda is on the Chief's Report for the
13 Scorecard & Accident Report Review. That goes toward
14 Gerald.

15 Gerald, can you update us on that?

16 Did I miss Gerald? Gerald, are you there?

17 SECRETARY BROWN: Not only did I have my mic
18 off; I had my camera off too. I've been having a great
19 conversation. You should have heard it. It was
20 awesome.

21 I'm Gerald Brown. I'm the Chief Elevator Inspector
22 for the state of Washington. And I'm here to present
23 the Third Quarter Scorecard information.

24 On our inspections, we had annuals. We had
25 3,727 annuals performed, Third Quarter.

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1 Other inspections - meaning, like, turn on and
2 alterations, new stuff - we had 1,507 inspections done.

3 Total for January and through March inspections
4 were 5,234.

5 It's easy to report on how we're doing on our
6 inspections.

7 Accidents. We had 6 elevator accidents and
8 18 escalator accidents.

9 The total for January through March was 24, as far
10 as accidents go.

11 And our vacancies: We have one Field Supervisor
12 and five Inspectors, with a total vacancy of six at this
13 time.

14 Any questions?

15 That's my report, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Gerald.

17 For anyone with questions, if you would, go through
18 the process of raising hands so that we can go through
19 the order there and keep everything in an orderly
20 fashion.

21 I do have a question for you, Gerald, as where
22 we're at as far as the backlog.

23 And I know that there, with the hiring freeze that
24 you currently have, do you have any kind of an idea or
25 forecast on how that's going to be impacting your



1 Scorecard, moving forward?

2 SECRETARY BROWN: Yes.

3 We just recently had Melissa Eriksen, who is one of
4 our Management Analysts in our program that takes care
5 of statistical stuff.

6 And she just recently released an update on how
7 we're doing. She had a breakdown per Inspector and per
8 Region And quantities of backlogs that were done.

9 Melissa, can you speak to that overall number on
10 how we're doing?

11 MS. ERICKSEN: Hi. I'm Melissa.

12 So are we referring to the backlog?

13 SECRETARY BROWN: Yes. How we're doing on the
14 backlog that we had previously.

15 MS. ERICKSEN: Oh, yeah.

16 So, with the backlog, we know that it's an issue.
17 You know that it's an issue.

18 So, a couple years ago, we started a project to
19 reduce it.

20 And with that, we took all of the inspections that
21 weren't done up and through 2019 and shared that with
22 our Inspectors and said, "These really need to get
23 caught up on. Let's go out and look at them."

24 There were almost 6,000 conveyances on that list.

25 And I was very stoked, as was everyone else, when



1 we got it 90 percent completed.

2 So, when it was 90 percent completed, about six-ish
3 months ago, we added 2020 and '21 inspections to that,
4 along with the 10 percent that had not yet been gotten
5 to. And that gave us about, I think, just over
6 6,000 inspections.

7 And when I was updating the list, I was very
8 excited to see that we are 26 percent with completing
9 that list.

10 So I know that certain barriers that we've hit are
11 badging for certain places, Boeing being one of them.
12 We've been working on getting specific badging and
13 credentials for our Inspectors for the airport and a
14 couple other places that you need badges to get into.

15 And so, since that's been being accomplished, we've
16 really been able to concentrate there and are continuing
17 to concentrate on getting all of the backlog done.

18 So, as our ESAC meetings go, we have previously
19 given updates as to how we're doing on the backlog.

20 We will continue to give updates on how the backlog
21 is going.

22 This does not take away from meeting current
23 on-time inspections, doing our installation and
24 alteration inspections, along with all the other things
25 that our guys are so good at doing and they really do



1 try hard at accomplishing.

2 And overall we're getting it done. So I think
3 that's really successful and really amazing.

4 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you. Thanks, Melissa.
5 Scott, you have your hand up?

6 MR. CLEARY: Gerald, where are we - I know we
7 talked about this in our meeting yesterday. And I'm
8 glad Steve's here.

9 Where are we with the grain industry?

10 It's been years and years and years since they've
11 had any presence by the State. And I know there's an
12 issue with DOSH that's going to be worked out.

13 But I keep getting the - it took a long time to get
14 the green issue turned around to conform to what the
15 State wants. And it's been kind of crickets.

16 And I don't know what kind of guidance to give them
17 forward because there's many granaries out there that
18 have not had their equipment looked at in five, six
19 years.

20 So I really need to get some feedback.

21 And I know, Steve, that you said we'd be able to
22 talk about it.

23 But I need something in writing that I can give to
24 them so they can figure out, you know, what are their
25 obligations.



1 And so I'm at a loss right now. It's been a long
2 time.

3 SECRETARY BROWN: If that's directed at me,
4 Gerald Brown, Chief Inspector?

5 Yes. It was brought up in a meeting yesterday. I
6 went to headquarters. I had an in-person meeting about
7 it.

8 We are looking into the ISH requirements for our
9 state workers, DOSH requirements for our just general
10 employee workers for the industry, and tried to come up
11 with a resolution, as quick as we can, on what's
12 acceptable and what's not.

13 We had discussed some alternatives to an in-person
14 inspection, which not did pan out. We are still working
15 on that.

16 I don't have anything to report at this time.

17 But I will tell you that there are ongoing meetings
18 about it. And we are most anxious to satisfy that
19 requirement. So more information coming.

20 MR. CLEARY: The follow-up on that - can we
21 get something in writing that kind of tells us what the
22 timeline is or what you're working on?

23 I get calls a lot. And I know Lyall does too.

24 And, Lyall, you can step in a little bit too.

25 We don't know what kind of guidance to give them



1 because I have nothing to refer back to.

2 So, if it's a plan that's being put in place, can
3 we get a memo or something in writing, saying, "Yes, the
4 State is actually looking at this. These are the
5 issues. This is the path forward we're trying to go"?

6 But they have nothing in writing and nothing being
7 done, puts us in a very compromising position when we're
8 trying to advise and make sure they're being compliant.

9 SECRETARY BROWN: Thank you. I appreciate
10 that. And we will work on that.

11 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thanks, Scott. Thank you,
12 Scott. Thanks, Gerald.

13 Steve?

14 MR. REINMUTH: Good morning, everybody.

15 I wanted to answer your question, Rick, on the
16 backlog.

17 And before I do that, I don't want to put anybody
18 on the spot from the program today.

19 But for our next ESAC meeting, I think we could be
20 clearer on what the backlog is.

21 So what I heard was that we were 90 percent a
22 couple years ago. Looking at the numbers, we got really
23 close in the last year. We had it in 2023 and 2024, I
24 think you said, Melissa.

25 That puts 6,000 back on the radar. And we did



1 about 25 percent of those.

2 That's a lot of numbers. And I appreciate the work
3 that's gone into developing the data.

4 I think we can be even clearer. What I heard the
5 program say is that we are 4,500 inspections behind,
6 annual inspections behind.

7 And I just want to make sure that I heard that
8 accurately. And I don't want to put anybody on the spot
9 right now.

10 But at some point in the meeting, I think we need
11 to be very clear that we are 4,500 annual inspections
12 behind; or, if that number is incorrect and my math is
13 wrong, that we change that.

14 To answer the question, Ricky, on the current
15 situation for hiring.

16 So I shared yesterday that we are in a place
17 agency-wide where we are projected to be overspent at
18 the end of the biennium, which is a year from this July.

19 And so, to do that, we are looking at a variety of
20 countermeasures, including holding hiring.

21 Right now there is a current hold on hiring across
22 our Division; so across all Public Safety programs,
23 across many other divisions in the agency: DOSH,
24 Industrial Insurance, our Customer Service locations.
25 We have 19 field offices across the state. I think



1 everybody knows that.

2 We have reduced hours and days, in some of those
3 particular locations, because of our inability to hire
4 Customer Service folks.

5 So it's not that we are overspent currently. I
6 just want to be really clear.

7 It's that we are taking countermeasures now to make
8 sure that we are not overspent at the end of the
9 biennium.

10 On impact on that backlog, whatever it turns out to
11 be, Ricky and everybody else, is clear. We had been
12 carrying, I think, two or three vacancies in the
13 Elevator Program over the last - I want to say - maybe
14 year or so. I defer to Gerald on that number.

15 And we are currently at, I think, six vacant
16 Inspectors.

17 So that number for the annual inspection backlog is
18 going to increase; right?

19 We have to, as a program, prioritize then what it
20 is that we're going to do with the staff that we have
21 that is largely based on public safety risk, as
22 everybody on this call knows.

23 So we may be after that backlog a little bit. But
24 we may have to focus on other things that are more
25 important right now or as important right now.



1 So, Gerald, what I would ask, please, is that, if
2 not today, at some point we communicate with everybody
3 on ESAC what our actual backlog is. Right now I'm
4 saying it's 4,500 annual inspections that are overdue.

5 And then I'd like us to say, based on the average
6 annual inspection rate for an Inspector, if we are down
7 a certain number of Inspectors, what do we expect that
8 to do to the annual backlog? Right? Will it increase?
9 Probably. And if so, by how much?

10 So, Gerald, I'll leave that with you today.

11 I, again, don't want to put you on the spot right
12 now. But let's get those numbers to ESAC so everybody
13 knows what to expect. Thanks.

14 SECRETARY BROWN: Thank you.

15 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Steve, for that.

16 I did want to - just a comment on that one.

17 We were very lucky, I think. Early on, I know,
18 when Gerald came in, he really worked hard and got a
19 streamlined inspection process. And even with a lack of
20 full staff for his Inspectors, we were seeing that
21 backlog decreasing over time.

22 And I'll just voice a bit of frustration on seeing
23 where we were making progress, with the training and the
24 changes that the Department had made.

25 And now, because of other reasons, we're



1 backpedaling a little bit now.

2 Just wanted to voice a little bit of frustration on
3 that, in that I hate to see it move backward.

4 Moving on, Duane, you have your hand up.

5 MR. LEOPARD: Yeah. I wanted to ask.

6 You know, the State's down six Inspectors.

7 How many slots total is, you know, allocated to the
8 number of Inspectors from the State?

9 MR. REINMUTH: That's a great question.

10 Gerald, can you answer that?

11 If not, we can come back to it. I have a guess.

12 Or, Brian, if you're still on the call?

13 SECRETARY BROWN: I believe we have about
14 1,800 elevators in our inventory that we inspect
15 annually.

16 Each Inspector vacancy that we have represents
17 probably an average of 750 units for Inspector, times 7
18 that we're down. I can get more accurate numbers.

19 But that's the consensus that we have right now as
20 far as vacancies to number of units not being seen.

21 We have Inspectors that, if they finish their
22 monthly allotment up, they've been trying to help out on
23 these vacant routes.

24 So that number is kind of a sliding scale to
25 availability. But we are doing everything that we can



1 to address that. So we will try to get some more firm
2 numbers to that regards.

3 MR. REINMUTH: And, Gerald, I'm sorry.

4 Did I hear - I think the question was how many
5 Inspector positions we have.

6 And did you answer that? Or were you just talking
7 about the total number of inspections?

8 SECRETARY BROWN: I was talking about total
9 number of inspections and vacancies. I thought that was
10 what the question's in reference to.

11 MR. REINMUTH: All right, Ricky.

12 I guess I already heard a question - and if not,
13 maybe at some point we need to share - how many
14 Inspector positions we have and how many are vacant.

15 SECRETARY BROWN: Hang on.

16 CHAIR HENDERSON: I believe, Gerald, didn't
17 you touch base on that earlier in the meeting?

18 SECRETARY BROWN: I did. Let's see.

19 MR. HORNBACK: Gerald, this is Brian Hornback.

20 The question really was how many Inspector
21 positions. And I will get you that number. I'm pulling
22 up the org chart now just to make sure I don't give you
23 false information.

24 And just a quick correction: When you stated
25 earlier, you said we had about 1,800 conveyances in the



1 state.

2 I believe what you meant was 18,000 conveyances.

3 SECRETARY BROWN: Oh, yes.

4 MR. HORNBACK: And I just want to clarify
5 that.

6 And I will get you the - the number of Inspectors
7 is right near 59. But I'm going to verify that before I
8 give you a definitive answer. And that would count the
9 supervisor positions, by the way.

10 CHAIR HENDERSON: Melissa, are you able to
11 answer that?

12 MS. ERICKSEN: Yeah. It's 38 total Inspector
13 positions, for our currently vacant.

14 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Melissa.
15 Jan, I see you have your hand up.

16 MS. GOULD: Yes.

17 Is the 38 the total for the program or for
18 Inspectors? Okay. Thank you.

19 CHAIR HENDERSON: So, to clarify on Jan's
20 follow-up question, that includes supervisors as well as
21 Inspectors, the 38? No.

22 MS. ERICKSEN: No.

23 The 38 Inspectors and 2 Field Supervisors,
24 3 Technical Specialists, an Operations Manager, and a
25 Chief.



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Program Info with Division Leadership

CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you for that clarification.

Okay. That was, I think, expanded beyond, I believe, a little bit on the Scorecard and Accident Report.

But moving on, the next item on our Agenda is Program Info with Division Leadership.

And I believe this goes into Steve and Brian. Would you all like to take the floor?

MR. REINMUTH: You bet.

Brian, do you have the ability, given your in-transit status, to lead off?

MR. HORNBACK: I just finished the in-transit status and joined here. So I'm trying to get organized. So give me just a second. Or if you want to jump, go ahead. And I'll be with you in just a minute, get everything organized.

MR. REINMUTH: Yeah. That sounds great.

Thanks, everybody, for inviting us. Brian and I help lead the Division, as we mentioned. And we had a great opportunity to talk to about six folks yesterday on a variety of issues.

I'm happy, Ricky, to go through those. Or maybe



1 you can share those now or at some point; right?

2 I want to make sure we're mindful of the Agenda.

3 We're really attending this morning for a couple
4 reasons.

5 One is to continue to be present and to listen to
6 get advice from the ESAC. Gerald does that. The
7 program does that. And we value that.

8 Our focus yesterday was on A17.3.

9 And, Ricky, let me just ask: Do you want to talk
10 about that now? Or do you want to get into it a little
11 bit later or save it for a separate meeting, where
12 things are more developed?

13 CHAIR HENDERSON: If you could, talk about it
14 now, just more from necessarily not a high level of
15 detail but just from the mile-high view of where we see
16 where we're currently at, whether that's still in the
17 development stages or what the plan is, moving forward,
18 if is a plan has been developed or if we're still
19 looking into developing a plan.

20 MR. REINMUTH: Yeah. Thanks for that
21 question.

22 Brian, are you in a space where you want to lead
23 off on that? Or are you still getting hooked up?

24 MR. HORNBACK: I'm having connection issues.
25 I'm going to have to reboot or jump in and back out.



1 This thing keeps kicking me out.

2 MR. REINMUTH: Okay.

3 I'll just go ahead and get started, and then you
4 can join.

5 So we, I know, have had a lot of questions about
6 A17.3. Is the Department enforcing it? Is the
7 Department not enforcing it?

8 Currently it's my view that we are planning to hold
9 enforcement of that as it applies to retrofitted
10 elevators.

11 Previously we had given building owners and others
12 the opportunity to submit a plan and say, you know, "We
13 have these kinds of cost issues, these kinds of
14 technical issues that we need to address."

15 Over the last couple months, questions have come up
16 for me and for Brian and for Gerald and others on
17 whether or not the value, from a safety perspective, of
18 some of the requirements that A17.3 imposes is really
19 worth the investment that we're asking for from building
20 owners.

21 So, at this point, we are close to finalizing and
22 getting written guidance out that will be suspending
23 enforcement and repealing that rule.

24 That's a loaded statement because there's a lot of
25 things I learned even more yesterday that were sort of



1 picked up in that A17.3 incorporation by reference.
2 Right? It was real easy to just say we want this bag of
3 stuff, when it comes to updating that code cycle, and
4 not being as specific as the agency had been in the past
5 in our specific rules and regulations on what we did and
6 didn't adopt.

7 So I want to make that we understand, by repealing
8 and suspending enforcement, what it is that we're
9 getting into as we work toward the future.

10 So that is the current plan.

11 The very clear message we've heard from ESAC is
12 that we need to get a decision made and get a clear
13 communication out to the industry so that you can advise
14 all of your customers and others with whom you interact.

15 So expect that.

16 And I think that covers everything at that very
17 high level.

18 Ricky, did I miss anything?

19 CHAIR HENDERSON: I believe you covered two of
20 the major items there, which is both, you know, getting
21 things clear out to us, documented in writing, what the
22 path forward is, so that we can communicate that well to
23 our stakeholders.

24 And as well as, you know, that there is a plan
25 being developed.



1 Those were two of the things that we were really
2 looking for.

3 One of the biggest ones, like we mentioned multiple
4 times yesterday and today, is, when this plan is in
5 place, we need something documented so that we can have
6 confidence this is the way we're going to be moving
7 forward.

8 MR. REINMUTH: 100 percent. Thank you for
9 that, Ricky.

10 And the other piece of it is I am concerned - and I
11 know others in the program have raised questions about -
12 I want to make sure there aren't building owners who are
13 currently working on a plan and developing a proposal to
14 comply.

15 And we need to make sure that we're mindful of
16 anybody that's currently in the pipeline.

17 So we'll communicate with them to let them know
18 that there's a pause coming. And then we'll make sure
19 that everybody knows what the final stance is so that we
20 can continue to get good advice from ESAC. Thanks.

21 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Steve.

22 Scott, you have your hand up?

23 MR. CLEARY: Yes.

24 Anytime the government tells me they're working on
25 something, I get concerned that they work on a timeline



1 that doesn't really work for the people that are out in
2 the field, that we have to spend money and cost money
3 and do things.

4 So I still have not heard what the timeline's going
5 to be, when it's going to get back to us with a
6 schedule, something in writing, because every day it
7 sends the wrong message to our stakeholders and the
8 owners. We can give clear and good guidance. And just
9 being told, "We're working on it" - it's been six years
10 that it's been being worked on.

11 And so I really want to see a timeline
12 expeditiously. I don't mean any disrespect. But the
13 bottom line is we've been told it's been being worked on
14 for a long time.

15 I really think that you have an obligation to give
16 us a timeline relatively quickly.

17 MR. REINMUTH: We agree, Scott.

18 In our meeting yesterday, I wish you had conveyed
19 that concern because, when we talked about it, it seemed
20 like it was okay with the six or so people that we
21 talked about yesterday.

22 We can decide right now if you'd like.

23 What I have asked is that we make a decision and
24 that we get advice from ESAC.

25 I know you've been giving us advice up to this



1 point. We want to continue to get advice.

2 If the industry would like for us to just decide
3 today that we're going to go ahead and suspend
4 enforcement, we can publish that tomorrow.

5 But what I wanted to do, since I've been involved,
6 is make sure that whatever we're sharing is consistent
7 with what ESAC might want, that building owners and
8 others are informed, and that we're not just deciding
9 off the cuff, which is what some people might see it as
10 doing.

11 Your comment, though, on the need for a timeline is
12 fair. Your comment on the need for clear guidance is
13 absolutely fair.

14 I was surprised yesterday to learn that there had
15 been conversations going on since 2018. I know there's
16 been a lot of conversations at ESAC, a lot of different
17 viewpoints on whether it should or shouldn't proceed as
18 adopted in 2018.

19 So we owe this group and others and the industry a
20 decision. That will be coming. I can make it quickly,
21 if you'd like. Or I can make it quickly with a
22 deliberate schedule so that this group has an
23 opportunity for feedback. You let me know.

24 MR. CLEARY: Thank you.

25 CHAIR HENDERSON: Appreciate that, Steve,



1 Scott.

2 Looking at the talking points that we had from
3 yesterday, Steve, A17.3 was one of them, which we've
4 just discussed.

5 One of the other items we talked about was the
6 hiring freeze, which was talked about to a little extent
7 here earlier on in this meeting.

8 But I did just want to reiterate that, as Chair of
9 the ESAC - and I think everybody here on the ESAC can
10 support me on this one; if they do not, please let your
11 voice be heard here - but as Chair of the ESAC, having a
12 hiring freeze and not replacing Safety Inspectors, for
13 the Elevator side of things, is something that, as Chair
14 of the ESAC, I cannot support.

15 This seems to be the wrong thing to do at this
16 time. I understand there may be reasons. But still
17 it's something that I cannot support.

18 Does any other members of the ESAC have any
19 feedback for Steve on that one at this point in time?

20 MR. REINMUTH: Let me just say, Ricky, I'm
21 happy to listen to feedback.

22 If anybody on the call agrees with Ricky, feel free
23 to say so.

24 But let me tell you that I couldn't agree more.

25 Brian and I, since February, when we received



1 projections showing that the agency was projected to be
2 overspent, I've been working to understand why, you
3 know, what's different. I've been working to understand
4 how it is that the agency over-hired, which is basically
5 what we're being told, is that we were so successful
6 with a variety of outreach activities on hiring and
7 retention of employees, as an agency, that we find
8 ourselves in this situation.

9 We continue to be surprised by that.

10 And as I mentioned yesterday, Ricky, if we could
11 ask for ESAC's help or for your help, as Chair, in
12 conveying that concern to other folks in our agency, we
13 would appreciate that.

14 And we welcome the opportunity for you and others
15 to help meet with our Director or others, to echo what
16 we've been saying, which is that we cannot compromise
17 public safety.

18 At the same time, we have a budget. And it would
19 be illegal - not only a bad idea, it would be illegal
20 for us to overspend.

21 So, given the current structure of the budget and
22 the current projects that we have - which we're happy to
23 share with this group and anyone else who's asking - we
24 feel it's important, obviously, to manage our
25 appropriations effectively and wisely and lawfully.



1 And we're trying to do that in a way that minimizes
2 impact to all of our programs, not just the Public
3 Safety programs but our Customer Service programs and a
4 variety of other things across the agency.

5 So we would welcome the opportunity to have you
6 join us in explaining those impacts of the hiring hold.

7 And I'm happy to hear from anyone else that has a
8 different position.

9 CHAIR HENDERSON: Just respectfully comment
10 back.

11 As a member of the Elevator Safety Advisory
12 Committee, I feel comfortable advising and giving
13 feedback related to safety.

14 This isn't a Budget Committee to give feedback on
15 budget. So we're a Safety Committee.

16 MR. REINMUTH: Also, Ricky, what I'm asking -
17 right? - is, if you're comfortable or others are
18 comfortable, Brian and Gerald and I continue to
19 articulate the impacts from a public safety perspective
20 or the potential impacts from a public safety
21 perspective of our current budget situation.

22 And we will continue to do that.

23 If ESAC would like to join us and talk about the
24 public safety impacts of a reduction in number of
25 Inspectors, we would welcome that opportunity, if that



1 makes sense.

2 CHAIR HENDERSON: It does. And I appreciate
3 it, Steve.

4 Recognize Carl.

5 MR. CARY: Yes.

6 I'm just wondering if, in the meantime, with safety
7 being such a concern and the backlog of units, if
8 there's any out-of-the-box thinking that's been done on
9 either permanently or temporarily allowing third-party
10 Inspectors, to kind of get caught up on those
11 inspections and ensure overall safety.

12 MR. REINMUTH: That's a great question.

13 I'll defer to Gerald and Brian.

14 My understanding is that we've considered that
15 public safety option in one of our other public safety
16 programs, just so everybody knows, the Factory Assembled
17 Structures Program. We have specific statutory
18 authority and law that gives us that ability to share
19 that work with outside plan reviewers.

20 I'm not sure that we have that authority in the
21 Elevator Program. I'd have to check and verify.

22 Absent that authority, we're not able to contract
23 work out that is reserved for State employees. So it's
24 this Catch-22 - right? - unless there's a statutory
25 provision that I'm not aware of, which there could be.



1 And let me just turn it over to Brian and Gerald
2 for a minute.

3 Gerald and Brian, has that been explored at all at
4 the program level?

5 MR. HORNBACK: Gerald and I have had a
6 conversation about it, I will tell you, just in the last
7 couple months, just briefly, about what that might look
8 like. But it was more of a exploratory.

9 And with you, Steve, I'd have to do the looking to
10 see if statutorily we have the authority to do that. I
11 don't know.

12 SECRETARY BROWN: I don't see anything that
13 allows us to do that per statute and rule.

14 MR. CARY: Again, just a follow-up question.

15 So I'm speaking allowing owners to directly
16 contract with a third-party Inspector rather than the
17 state contract being out with them.

18 MR. REINMUTH: That's an important
19 distinction, Carl. And I'd have to check to see if
20 that's something that we can do.

21 We've done that as well with the Factory Assembled
22 Structures Program.

23 So we will take that as an action item and get that
24 to Ricky and to you.

25 Melissa, can you make a note, reminding us to do



1 that, please?

2 I will say, just for what it's worth, that the
3 other challenge we have, from a budget perspective, is
4 the way that our current funding account structure
5 works. I don't want to dive into the financial weeds
6 too deeply. But I want everyone to have a sense of why
7 we're here.

8 So, in our public safety programs, we have some
9 public safety programs with a dedicated account. They
10 used to be funded through the General Fund. I think
11 everybody knows that. But our Director worked for
12 several years to get them into a dedicated account so
13 that the funds that are paid for by our customers and by
14 your customers are devoted to a particular public safety
15 purpose - right? - and they're not subject to the
16 variability of the General Fund.

17 Currently the Electrical Fund, the Plumbing Fund,
18 the Boiler Fund are dedicated accounts for those
19 individual programs.

20 For reasons that I could get into a different time,
21 the legislature was comfortable with having a funding
22 structure for Elevator, Factory Assembled Structures,
23 and our Contractor Registration Program that joined
24 those three programs together.

25 So we have a bucket of funding for the Elevator



1 Program, the Contractor Registration Program, and the
2 Factory Assembled Structures Program. They don't have
3 individual accounts, if that makes sense.

4 So currently part of our challenge is the budget
5 associated and the hiring associated with the Elevator
6 Program. But we also have challenges in the Factory
7 Assembled Structures Program that has hired a lot more
8 than they had recently or in history. And the same is
9 true with our Contractor Registration Program.

10 So, to some extent - I want to be fully
11 transparent - the current hold on Elevator hiring has to
12 do with helping the Factory Assembled Structures Program
13 and the Contractor Registration Program.

14 And there have been times historically where those
15 two programs have held hiring to benefit the Elevator
16 Program.

17 So I just want to be really clear that that's a
18 piece of the information I shared yesterday. And part
19 of our challenge, moving forward, is how do we move
20 those three programs together in a way that promotes
21 public safety for all three of those programs.

22 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Steve.

23 Duane, you've had your hand up for a while.

24 Recognize Duane.

25 MR. LEOPARD: I just wanted to comment, as a



1 City representative, that, you know, a hiring freeze on
2 Inspectors is not a good thing safety-wise.

3 You know, I'll join in on the conversation on that.

4 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Duane.

5 Recognize Jan Gould.

6 MS. GOULD: Yes.

7 I would like to propose that ESAC write a letter,
8 with our concerns and why these positions need to be
9 filled, to send to upper management, perhaps at our next
10 touch-base meeting. Can't hurt.

11 CHAIR HENDERSON: I think that's great idea,
12 Jan.

13 Steve, do you have any feedback on that as a letter
14 and maybe as a prequel to a face-to-face meeting?

15 MR. REINMUTH: You bet. Thanks, Ricky.

16 I think that's a great idea.

17 And we are working to articulate, on behalf of all
18 of our customers and all of our stakeholders, what
19 potential impacts might be.

20 But if a particular advisory board or group of
21 stakeholders would take the time to put down some
22 concerns in writing, we would welcome that. And it
23 would simply punctuate or help emphasize the concerns
24 that we've been sharing with our leadership team, as we
25 make decisions as an agency.



1 One challenge I will note, just as a reminder:
2 Because of that dedicated account that I mentioned for
3 those three programs, we are not able to borrow from
4 other parts of the agency. Right? So we can't take
5 Workers' Compensation premiums and put them into this
6 mix. Or we can't put General Fund dollars and put them
7 into this mix.

8 So part of the challenge is funding that's
9 appropriated for those three programs in what's called
10 the 21V - like "Victor" - budget and how those budgets
11 interplay with each other.

12 So, to the extent that this group wanted to help us
13 articulate and emphasize the public safety impacts of a
14 hiring hold throughout the rest of the biennium, we
15 would absolutely welcome that.

16 MS. GOULD: I think it's important - we've
17 been talking about lack of documentation - let's
18 document our concerns and position.

19 MR. REINMUTH: Thanks, Jan.

20 And, Ricky, if I can, can I just say that, I mean,
21 we're having conversations as we speak.

22 So, if ESAC chose to put that letter together, I
23 assume - but I want to verify - that this group is
24 comfortable with Brian and Gerald and I continuing to
25 say that there are ongoing concerns, from a public



1 safety standpoint, for the Elevator industry, associated
2 with a hiring hold for Inspectors. It is in the form of
3 annual inspection backlogs growing. It's other issues
4 that come up beyond the annual inspection. It's
5 questions for customers. It's permit turnarounds. It's
6 all of those things.

7 And I just want to verify, Ricky, as Chair, that
8 you're comfortable with us continuing to make that case.

9 CHAIR HENDERSON: Yes. Yes, I am very
10 comfortable with that.

11 MR. REINMUTH: Okay.

12 CHAIR HENDERSON: One follow-up question for
13 you, Steve, related to the letter.

14 Do you have a recommendation on who it should be
15 addressed to, who should be the target?

16 MR. REINMUTH: Thank you for asking.

17 I would just go ahead and address it to me as
18 Assistant Director. And then I will share it with our
19 leadership team.

20 And that will help us, I think, in our
21 communications as an agency, about where we have
22 particularly concerning impacts associated with budget
23 measures.

24 There are lots of impacts based on holds across the
25 agency. But I know that our Director is very concerned,



1 as am I and Brian and Gerald, about public safety
2 impacts. That's something that is a very high priority
3 for us and for me.

4 And I'd be happy to share that letter if one is
5 written.

6 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Steve.

7 Scott, go ahead.

8 MR. CLEARY: This is not directed at Steve,
9 Brian, or Gerald.

10 But you have to understand - I'll speak for myself.

11 Anybody else wants to jump on this, I'd welcome.

12 You got to understand our frustration. We, as
13 dealers, as owners, or as, you know, service providers -
14 we have to work to the obligations for which you set.
15 We have to work to the RCW. We have to work to the WAC.

16 And if I call for an inspection and I don't have
17 resources to have my team go out there because
18 money-wise, it's transparency. We just walk away and
19 that stuff.

20 So my frustration is that you put all these
21 obligations on us but you can't meet your own internal
22 obligations.

23 We have no control. I have no control over how you
24 budget for your biennium or what you spend money on.

25 But it very much impacts us and our owners. And



1 there's got to be equity there.

2 I think that's the problem that I have with
3 government is, you know, you charge us for permits. You
4 charge us for operating permits. And then you regulate
5 everything, just like hand-pulled man lifts.

6 But you don't have the resources to do it.

7 How is that equitable to us, your customer? And
8 how is it equitable to our customers?

9 And that's the thing that I get really frustrated
10 on. I hear all these budget things. That, to me - you
11 don't care about how our budgets are if we don't have
12 the resources. But how you guys budget your money and
13 do things really adversely impacts us. And that's where
14 I get really frustrated.

15 MR. REINMUTH: Yeah. Scott, we agree.

16 We are just as frustrated and have been frustrated
17 since February, when these new projections came out on
18 spending.

19 So please know every day that we are conveying not
20 just concerns on behalf of the Elevator industry but the
21 Electrical industry, the Plumbing industry, the Factory
22 Assembled Structure and Modular industry, the Boiler
23 industry, a Spanish-speaking worker who can't get an
24 interpreter at a counter in our Wenatchee office. I
25 mean, it's across the board.



1 So we understand. I appreciate the frustration.
2 And I share your frustration.

3 I don't probably understand all the nuances of
4 every member of this call in terms of your own budgets.

5 Please don't speak for me, though, to say that I
6 don't care about your budgets. I do. That's why I'm
7 here today, to try to make sure that everyone
8 understands what is going on and what we're trying to do
9 to solve it.

10 That's not to say that there aren't definite
11 impacts. And part of the reason that we want to have
12 your help in explaining those impacts - whether it's a
13 delay for a customer, whether it's confusion about a
14 particular standard and how it's applied because you
15 can't get a Technical Specialist to answer your question
16 because you can't get an Inspector to come and do her
17 inspection for your installation - all super valid. And
18 so I'm not minimizing your frustration at all.

19 But I do want you to know that we are sharing that
20 frustration, as much as we understand it, with our
21 leadership team, to make sure that, where we can
22 mitigate those impacts, we're doing that.

23 In the meantime, I want to be super clear that, for
24 the rest of this biennium, there is likely to be a
25 hiring hold of some type for the Elevator Program and



1 our other public safety programs.

2 And by being transparent about it, that gives
3 everybody the opportunity to plan, as frustrating as
4 that is.

5 So we will be here every ESAC meeting. We will be
6 available for phone calls in between and Teams calls in
7 between ESAC meetings, to make sure that we're sharing
8 what we know and make sure that we are hearing what that
9 does for your particular customers or your business.

10 And I want to be very clear when I say that we hear
11 your frustration. And we're doing what we can to
12 mitigate it within the constraints that we have.

13 And I appreciate, Ricky and Scott, the interest for
14 the ESAC and helping us convey that.

15 CHAIR HENDERSON: Scott, you have your hand
16 up. Go ahead.

17 MR. CLEARY: Yeah.

18 I just want to be very clear. That's why I
19 caveated before I went off on my statement that it's not
20 directed at you, Steve, or Gerald or Brian.

21 I know this is a culture. And I know this is much
22 more than that.

23 So I greatly appreciate you being here. I greatly
24 appreciate Brian being here. And I greatly appreciate
25 Gerald, who's had to wear a flak jacket with us and



1 especially with me on wanting answers. Right?

2 So this is a whole of government. This is not one
3 or two people.

4 But you stepping up here really, really helps.

5 I'm still frustrated with your AAGs. I know they
6 can't give guidance to us on ESAC. When I was Chair, I
7 tried many times to get their participation.

8 But they should be giving you good written
9 guidance, which then you guys, your department, can pass
10 on to us.

11 And so that's kind of where that is.

12 This is not a personal with you guys.

13 It is how the system works or not working that is
14 really frustrating.

15 Thank you for your time and indulgence.

16 MR. REINMUTH: You bet.

17 And, Ricky, I want to move on.

18 But I do want to respond just on a couple fronts.

19 First, on the Assistant Attorney General comment, I
20 shared yesterday, Scott, that I used to be Chief Legal
21 Counsel for the agency; so I am familiar very much with
22 the way that Assistant Attorneys General can and should
23 operate. So I will convey that concern.

24 And then, secondly, I appreciate it very much that
25 your comments aren't directed at me personally.



1 But they are directed at a series of challenges
2 that I own as Assistant Director.

3 So I want to be clear that I am accountable for
4 making sure that we do everything we can to manage the
5 situation, that we communicate transparently, that we
6 listen to the impacts that are out there.

7 So I appreciate you saying it's not about me or
8 Brian or Gerald personally. But it is something that
9 the three of us own with respect to this program. And
10 we own the obligation to get you answers to questions
11 and share information as we have it.

12 So not taking it personally. But I don't want you
13 to let me off the hook in terms of accountability.

14 MR. CLEARY: Thank you.

15 Please put it in writing.

16 CHAIR HENDERSON: Looking at the other bullet
17 points that we had from our meeting yesterday, there was
18 one more that I wanted to touch base on.

19 And that was there was some feedback on civil
20 penalties related to A17.3 corrections.

21 Was there any more feedback on that?

22 Or does anybody in the group here have any record
23 of that, feedback on that?

24 MR. REINMUTH: Yeah.

25 Ricky, just to make sure I'm sharing, with everyone



1 else who may not have been on the call, what we talked
2 about.

3 The idea was, if we are not going to be enforcing
4 A17.3, are there any current penalties out there for
5 people who have not complied with A17.3.

6 What a fair question.

7 And I know that Gerald and Brian were exchanging
8 messages yesterday about what may or may not be in the
9 pipeline.

10 I'm not sure that we're able to answer that
11 question today. But we may be able to shed some
12 information on it. Brian, Gerald?

13 MR. HORNBACK: Yeah.

14 We have had that conversation in terms of making
15 sure that we're treating that with respect.

16 And right now Gerald's looking at it. We don't
17 have anything in the pipeline that we show as penalties
18 for it.

19 So I know Gerald had made the request.

20 I think it came up - Jan, I don't mean to put you
21 on the spot. I think it came from Jan that maybe there
22 was some out there. And I don't remember if there was
23 someone else.

24 But what we're really looking for is, if there's an
25 opportunity for somebody to say, you know, "We know the



1 specific instance," we'd love to hear it because right
2 now we're not seeing them in the pipeline.

3 And all those penalties do go to the Chief for
4 approval prior to being part of an actual penalty.

5 So trying to reconcile what we think we heard with
6 what that we believe we know.

7 And that's a body of work we still have to do.

8 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Brian.

9 Gerald, you had further response on that?

10 You're muted, Gerald.

11 SECRETARY BROWN: Sorry. The Mute gets me
12 every time.

13 When I first heard about this was during a
14 training. I've heard about it several times. Jan
15 brought it up, and I appreciate that.

16 And I will say now what I said then in that meeting
17 and ever since then: Please send me the details. Send
18 me what exactly we're talking about.

19 Like Brian mentioned, any penalty or anything else
20 comes across my desk for approval. And I would have to
21 see if I have - if this is based off A17.3 enforcement
22 during the annual inspection, please let me know. If
23 it's not that, if it's something else, please let me
24 know. You know, I need details to be able to address
25 it.



1 I'm late to address it, wanting to address it.

2 But until I can get some details on it, right now
3 it's not actionable. And I'd be more than happy to do
4 that as soon as I find out, of course.

5 Thank you very much.

6 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Gerald.

7 And I just wanted to follow up with what Gerald
8 said on that one is that, if anybody here attending the
9 meeting has any information related to this, feel free
10 to reach out for that information to me. And I'd be
11 happy to forward that on up to Gerald and the group.

12 That's kind of what we're here for.

13 I know we've got a lot of people attending today.
14 So if anybody has anything like that related, please
15 give us that information.

16 Jan?

17 MS. GOULD: Yes.

18 I'll ask Rochelle to reach out to you.

19 Spencer Ross, Monday morning, told the group at
20 Eltech that - Schindler - that he was taking a leave of
21 absence.

22 So there's no one manning that program right now.

23 But I'll ask her to get, to Gerald, her
24 information.

25 SECRETARY BROWN: Great. Thank you.



1 CHAIR HENDERSON: Looking over my list of
2 items that we were reviewing yesterday, I believe that
3 has most of them or all of them covered in the
4 conversations that we've had today.

5 Reaching out to anybody here, is there anything
6 here, while we have Steve and Brian, that we haven't
7 talked about today that needs to be brought up?

8 Seeing none, I would just like to really thank
9 Steve and Brian for making some time today to attend.
10 We really appreciate it. And thank you.

11 MR. REINMUTH: You bet, Ricky.

12 Can I just summarize what I think I heard?

13 First, clarity on A17.3, a timeline on A17.3 so
14 that you know what's coming and what you can share with
15 customers.

16 Second, there's an opportunity for ESAC or a small
17 part of ESAC to draft a letter with concerns about
18 public safety impacts associated with current hiring
19 holds.

20 Are there any other action items, Ricky, that you
21 heard that Brian and I should take away with Gerald and
22 come back to, in addition to being even clearer on the
23 current backlog?

24 CHAIR HENDERSON: You know, one of the biggest
25 things we're always asking for here right now on this



1 one is, you know, documentation, having some things in
2 writing. That has been one of the things that we've
3 been battling.

4 I think there have been some extenuating
5 circumstances that added to that, related to it, just
6 because of the nature of the beast that we've been
7 dealing with here.

8 The one item that we didn't really cover a whole
9 lot here was - but it's been not directly but bounced
10 around through several different topics, which - you
11 talked about it, where you and Brian were going to be
12 attending some ESAC meetings in the future, giving good
13 feedback.

14 Scott brought up the fact - and then I think he
15 said it a little bit differently than the way I brought
16 it up - and that was my point of frustration from my
17 side, where we seem to be working and helping and moving
18 toward a path, only to see that that path was not a
19 valid path to move forward on. And then we have to hit
20 a reset and start all over again.

21 It would be really nice to have that feedback
22 earlier on in that process, while we're trying to help,
23 so that time isn't wasted.

24 So I think both you and Brian being here for
25 meetings and attending and giving us feedback would



1 greatly assist in that relation or somewhere in that
2 process being available to us, whether it's you or Brian
3 or someone else.

4 MR. REINMUTH: Thanks, Ricky. I hear that.

5 And the other piece I heard - and I don't want to
6 take more time today - but, Scott, we heard you on grain
7 elevators. That's on my list. And Brian and Gerald and
8 I have had - or Brian and I have had some email traffic
9 on where that stands and where our current internal
10 Safety and Health team is at as we work with our
11 Inspectors to get inspections done on those grain
12 elevators in a way that's safe for our team and for the
13 industry.

14 MR. CLEARY: Thank you.

15 CHAIR HENDERSON: Moving to Carl.

16 Recognize Carl Cary.

17 MR. CARY: Yeah.

18 I did not hear also the third-party Inspectors
19 hired directly by building owners in the action items
20 list.

21 MR. REINMUTH: Thanks, Carl.

22 That's why I always check - right? - to make sure
23 that I am summarizing everything accurately.

24 It's absolutely on my list. And I appreciate the
25 reminder.



1 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Carl.

2 Recognize Brian.

3 MR. HORNBACK: Yes.

4 First off I, want to thank Scott. You know, I
5 appreciate the request and the desire for written
6 communication and that we have - you know, and the
7 desire for, you know, more opportunity and interaction
8 for Steve and I.

9 So, you know, I'm absolutely committed to being at
10 the ESAC meetings, trying to get the pre-meetings on my
11 calendar as well to help be there for discussion. But I
12 think the discussion, as you noted, is of value and
13 needs to be memorialized where we can.

14 So we'll commit to doing more in terms of summary
15 emails, summary communications like that as well as
16 written plans.

17 And then in terms of access to us, I try to be very
18 careful not to - call it manage around Gerald but yet
19 work with Gerald.

20 So, at any point, if there's a point where you need
21 to contact me or contact Gerald and I, please feel free.
22 And don't hesitate. Don't wait for a meeting date to
23 feel like that's something that has to happen.

24 So, you know, if you need to get on my calendar,
25 I'll find a way to make it happen, you know. And the



1 business hours are - call it marginal limitations. I
2 don't mind working out of it if that's what we need to
3 get the communication done.

4 So appreciate this conversation. And absolutely
5 committed to being available where needed.

6 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Brian.
7 Appreciate that.

8 With that said, I believe that wraps up this
9 portion of the meeting where Brian and Steve are giving
10 their presentations.

11 Just wanted to reach out one last time for - we
12 really appreciate Steve and Brian being here. So I
13 really want to take advantage of their presence.

14 Are there any other feedback or requests, questions
15 for Steve and Brian while they're here?

16 MR. HORNBACK: Just a heads-up for you.
17 I've got a little space. I'm going to just
18 monitor. I'll stay in the meeting.

19 So, if something does pop up that you need me for,
20 I'm happy to address it at that time. So I should be
21 here, I believe, through the end of the meeting.

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Legislative Updates
City of Seattle Update

CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Brian.
Appreciate that.

With that said, moving on to the next Agenda item
on our meeting. It is Legislative Updates from City of
Seattle.

Jan, are you prepared for --

MS. GOULD: I am.

CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you much.

MS. GOULD: Washington State adopted their
various 2021 - the Building Code, et cetera, and the
2023 NEC and their state amendments to the NEC in April
of this year.

Seattle 2021 Building Code Mechanical and Energy,
et cetera, and the 2023 NEC and Seattle's amendments to
the 2023 NEC will be adopted no sooner than
September 30th of 2024.

There was a required rewrite of the Energy Code.
And that's what's put Seattle back.

Thank you.

Any questions?

Or, Jason Howerton, would you like to speak of
anything else?



1 MR. HOWERTON: No. I think you covered it.
2 Thank you, Jan.

3 MS. GOULD: Any questions?

4 This is a delay of about a year and a quarter from
5 proposed.

6 I will say that tentatively it looks like the
7 2023 - excuse me - 2022 ASME A17.1 sometime in 2026.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR HENDERSON: Hey, Jan. Quick question
10 for you.

11 The modified electrical that you were talking about
12 for the City of Seattle - is it on the City's website
13 for review?

14 MS. GOULD: Yes.

15 Well, for review, I will have to check that out.

16 They just had the Electrical industry go through
17 most of Seattle amendments. But they're not quite
18 finished. So I will ask one of the Program Managers
19 over there and let you know, Ricky.

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21 Needed Points of Discussion

22 CMP Project Update

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24 CHAIR HENDERSON: All right. Thank you, Jan.

25 All right. So we're a little bit behind schedule.



1 But this brings us up to our next item on the
2 Agenda, the CMP Project Update for the CMS Project Team.

3 Do we have our CMS Project Team here?

4 MS. TAYLOR: Yes. Sorry. My Mute was not
5 going very fast.

6 Good morning, everybody. I am Nicole Taylor and
7 bringing with me the CMP Project Team to give a little
8 update on where we're at with the new Conveyance
9 Management System. So let me just present this slide
10 deck here - all right - and make sure that I can see
11 your lovely faces on the other screen. Okay.

12 Well, thanks for including us in your Agenda today.
13 We're just going to go over a few updates here and give
14 you an idea of where we're at with our project schedule,
15 talk about what's been happening on the project lately.

16 We will also talk a little bit about a recent
17 survey that was completed and give you a system
18 demonstration and talk a little bit about the benefits
19 of this new system.

20 This slide here - we have brought this to a few
21 different presentations. But we always like to just
22 recap this and briefly reiterate that we are here to
23 really collaborate across the Division, collaborate with
24 all of our customers, yourselves included.

25 We are looking to build trust throughout this



1 project, continuing to just be super transparent with
2 you all about where we are, what activities are
3 underway, or what problems we're running into.

4 And we are focused very hard on delivering this new
5 system to you here this fall.

6 All right. So just to give a little update here,
7 Gerald has a few talking points that he wanted to share
8 about what's been happening with the project and the
9 program.

10 Go ahead, Gerald.

11 SECRETARY BROWN: Thank you so much.

12 First of all, I'd really like to thank everybody
13 for being here. This is a great opportunity to talk
14 about the future of the program and the things we're
15 trying to accomplish on a much needed and a long awaited
16 improvement to how we do business with the public and
17 how they can now participate better through our new
18 Conveyance Management Portal.

19 We'd really like to talk about, you know, how this
20 is going to change things.

21 It's going to help us to do business with L&I in an
22 easier fashion. It will be easier for you to file paper
23 permits and have access to printing those out and have
24 them immediately.

25 There's going to be a learning curve. I've



1 addressed this several times. But there will be a
2 learning curve for how you pull a permit, how the
3 Inspectors work in the field, how things are going to
4 change.

5 It's going to expedite a lot of our processes.

6 It's going to finally answer a lot of unasked
7 questions and set the standard for - which is always
8 good, to be able to have this available to you through
9 this Portal.

10 To think about this program - and I've been through
11 several of these modifications when you've gone to these
12 type of computer management systems. I've been through
13 two of them already.

14 And one of the things that was lacking in the last
15 assignment was, anytime we wanted something to change,
16 we had to go to the outside vendor and wait. And it was
17 very painstaking.

18 Well, this approach, with this great team that we
19 have - we have reserved the right to have access to be
20 able to make necessary changes. And they were not just
21 going to go away on the day we launch. Okay? They're
22 going to be here. We're going to be reviewing this
23 stuff. We look forward to your input.

24 This is the difference. This is a huge difference
25 on how we can currently serve and in the future serve



1 your needs in dealing with L&I.

2 And so the Portal is an expected launch at the end
3 of October. And, you know, exact date, I don't have for
4 you right here. But we're still on track.

5 We know that we're not going to meet again until
6 August. But between now and then, you're going to be
7 able to go on line and look at our site. And please do
8 that. lni.wa.gov/cmp. We encourage you to look in the
9 Chat to see these links.

10 But this is really important. Visit the Web page.
11 Make sure you're signed up for monthly newsletters. And
12 step up to spread the word about the project. Encourage
13 your colleagues to get engaged as well.

14 And this is very important. Also on that site, we
15 anticipate having trainings because we know that your
16 office staff has turnover and people move up in
17 positions and have to have somebody retrain on how to do
18 permits and pay bills and things like that.

19 And we are going to, on our website, have those
20 trainings available to be able to review so we don't
21 leave people in the dark.

22 And so these are wonderful things. This is a big
23 deal, when you're trying to do business with L&I, to be
24 able to have a consistent way to file plans. What do I
25 need? How do I do it? Pay online, things like this.



1 We're not having to burn up the roads and go down to the
2 L&I offices all the time. This will really help and
3 expedite things. And it has some really intuitive
4 guides with it.

5 So well done to our CMP Team and well done to the
6 businesses that have participated in the development.

7 And thank you so much for being here today.

8 And I will turn the time over to see how all this
9 works and some updates.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Gerald.

12 Just a quick update, then, on the project schedule.
13 And then we'll get you into the fun stuff.

14 So where we are right now is we are fully testing
15 the product. We have been continuing to receive pieces
16 of new functionality from the vendor, also up and
17 running for us to validate every two weeks. And that
18 started in January.

19 So we're about 50 percent of the way through and
20 have lots more to continue testing before we're ready to
21 roll this out. But lots of work has been happening.
22 And this is definitely coming, come October.

23 So we do have some opportunities this summer for
24 system demonstrations and user testing. Specific dates
25 will be announced through the newsletter and on our



1 website. So, again - shameless plug - please join our
2 email list. And make sure you visit the website
3 regularly because that is where we're also going to be
4 posting the training materials as they come available.
5 And we'll be announcing specific training sessions that
6 are close to the go line, the launching of this.

7 And then, as Gerald mentioned, we will continue to
8 be here, after the product is in service, to help answer
9 questions or, you know, help provide some additional
10 training where needed, and hear, you know, your
11 feedback, how it's going. Is it working? Do we need to
12 make any adjustments?

13 All right. Keeping us moving here.

14 So some of the accomplishments.

15 Again, we've got 52 percent of the system is
16 delivered. And testing is fully under way.

17 There's a lot of work also that was not depicted on
18 the schedule there around data migration. That is a
19 very important aspect that has also been taking us some
20 time. We want to make sure that all of your current
21 permit information, all of your conveyances, your
22 addresses, contact information - that that's all over in
23 the new system and ready to roll, that we don't lose
24 anything along the way.

25 Some of that requires some cleanup. You know,



1 certain entities out there are listed in our system way
2 too many times, just through our current process of how
3 we create permits and create those records.

4 We also have things that don't necessarily fit in
5 the future. We have things that, you know, have changed
6 over time. We've got old data in our current system
7 from twenty-plus years ago, from the old LBTR system
8 originally but, you know, needs to kind of get a little
9 bit massaged and make it fit into the new system. So
10 lots of work been happening there.

11 And we do expect to start seeing our data come back
12 to us in July. So we'll begin testing data to make sure
13 that that's looking right from July.

14 All right. And then we have some survey follow-up.
15 So I'm actually going to phone a friend here and pass it
16 to Amy.

17 MS. REYNOLDS: Good morning, everybody. The
18 Unmute is a little sticky, apparently.

19 So just quickly wanted to thank you, for those of
20 you who participated in the external survey request that
21 we sent out in last month's newsletter. We really
22 appreciated your comments and suggestions. And we will
23 respond to those in upcoming engagements.

24 But I want to take a moment to respond to a couple
25 of them now.



1 Several people in the survey commented on the value
2 of the relationships that they've built with L&I staff
3 over the years.

4 And we just wanted to let you know: Those are not
5 going to go away when the Portal launches. You're still
6 going to be able to reach out to the same great people,
7 trusted relationships that you always have.

8 And then the other thing to know is that, when the
9 system goes live, we're going to be watching closely to
10 ensure that it's performing as intended.

11 Certainly, we won't be able to run the old system
12 and the new system in parallel. But we are going to be
13 available to help and support you when the new system -
14 when the Portal is live.

15 You're also going to have access to demos and
16 training materials, as Nicole mentioned, both before we
17 go live and after we go live.

18 So I think I've got one more slide. Yeah.

19 So another thing that folks indicated in the poll -
20 and, actually, in all the polls we've done to date - is
21 that many of you are taking kind of a wait-and-see
22 approach.

23 And that's totally understandable because you
24 haven't been able to get your hands in the Portal yet
25 and really access it and try it out and see the new



1 features and functions.

2 We also appreciate that, you know, many of you are
3 paying attention to our newsletters. We hope that
4 you're visiting the project website because those will
5 be key to important updates as we approach our Go-Live
6 Date.

7 And the last ask that we have for you is please
8 tell a friend. Let them know that we are hoping they're
9 going to lean in, because October will be here before we
10 know it.

11 And that's what we've got from my perspective.

12 Thanks, everyone, for your time.

13 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Amy.

14 Al right. So leading us into the good part here.

15 Wanted to share with you some of the benefits of
16 the Portal.

17 So new applications are going to be, you know, very
18 intuitive and step by step, ensuring that you're able to
19 avoid confusion about what's required for your permit
20 application or not.

21 Submitting of that information will happen on line.
22 You can pay then on line, or you can choose to pay later
23 and, you know, send in a check or visit a field location
24 in order to pay for your permits.

25 And it's going to increase the ability to ensure



1 that you're paying the right amount for your permit.
2 You know, we have online calculators and paper forms
3 today. So sometimes, you know, you don't fill out the
4 paper form 100 percent correctly, and you're missing
5 some information. And that might impact the amount that
6 you should be paying for a permit. So that's going to
7 be super intuitive and all, just right there in the
8 Portal for you.

9 You're going to be able to manage your permits;
10 you're going to be able to print them out from the
11 online system as well. So you don't have to wait for
12 mailing time. You can just get it same day you get the
13 approval.

14 The Annual Operating Certificates - same thing.
15 You're going to be able to print that from the Portal.
16 Right now we have a process that I'll cover here in just
17 a second. But it's really long and drawn out. It
18 requires invoicing, then paying for that invoice. And
19 then eventually we mail the certificate a couple times a
20 month.

21 So this makes sure that it happens very quickly and
22 you guys don't lose any operating time.

23 You're also going to be able to respond to section
24 corrections or request waivers or extensions for those
25 corrections on line as well, with a super



1 easy-to-fill-out form that just helps you know exactly
2 what it is you need to provide to the Department.

3 And then probably one of the most exciting aspects
4 of this is that, of course, it's on line, which doesn't
5 exist today. But you're going to start also receiving
6 alerts and reminders via email. And so you'll know when
7 it's time to renew your permit or time to renew your
8 certificate or you have an invoice that's come through.
9 You'll be able to take action very quickly.

10 All right. So I'm just going to cover a little
11 highlights here on kind of what's changing in the
12 process. And then I'll show you specifics in the
13 system. And then we'll get you back to your regular
14 Agenda.

15 So the current permit application process goes like
16 this. You fill out a paper application. Then you use
17 the fee calculator on the website to know how much to
18 obtain a check for. Then you mail that check and
19 application to L&I, or you're visiting a field location
20 to do all of this.

21 You're then having to submit your plans through the
22 plan review system, which is on line. Then you're
23 receiving the plan denial or approvals; right? And
24 those of you who are filing a lot of permits, you know
25 that, a lot of times, those plans can get denied several



1 times. And you're then re-uploading all of that
2 information again each time to, hopefully, get your
3 approval.

4 And then a decision is made by the Department. And
5 there then there is also mailing time for that permit to
6 actually be sent to you.

7 And again, just throughout the process, if there's
8 any sort of misinformation in the application, you know,
9 or you might use the fee calculator slightly wrong, then
10 you can be, you know, getting those under- and
11 over-payments, as well as the plan review system is just
12 an entirely separate process; right? And it just is
13 cyclical: denials, denials, denials, then approvals and
14 moving on.

15 So in the future, the application process is going
16 to look like this. You're going to fill out the
17 application on line. And you can choose to pay right
18 then and there via credit card, debit card, or ACH.

19 Or you can choose to save and pay later. So it
20 will actually submit it to the Department. And then you
21 can follow up with a check accordingly. But at least it
22 gets your information in.

23 You can also attach your plans and additional
24 documentation directly to your application; so there's
25 not two systems anymore. It will just be all right



1 there through your application.

2 The Department will make that final decision.

3 And then you'll receive an email notification that
4 your permit is available to print on line. And you can
5 just log right in and print that out same day.

6 So it's reducing that process from about seven
7 steps down to four. Again, the plans are attached to
8 the application. And you also have the ability to
9 easily view the status of your application on line. So
10 you can see where it's at with the Department, who's
11 looking at. And you can easily tell which things need
12 more information through your Portal.

13 All right. So then this next process here; so
14 around Annual Operating Certificates.

15 The current process today is that an install
16 inspection occurs. Then a 30-day temporary certificate
17 is provided. The Inspector completes their report in
18 the L&I system. And then the system mails the invoice
19 to the owner and purchases the first Operating
20 Certificate.

21 The customer pays for that invoice. And then the
22 certificate is turned around and mailed and then
23 received; right? So there's snail mail time throughout
24 this whole process back and forth.

25 In the future, that inspection's going to occur.



1 The Inspector is going to complete their report in the
2 new system. A 30-day temporary certificate will
3 actually be provided via email; so it will be sent to
4 you PDF right away, as soon as that's completed.

5 So, if the Inspector's completing their report in
6 the field, as they're getting done with their
7 inspection, you'll get that right away.

8 The owner can then log in to the system same day
9 and apply for that permit and print that certificate
10 same day.

11 So we go from having, you know, 14- to 30-day
12 turnaround to possibly folks obtaining their Operating
13 Certificate same day as their inspection or even next
14 day.

15 All right. And so all those benefits there are
16 pretty much already recapped here.

17 But another added benefit is along the way.

18 While owners are going on line to file for those
19 Operating Certificates, they also have the opportunity
20 to update their mailing information. So we make sure we
21 have the right contact and address, which is somewhat of
22 a pain point for the program today.

23 All right. So I'm moving kind of quickly here, but
24 I know we have a short time.

25 So the next thing here is around inspection



1 corrections process. So the Inspector's going to finish
2 their report. And this corrections report will be
3 created. That report will then be mailed to the
4 responsible party. So it might go to a contractor,
5 might go to an owner, depending on what status that
6 machine is in.

7 That party then responds in any format today,
8 sometimes even on the back of the report, with those
9 proof of corrections.

10 There's a lot of back and forth that's also
11 happening between L&I and folks that are responding to
12 the corrections. So there's a lot of delay there.

13 And then L&I is making the final decisions about
14 whether to close those corrections or if a reinspection
15 is needed; right? And then it continues on.

16 In the future, that's going to look a little bit
17 different. It's going to be that the Inspector does
18 complete their report. And that corrections report is
19 created.

20 The inspection corrections report will send an
21 email notification to you immediately, letting you know
22 that there's something to respond to.

23 You can then log in and respond to that same day.
24 They're a super easy fillable form.

25 And then L&I will essentially have what they need



1 in order to move forward with a decision.

2 If they are requesting additional information, that
3 will be right there in the system and super easy for you
4 to see.

5 And so then through that process, you can also
6 request, of course, waivers and extensions along the
7 way.

8 So now let's get into the fun part, actually seeing
9 what's that going to look like in the system.

10 I know that I'm promising a lot here. But it's
11 hard to tell: Are we really going to be able to do
12 that? And the answer is yes.

13 So let me just show you here where we're at.

14 So I have logged in here to the screen. And I am
15 logged in at the moment as a contractor. My company
16 name is called Taylor Elevator Contracting.

17 And from here I have a menu of options that I can
18 do. And so I'm going to start first at the View Pending
19 Online Applications because I think showing you permit
20 applications will help lead in to all of this.

21 All right. So, viewing my applications, you can
22 see here - I can see all of the things that I've mailed
23 in.

24 So I filled out some paper applications and still
25 sent those in to the Department. And I also completed



1 some on line. So all of that is here in my view.

2 It also shows me currently what the status is.

3 So some things are still waiting for review.

4 And the first step for L&I is to just do a quick
5 administrative review, making sure you included
6 everything that was supposed to be included.

7 And then it will go into the Technical Plan Review,
8 where a Technical Specialist will actually look at your
9 plans, verify they have everything, and move forward.

10 Now, you can tell here, in this one, this one's on
11 hold for information requested. So, that one, I had
12 submitted something. And my Technical Specialist didn't
13 really like it.

14 So I can click on here the View Details to see
15 what's happening with that and why there's information
16 requested. It's going to be a little slow here because
17 it's just sitting dormant, waiting for my presentation.
18 Okay. There we go.

19 So now it shows here that again I am still in the
20 Technical Plan Review step. But there was information
21 requested about my mandatory documents, my plans.

22 So, if I clicked on this, I could see what it is
23 that I've already submitted previously.

24 So I had already attached a copy of my
25 engineer-approved plans and a copy of my contracts.



1 But I can also go ahead and attach some additional
2 information. So I can do that to either bucket here.
3 But I'm going do go ahead and put it on the one that
4 says Information Requested. You can Add.

5 Okay. Simple as that, I attached a document.

6 Now my documents show one document attached here.
7 And that's it. The Department has my information. And
8 they'll get an alert on their end to move forward with
9 the review process. So handled that one.

10 So I'll go back to my pending application list, see
11 what else I have working here.

12 At the bottom, I actually have one that I didn't
13 finish. So this is one that I had saved as a draft.
14 And I needed a little bit more information before I
15 could fully submit it to the Department.

16 So I can continue that application here.

17 I could also withdraw it. So, if something changed
18 along the way, I could just pull it out and delete it,
19 essentially.

20 But I'm going to go ahead and put Continue
21 Application and show you what the permit application
22 looks like on line.

23 And starting a new step. And so I'm just going to
24 back it up here. Okay.

25 So, when first clicking on Apply For a Permit,



1 you'll choose what type of application you want to file.
2 So this is already selected at this point because this
3 one is already drafted to help save us some time here.

4 So I chose it for New Installation.

5 But there will also be options here for an
6 Alteration or a Variance, the different types of
7 applications that you're already submitting today.

8 You'll then be able to choose the Permit Type that
9 you need.

10 So, for me, I had already selected - and this is
11 for a Commercial Conveyance. And I'm doing it for a
12 Dumbwaiter in Other Than a Residence.

13 But I have all of these options available when it
14 comes to Commercial or Residential.

15 There's also application types for Construction
16 Hoist. So you'll be able to file those on line as well.

17 But just moving into the next step here to show
18 you.

19 So now this is the view that you'll see for all of
20 the screens where information is required. So you can
21 go through these screens by either clicking the tabs or
22 by selecting Next or Back.

23 And then the system requires that all of this
24 information is filled out when you go to submit.

25 So here, starting on the very first screen, this is



1 about me. I'm filing the application. So it's all
2 about my contracting company. My contact information
3 for that company, which happens to be Nicole Wiseman.
4 And there's also my license information here.

5 So we will be checking to make sure that licenses
6 are active when permit applications are getting
7 submitted.

8 Then on the next screen here, it also asks for some
9 Site Location information. So I can choose to copy that
10 if it's all the same. And I can do the same with the
11 Jobsite Contact Info. So I can say Site Location.
12 Contact person is Bob. And it's for Building A. And
13 it's at 1234 Main Street.

14 Now, if I copy from that same information, make the
15 jobsite still Bob - I want him to be the main contact -
16 I can click Next. And his phone number. All right.

17 Then I can put in some Owner Information. Then I
18 can say yes, I already know my UBI number. This is for
19 Taylor Buildings. She's a building owner. Then click
20 Save.

21 And I'm just moving really fast here. Sorry about
22 this.

23 And then you can get into some additional
24 information.

25 And then this tab is really the most important tab



1 I wanted to show you all, which is where you can attach
2 those documents; so your plans and a copy of your
3 contract.

4 And then you can put in all the conveyance
5 information that's required. So everything that's
6 required has little red asterisks. Everything that's
7 optional does not have that. So you can just go through
8 and fill out what's the manufacturer, machine type,
9 speed, weight, travel, governor.

10 All of this information will then be provided to
11 the Department. And that Technical Specialist will then
12 have it at their fingertips in order to review your
13 permit.

14 So, to follow that, I'm just going to jump to the
15 very end page here. It may not let me through. Yeah,
16 it's going to require everything. Okay.

17 So I'm going to skip that, just for sake of time,
18 because I see everything's ticking down here.

19 I'm going to go back to the Home page and just show
20 you also some other features.

21 So the other feature here at the moment is
22 submitting a proof of correction. If I click on that,
23 this is where I can respond to inspection corrections.

24 And you'll see here I have one that was completed.
25 My inspection was completed yesterday at 11:00 o'clock.



1 And I can view the reports right here. So this
2 will be the full detailed report, showing everything the
3 Inspector looked at, passed or failed.

4 I can look at just these reports, which will show
5 just what was needing to be fixed.

6 And I can actually submit my plan correction on
7 line.

8 So I'm going to go ahead and click this.

9 And this is that easy form I was explaining to you.
10 So this shows here when the inspection happened, when
11 you need to provide your response by. There's a due
12 date here. Again, you can view all of the reports. And
13 you can respond.

14 So, for this one, these two pieces failed. And the
15 Inspector comments are: The door reopening device is
16 faulty and not working consistently. And the safety
17 tests are not posted as required.

18 So I can respond to both of those, saying what my
19 plan of action is - or proof of correction; excuse me -
20 by just clicking this here, where it says POC.

21 And then I can input some information, saying:
22 Mechanic came out and fixed door reopening device.
23 Attaching copy of work order and a photo of the fix.

24 Okay. Now that information is there, I can attach
25 some documents if I want to.



1 And for the safety test, you can say "Safety tests
2 are now posted." And then I could submit a photo for
3 that as well, by just attaching a document here.

4 And at the end, you just attest that all of this
5 information is correct and you understand the process.

6 And then it just gets submitted just like that and
7 submitted to the Department.

8 They'll be able to review it in their work queue
9 and make a decision. And if they need more information,
10 they'll be just reaching back out to you.

11 And then, lastly, the final process that I wanted
12 to show you guys was the Annual Operating Certificate
13 and just how that actually pre-fills a lot of
14 information for you. So it's very quick.

15 So I'll jump through that here. And then we'll
16 take any questions you guys have.

17 Okay. Logging in as the building owner. Now I'm
18 at Taylor Buildings instead of Taylor Contracting.

19 I have the ability to apply for an Annual Operating
20 Certificate here in this menu. You'll notice it looks
21 different; right? I don't have the ability to apply for
22 permits as a building owner. That will be just for a
23 contractor role.

24 So I'm going to click this here. And I actually
25 have two conveyances that are ready for their Operating



1 Certificates. So they've already passed their
2 inspections. They're good to go.

3 So I can actually go ahead and choose to move
4 forward with this guy. There we go. So, once I
5 selected it, it's now pre-filling the permit
6 information.

7 So this is a commercial conveyance that is
8 passenger hydraulic. I'll click Next.

9 And you'll notice here this menu is much shorter;
10 right? A lot less information is required. So this is
11 just verifying that it is Taylor Buildings that does own
12 this conveyance.

13 I have an opportunity here to adjust my mailing
14 information if I need to.

15 And then I can just attest that all of the
16 information is correct. And submit.

17 And I'm going to choose to Pay Now.

18 You can also choose Submit and Pay Later, again, if
19 you need to order checks or go visit a field location.

20 But after selecting Now and paying, you'll get a
21 little pop-up that will ask for your credit card
22 information. And all of that's secure.

23 But it's not yet integrated today for demonstration
24 purposes. It's just skipping past it.

25 But here's my transaction information. And I can



1 actually go ahead and, you know, look at my payment
2 receipt if I need to. But if I just simply click Return
3 to Home, I can actually just print out my Operating
4 Certificate now.

5 So I'll just go to Manage my Permit.

6 And you'll see here I actually have several
7 Operating Certificates that have all been passed.
8 They're currently active. And they're all good through
9 May of next year.

10 So I can just simply click Print, and it will
11 generate the certificate for me to print. There it is.
12 A beautiful yellow certificate with all of the
13 information. I can just print that right out and stick
14 it in my elevator.

15 All right. So I got through the three scenarios I
16 was hoping to cover with you guys. Thanks for bearing
17 with me here.

18 Any questions at all about any of the
19 demonstration?

20 And I was missing Chat here. So let me just catch
21 up.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, Nicole. This is
23 Carissa. It looks like there's a question in the Chat:
24 Will there be an auction for a temporary CPH
25 construction personnel hoist, as they do not currently



1 require a contract amount or drawings?

2 MS. TAYLOR: Yes.

3 You'll be able to request that application.

4 Let me just go Home here. I'm going to log out and
5 log back in as a contractor to give you a visual.

6 All right. So we do that through - actually, it's
7 probably going to give me an error. So I'm just going
8 to withdraw. Okay. All right.

9 Apply for a New Permit.

10 So you'll see here now I have the option for
11 Construction Hoist Installation. So, if I select that,
12 I'll then be able to differentiate between a personnel
13 hoist or a material hoist. I'm just going to choose a
14 personnel hoist.

15 And then, when I get all the way, I'm just going to
16 skip ahead to the additional information.

17 You'll notice here the plans and contractor - not
18 required. Now it's just asking for the conveyance
19 information. That previous window that had been here to
20 attach documents is now gone.

21 So this form is dynamic, based on what type of
22 application you're filing or which type of conveyance
23 it's for. Great question.

24 And I see a couple hands as well.

25 First, Steve. Go ahead, Steve.



1 MR. REINMUTH: Can Kevin go ahead of me?

2 MS. TAYLOR: Oh, sure. Yeah.

3 Go ahead, Kevin. And you're still on Mute.

4 MR. SCHAPS: Can you hear me?

5 Kevin Schaps, with Azose Commercial.

6 Just wondering, as a property management company,
7 will we create one account for all the properties we
8 oversee? Or will be it be multiple?

9 MS. TAYLOR: Yeah.

10 So it will be based on your UBI number.

11 So, if it's the same UBI for, you know, many of
12 your accounts, then it would all be under that one
13 account.

14 If you use multiple UBIs to do business, then
15 they'd be divvied up that way.

16 But there is an option as well on line for those
17 building owners to just branch and access to the
18 conveyances that you need.

19 So let me just show you that.

20 Go back in as a building owner here.

21 So, on this menu, they have the option to do a
22 conveyance assignment. They can then look for their
23 conveyances. I'm just going to Search All.

24 And so, for some of these, I have actually gone
25 ahead and assigned property managers. So Taylor



1 Property Management has been assigned to these
2 conveyances. So they'll be able to go and purchase
3 those Operating Certificates or pay invoices on behalf
4 of the building owners.

5 And then the building owner can change. If they
6 change contract and have a different property management
7 company in the future or they want to take back control,
8 they can do that assignment through their online Portal.

9 MR. SCHAPS: Thank you.

10 MS. TAYLOR: Yes. Of course. Great question.
11 Steve, back to you.

12 MR. REINMUTH: Thanks, Nicole.

13 So just a quick comment and then, I guess, some
14 information for everybody on the call.

15 First of all, I just want to say thanks, to Nicole
16 and Amy and Shari and Carissa and the rest of the team
17 that I'm not taking the time to mention, for the rigor
18 and the leadership that has been brought to this
19 project.

20 This is one of those projects everybody on the call
21 knows that's not only important; but really we had to go
22 slow to go fast. Right? We had to make sure and wanted
23 to be sure that we got it right technically and that we
24 got it right from a customer input perspective.

25 So I just really want to say thank you to Nicole



1 and to Amy and Carissa for making sure that we continue
2 to get it right.

3 If anybody on the call feels like you don't have
4 information or you don't feel like you've been heard or
5 had an opportunity to be heard, please, please speak up
6 now or get a hold of Nicole or get a hold of Gerald to
7 make sure that we get you on a list or get you into a
8 meeting or get you into a focus group or whatever else
9 we might have planned between now and October.

10 The second thing, just as a comment, is to let
11 everybody know that this is an example of an investment
12 that we've all made together. Right? The legislature,
13 the Project Team, the Division, the Program saw the need
14 for this program, I want to say, six years ago. That
15 might be a little bit long.

16 But we have continued to be sure that we listen to
17 not just our customers but our external quality
18 assurance folks, our partners in the Office of Chief
19 Information Officer - you name it. Right? This is a
20 team effort.

21 And I want to just reassure everybody that, given
22 our budget conversations that we had earlier, this is
23 not something that we are currently planning to slow
24 down on or currently planning to diminish investments
25 in.



1 Even if it means that we might have some challenges
2 in other parts of the program, we are all in on this
3 particular project. And it's one of the complicating
4 factors that I mentioned earlier as we juggle the balls
5 that are associated with the work that this program
6 needs to get done for our customers.

7 So, finally, I want to thank Gerald for his
8 leadership on this particular project. He has said from
9 the very beginning, at least since I've been with the
10 Division, that this is probably singularly the most
11 important project that our team can accomplish, in terms
12 of service for customers and regulating public safety
13 and assuring public safety.

14 So, Gerald, thank you for your leadership.

15 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Steve.

16 SECRETARY BROWN: Thank you, Steve.

17 MS. TAYLOR: All right.

18 And I think I caught up with all the questions in
19 Chat.

20 But if anybody has any questions, please feel free.
21 Raise your hand or drop them in Chat.

22 I think I have still have at least two minutes
23 left. I think I beat the clock. Yes.

24 And thank you, Shari, for the reminder.

25 Yes. We will have a lot more demonstrations and



1 training available come later this summer and fall.
2 There will be lots of opportunity for you to jump in and
3 get familiar with it before initially using it.

4 Okay. Well, I'm not seeing anything.

5 So, if anybody does have any questions, again,
6 please feel free to raise your hand or throw it in Chat.

7 But I'll just take us through the last couple of
8 slides here and hand it back over.

9 So, getting through that discussion time here, next
10 steps: This summer's opportunities to help us test.
11 Again, additional demonstrations. And training is
12 slated for September and October; so just in time
13 training so you don't hear a bunch of information and
14 lose it. You'll hear a bunch of information, and then
15 you'll be able to apply it hands-on.

16 Make sure to watch for the newsletters. That's
17 where we talk about what's happening with the project
18 and when we're asking for input or, you know, we're
19 sending out a survey. That's also where we're going to
20 announce all of the different training sessions and
21 opportunities to get your hands on the system early.

22 We'll also be back at the next ESAC meeting.

23 And then we just also wanted to just be super
24 transparent about who has volunteered so far to help us
25 test. So, come August time frame, we're going to be



1 reaching out to these folks to lean in and, you know, go
2 through some scenarios, try it out, file some permits,
3 respond to some corrections, tell us how it's working or
4 not working.

5 If you would like to join us, if you would like to
6 be on this list, just drop your name in Chat. Or send
7 an email to Melissa at the program, and she'll get it
8 over to us.

9 But we would love to have a lot more volunteers,
10 make sure we have a well-rounded group and lots of input
11 on this.

12 So, again, feel free to throw your name out there.
13 And we will be in touch. We just need your name and
14 email. And then we'll pull you in.

15 So that really brings us to the end of our
16 presentation. And I will pass it back over to the
17 facilitator.

18 Thank you, everybody, for having us. And we'll be
19 back again in August.

20 SECRETARY BROWN: Thank you so much.

21 CHAIR HENDERSON: Yeah. Thank you, Nicole.
22 Appreciate all that.

23 I believe, for our itinerary, our Agenda, that
24 brings us up to our fifteen-minute break.

25 So, at this point in time, we'll take fifteen



1 minutes.

2 And Melissa's already there with the timer. Look
3 at it go. All righty.

4 We'll see everybody here at the top of the hour.

5 (A break was taken)

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7 ESAC Subcommittee Status Updates

8 Conveyances in Rental Units

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10 CHAIR HENDERSON: We're back at the top of the
11 hour from our fifteen-minute break.

12 And looking at our Agenda, the next item on the
13 Agenda is Conveyances and Rental Units, Subcommittee
14 Status Updates. And the Chair of that one is Jim
15 Norris.

16 Jim, can you give us an update?

17 MR. NORRIS: I certainly can.

18 So our Subcommittee is on Conveyances and Rental
19 Units that are currently not covered by the exemption in
20 the WAC and RCW but are falling through the cracks.

21 And so our goal is to enhance the language in the
22 WAC on that and then also use that to have a
23 point-of-sale inspection on residential units in homes.

24 And so, following our last ESAC meeting two weeks
25 ago, with budget discussions, I did email our Committee

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1 sort of the existing WAC language and our new WAC
2 language. And, you know, I expressed the concern: Are
3 we going to be putting another brick on the pile here
4 that's just not going to be able to be handled?

5 But the Committee feels that these inspections
6 would be done by licensed mechanics. And so it's not
7 overly burdening Gerald and his reduced staff at this
8 time.

9 And so I think where we're at is I'm going to fill
10 out the petition for adoption of the changes required in
11 the WAC and the reasoning for it, share with my
12 Committee and Gerald, to make sure everybody's
13 comfortable with that language. And.

14 I know everybody's concerned about doing battle
15 with the real estate folks when this finally gets to
16 that point. But we need to have our consensus of what
17 we're looking for before we engage them.

18 And it might be a good time to kick them while
19 they're down, having they just lost their big lawsuit
20 regarding how much they can large for selling homes. So
21 it might be a good time to get them.

22 And so I think that's where we're at with the
23 Committee.

24 CHAIR HENDERSON: Any questions or feedback
25 for Jim on that Committee?



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Cab Interior Alterations

CHAIR HENDERSON: Hearing none, that brings us to the next Subcommittee Status Update for Cab Interior Alterations for dead weight of car.

I'm the Chair of that Committee, Subcommittee.

I have no updates on that one right now, short of we have not met. This is falling primarily on the Chair of the Subcommittee, his responsibility.

As that is going on, I'm reaching out to other members of that Committee, asking for someone to step up to chair that Committee so it can move forward.

I'm just finding myself not having the time to be able to chair it. So I'm reaching out. I've reached out, started that process. And, hopefully, by the next meeting, we'll have another Chair of this Subcommittee, and it can move forward.

Any comment or questions on the Cab Interior Alterations Subcommittee?

New/Continued Business and Audience Questions

Iron Worker Union in Hoistways

CHAIR HENDERSON: Hearing none, this moves us on into our New and Continued Business.



1 Gerald, you have one here for Iron Worker Union in
2 Hoistways. Gerald, if you're --

3 SECRETARY BROWN: Yeah.

4 How about now? Can you hear me?

5 CHAIR HENDERSON: We got you.

6 SECRETARY BROWN: All right. Thanks.

7 This was an item that was brought up to L&I about
8 some minimum safety standards in different L&I programs.

9 And at the time, it was brought in by the Iron
10 Workers Union about, apparently, there was a product -
11 and Jim Norris could probably speak to it a little
12 better.

13 But basically - and I'm going to share my screen
14 real quick - what we have been seeing as a standard for
15 barricades on new construction.

16 There is a regular wind barricade. It's erected by
17 the general contractor. The netting that is put on
18 there, to keep, you know, flying objects from coming
19 down and hitting personnel in the hoistway, is in place.

20 This configuration has been included with most
21 permit applications for approved drawings. Some still
22 show it. Some do it not.

23 But this is basically the information that we see
24 in the Field Employees Safety Handbook that most
25 contractors follow and that our program follows for



1 staff.

2 This is a regular approved barricade system.

3 And what was proposed, if I'm getting this right,
4 was they wanted to do a couple of things.

5 A couple of things they wanted to do was back up
6 the hoistway every five floors and put in a safety
7 barricade every five floors.

8 And typically what we see is a series of barricades
9 up closer to where the iron work is happening, where our
10 hoistways are exposed from above. They put in a
11 substantial - I'm holding my hand up like people can see
12 me - they put in substantial barricades above to keep
13 new construction items from coming down the hoistway,
14 which has been the practice for years. And they move
15 those up as they go. They're not really technically a
16 hoistway yet because there's no floors or anything
17 associated with it.

18 But typically that's what we've been seeing. And
19 that margin of safety for those barricades, how they're
20 constructed and stuff by the contractor, typically have
21 been sufficient.

22 And then going down the hoistway in portions where
23 we can get into the work, you have these moveable
24 barricades and safety netting. Like I said, we normally
25 see this illustrated on approved plans.



1 What they wanted to do was they wanted to put in an
2 enhanced - basically a metal enclosure that they would
3 erect and they would put on the floors. And it would
4 have, like, a swing door to it, to gain access to the
5 hoistway, things like this.

6 So they would be barricading every five floors.

7 And if you do high-rise construction, you know the
8 impracticality of being able to drop lines and
9 officially install elevators is severely prohibited when
10 you have that barricade in the way. Crash decks. There
11 we go.

12 And so that's why - and, of course, they would
13 install them and maintain them and move them. And we
14 would have to coordinate all that, and it would slow
15 down the projects, where, in the current system that we
16 have, we don't show a track record of problems with
17 that.

18 And so this is what was submitted. These type of
19 illustrations were submitted to management in response
20 to the Iron Workers' request. I haven't heard anything
21 back, any more controversial topics on that subject.

22 But it is important to - like I said, the current
23 practice, up at the top of the hoistway, is they're
24 erecting the building to have a series of crash decks
25 and rated barricades up there. And we fully support



1 that to continue on.

2 But as far as being an access to the hoistway, to
3 be able to install the elevators, as we currently do,
4 and then be able to access to them, continue on with
5 this system.

6 And so that was basically the crux of the report.

7 I'll stop sharing. But that's what came up.

8 I have not heard any response back since I had
9 submitted that information back up the food chain to who
10 got that request from the Iron Workers.

11 Any questions?

12 CHAIR HENDERSON: So, is a synopsis on that
13 one, Gerald, is that, per the request from the Iron
14 Workers is pretty much we want to just continue with the
15 barricaded netting as it currently is?

16 SECRETARY BROWN: Yeah.

17 These were recommendations they had made to the
18 State for enhanced safety features. And they had asked
19 us for a reply back, which I did with that illustration
20 and several others.

21 But there's a whole series of special crash decks
22 and support decks and things like that for these
23 temporary-use internal passenger elevator systems that
24 are offered by several of the major companies for
25 high-rise, so they can take down their construction



1 hoists and just move personnel.

2 And those have a major series of crash decks above
3 them because, as they make jumps every three to five
4 floors up, all of that stuff goes above. And that's
5 part of their system, which is approved. And it meets
6 all of the OSHA guidelines.

7 And so that will continue on as is.

8 I think we just have a few of those, either
9 operating or existing in the state at this time.

10 CHAIR HENDERSON: All right. Thanks, Gerald.

11 Jim, do you have . . .

12 MR. NORRIS: Yeah.

13 I did some checking to see if this was being pushed
14 elsewhere by the Iron Workers. But I couldn't find any.

15 Is this a pilot program here? Or are they piggying
16 on to somebody else's work?

17 SECRETARY BROWN: It was really hard to
18 determine the origin of it. It was just safety
19 recommendations that they had made to the State.

20 And different organizations make recommendations to
21 the State. Some of them affect our program. Some do
22 not. So it was along that line.

23 But the fact that it was work that they would claim
24 is what the concern was, as far as how that affects
25 safety in the Elevator Program, because not everybody



1 understands what we do for a living, basically.

2 And I just wanted to make sure that you were made
3 aware of it and that we had addressed those concerns
4 and, given our replies, they were well received.

5 And I haven't heard any follow-up problems or
6 anybody moving forward with the swing-door
7 installations, things like that.

8 CHAIR HENDERSON: Any other questions related
9 on this topic back to Gerald?

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11 Committee Representative Communication

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13 CHAIR HENDERSON: All right. Hearing none,
14 moving on to the next item on the Agenda, in our
15 New/Continued Business, is Committee Representative
16 Communication.

17 And this was something that was brought up that, as
18 Chair, I'd like to reach out to all of our stakeholders
19 to utilize the ESAC and the representatives on the ESAC,
20 to use us as much as they can for communication, moving
21 forward, to the State.

22 Every stakeholder should have a representative on
23 the ESAC Committee. We encourage all of those
24 stakeholders to reach out to those members so that they
25 can - if they have concerns, feedback, need

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1 communication back to L&I. We encourage them to use the
2 ESAC Committee because that is one of the items that we
3 are here for is to be the voice of our stakeholders.
4 And we really need to hear from our stakeholders so that
5 we are giving the voice of our stakeholders. And that's
6 good and/or bad.

7 So just wanted to take a moment here to encourage
8 all of our stakeholders to use us as we are intended, to
9 reach out to their representative with concerns,
10 feedback, things we need to reach out to the State with.

11 Any comments or feedback related to that, from the
12 group? Duane, I see you there.

13 MR. LEOPARD: I'd like to chime in a little
14 bit.

15 You know, as I mentioned in my introductions, you
16 know, I feel like I represent the ESAC too just because
17 I'm within the city limits of Spokane. Of course, those
18 people are more than welcome to call me. Even if you're
19 on the Eastside over here near me, sometimes we can sit
20 down and get a cup of coffee or whatever, discuss
21 anything that might be on your mind.

22 So don't just run to the State or, you know, the
23 other representatives that are in the area. You're more
24 than welcome to contact me.

25 Thank you for your time.



1 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Duane.
2 Appreciate that.

3 Recognize Brian Thompson.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Ricky.

5 Yeah. I think part of being able to have a voice
6 is also having representation in each of the seats.

7 And one of the things I was going to make sure
8 people are aware of is that I have held the
9 representative position for Registered Architects and
10 Professional Engineers for a few years now. And so it's
11 time to pass the baton.

12 And so there will be a vacancy that, if a anyone is
13 aware of a Registered Architect or a Licensed
14 Professional Engineer, they should make them aware of
15 the opportunity to serve the State and the ESAC in this
16 position.

17 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Brian.

18 I see Jan Gould. Recognize Jan.

19 MS. GOULD: Oh, Brian. When are you leaving?
20 So, oh, gosh. It's going to be a huge loss with
21 you gone.

22 Do you have a date? Or is this it?

23 MR. THOMPSON: So these meet quarterly.

24 So I anticipate this might be the last quarterly
25 attendance.



1 MS. GOULD: Boy, you're going to be missed.

2 MR. THOMPSON: I appreciate that.

3 CHAIR HENDERSON: Absolutely. Absolutely.

4 SECRETARY BROWN: Can we vote to keep you?

5 MS. GOULD: Yeah. Can we?

6 CHAIR HENDERSON: Just to save you, that's not
7 allowed.

8 MS. GOULD: Having an engineer on the
9 Committee has been invaluable.

10 CHAIR HENDERSON: I wholeheartedly concur with
11 Jan on that one. You not being here is - you will be
12 missed.

13 I see Scott Cleary there, recognize Scott.

14 MR. CLEARY: Brian, yeah, I just wanted to
15 reiterate what everybody else has said.

16 You're such a good, very valuable help. And you
17 dive right down into the minutiae. And it's really been
18 helpful.

19 But there's really no need to pass the baton.

20 So I just want to say thanks for all the help
21 you've given. You've been a great help to the
22 Committee.

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1 Grain Industry Inspections

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3 CHAIR HENDERSON: Moving on, the next item on
4 our Agenda is Grain Industry Inspections, for Scott
5 Cleary.

6 MR. CLEARY: I think, Steve, you're still on;
7 is that correct? Mr. Reinmuth? Okay.

8 MR. REINMUTH: I am.

9 MR. CLEARY: Okay. Good.

10 So we've discussed this. And I think the plan
11 forward is for us to meet.

12 I'd like to have Lyall Wohlschlager also involved
13 because he's involved with the same stakeholders as I am
14 and he's been working in the past to get these
15 organizations in compliance.

16 But I just really want to reiterate again that
17 whatever we do, I'd like to do it sooner than later and
18 then have some kind of written pathway, no matter what
19 it is, something in writing that we can pass on to our
20 different stakeholders, because I get called a lot from
21 them, trying to understand what's going on, because we
22 gave them a sense of urgency for years. And now they
23 haven't heard or seen anything.

24 And I don't want them to fall back into the same
25 way they were doing and not doing anything. So that's



1 really been, you know, our concern.

2 So, Lyall, do you got anything else to add to that?

3 MR. WOHLSCHLAGER: No.

4 I'm experiencing the same thing on the Eastside of
5 the state here, Scott, where we are being asked, by the
6 grain industry, what is the plan.

7 So getting an answer would certainly be helpful.

8 MR. REINMUTH: Thanks.

9 Brian?

10 MR. HORNBACK: Yeah.

11 I was going to tell you, unless you want it, I've
12 got this one. I'll work with Gerald. I've sent a
13 meeting notice just a few minutes ago to DOSH and ISH,
14 trying to figure out really just who the players are.

15 We have what we believe are some - I don't know if
16 it's conflicting guidance or if we just need to figure
17 out how to harmonize the two in terms of what the
18 required PPE is, et cetera.

19 So I'll take this on as an action item. And we'll
20 get that meeting scheduled first for Gerald, DOSH, and
21 ISH. And then we'll schedule a follow-up conversation
22 with Scott.

23 And I was just trying to find - was it Lyall?

24 And what was the last name?

25 MR. WOHLSCHLAGER: Wohlschlager.



1 MR. HORNBACK: I'll look it up in the list of
2 people on here and see if I can get it out of here so I
3 can see what it's about. I'm not dumb enough to try and
4 spell that. Thank you.

5 MR. REINMUTH: Brian, sorry to interrupt.
6 Can you just, in a quick nutshell, do two things,
7 please.

8 One is describe DOSH and ISH and then just maybe
9 capture the issue in a quick minute.

10 MR. HORNBACK: You bet.

11 So we have two internal - I just call it guidance
12 bodies for our employee safety.

13 One of these is DOSH. And that's really the
14 employee safety for all employees across the state of
15 Washington. And they're the ones who largely determine
16 safety requirements, you know, PPE, et cetera, for
17 Washington workers, and it gets in any profession.

18 And then internally, for our own staff, we have our
19 Internal Safety and Health, what we call ISH. So we
20 do - to give you the minutiae just a little bit - we do
21 a job hazard analysis for every position, including our
22 Elevator Inspectors.

23 In that hazard analysis, we look at it and say:
24 What are the hazards, in this case, with the grain
25 elevator? And then prescribe what we have to wear for



1 protective equipment, inspection methods, et cetera.

2 So, between those two, we have to reconcile to make
3 sure that we're not requiring one thing of our staff and
4 requiring something else of the public, of an employee
5 somewhere else, and not making the standards - call it
6 different, lower or higher, for either one.

7 So I have to reconcile those two. I think that's
8 been where part of our holdup has been in the past.

9 Just being perfectly clear, I think that's what
10 we're trying to figure out is why we're not consistent.

11 So we have to analyze those two things and then
12 come up with a plan for how we inspect, what we inspect,
13 et cetera.

14 And then, again, Scott, as you noted, write that
15 down so that we can put something on paper, say, "Here's
16 how we're going to go about what we're going to do."

17 So I'm not sure; I think that answered kind of what
18 Steve was asking.

19 And, Scott, I see your hand's up.

20 If anybody else has questions, as well, happy to
21 tackle those, knowing that sometimes the answer is "I'll
22 find out."

23 So that's what I've got.

24 MR. CLEARY: All right. Thanks, Brian.

25 I just want to make sure that everybody realizes



1 that the grain industry is under special circumstances.
2 They're a part of the RCW 70.87.270, Exemption from
3 Licensure. So they have been trained to do a lot of
4 work of the maintenance they're allowed do by
5 themselves. We've done a lot of training with them.

6 So I think there's a way here to do some IVIP stuff
7 with them that - I think we had a Subcommittee, and it
8 died away.

9 But I think there's some opportunity here since
10 everything's remote. Some of these places are in the
11 middle of nowhere. I mean, they're far from nowhere.

12 So I think there's some opportunities here that we
13 can capture by them, under a statute that already
14 exists, to allow them to do a lot of this and not have
15 to have always on-site presence from your Inspector.

16 So I think there's an opportunity here to make them
17 and be compliant without having a lot of State resources
18 to be traveling around.

19 MR. HORNBACK: Thank you, Scott.

20 I'm going to tell you without committing to, yes,
21 we'll do that - I'll tell you that I think we're pretty
22 good about not saying no to a good idea. You know, we
23 still want to explore the possibilities to do it as
24 effectively and efficiently as we possibly can. You
25 know, we owe that to everybody that pays a dollar to L&I



1 for a permit or a tax of some sort, you know, that
2 affecting the efficiency piece, as well as the
3 overriding piece of the employee safety.

4 MR. CLEARY: And I know some of the objections
5 have been brought up: Well, we're not there to witness
6 it.

7 Well, they're not getting inspected and witnessed
8 now. So getting some visibility is better than no
9 visibility.

10 And the track record has actually been really good,
11 over the last ten years or so, of getting them to do the
12 right thing.

13 So just wanted to share that.

14 And I appreciate your support on this. Thanks.

15 CHAIR HENDERSON: Any more comments related to
16 the Grain Industry Inspections?

17 MR. REINMUTH: I don't want to put Brian on
18 the spot or Gerald on the spot. But I will a little
19 bit.

20 Can we, Brian and Gerald, commit to an answer on
21 grain elevators before the August ESAC meeting, if not
22 before, but at least have that on the radar as a target?

23 MR. HORNBACK: You know, there's nothing I
24 like more than being put on the spot when it's perfectly
25 reasonable.



1 As to, I think, you know, before August, you know,
2 can I tell you we'll have an exact plan; this is how
3 it's going to go?

4 I'm not going to commit to that.

5 But I will commit to having the meetings and
6 discussions and having a path forward, even if it's a
7 matter of a path forward to defining the inspection
8 process.

9 But we will have something of substance before that
10 August meeting.

11 MR. REINMUTH: I just wanted to say, Ricky,
12 that we want to be as clear as we can be, particularly
13 given harvest that's coming up and other times of year
14 seasonally that matter to farmers and grain elevator
15 operators.

16 And this has been an issue that I've known about
17 for a couple of years that I was thought was resolved.

18 So I'm glad that, Scott, you brought it up.

19 And I know Brian and Gerald will do our best to get
20 as much as we can to the team before August.

21 Thanks.

22 CHAIR HENDERSON: I see Duane and then Scott.

23 MR. LEOPARD: Just an idea, food for thought.

24 This might be a good place for third-party
25 Inspectors maybe, might be considered, looked at, you



1 know, tossed around by the State.

2 You know, if the State can't get to them and the
3 safety standards are a problem, third party might help
4 out in this area. Just food for thought.

5 CHAIR HENDERSON: Thank you, Duane.

6 Scott, do you have your hand up?

7 MR. CLEARY: Yes.

8 I just want to clarify that - August of 2024;
9 correct?

10 MR. HORNBACK: Yeah. August of 2024.

11 Appreciate what I hope was a little bit of sarcasm
12 and humor in that.

13 MR. CLEARY: A little humor. A little humor.

14 MR. HORNBACK: I hope I heard that correctly.

15 MR. CLEARY: Yeah, you did.

16 CHAIR HENDERSON: So any other comments on the
17 grain industry?

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19 Conversation from Stakeholders

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21 CHAIR HENDERSON: All right.

22 Moving on, the next item is Conversation from
23 Stakeholders.

24 So anyone in the audience here have any items,
25 conversation, topics that they'd like to be brought up

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1 or clarified, what's happened here in the meeting?

2 Reaching out to anybody here in the audience.

3 So we always appreciate any kind of feedback. Like
4 I said, getting the information and comments back to
5 your representative on the ESAC Committee is part of
6 what we're here for. So we always appreciate comments,
7 feedback, and letting us know what you're seeing out
8 there so that we can help out.

9 Giving it just a little more. But hearing no
10 conversation from the stakeholders and the audience
11 brings us to the end of our Agenda.

12 With no other comments and no more conversation, we
13 may be able to end our ESAC meeting thirty minutes early
14 today.

15 Anyone here have any problems with ending thirty
16 minutes early for our ESAC Committee meeting?

17 Hearing none, we give thirty minutes back.

18 Oh, wait. There's Duane coming in a flash.

19 MR. LEOPARD: So we've got thirty minutes.

20 Let's give fifteen minutes off the record for
21 anybody that would want to say or voice their opinions
22 on anything.

23 CHAIR HENDERSON: I'm fine with that.

24 So, Lori, as far as off the record, I think we can
25 end the meeting that we have here currently, as we were



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The official ESAC Committee meeting has ended.

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