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|  | CARNIVAL AND AMUSEMENT RIDE INSPECTION DIVISION |
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| 8 | Hearing held on January 13, 2011 at the Crowne |
| 9 | Plaza, 3100 South Dirksen Parkway, Plaza F, First Floor, |
| 10 | Springfield, Illinois, scheduled for the hour of 6:00 P.M. |
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| 14 PRESENT: |  |
| 15 | MS. CATHERINE M. SHANNON, |
|  | Director |
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|  | Mr. Anthony J. Urbik |
| 17 | Mr. Daniel S. Kirschner |
|  | Mr. Bill Sparks |
| 18 | Ms. Patty Sullivan |
|  | Board Members |
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| 1 | (Hearing started Page 3 |
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| 2 | at 6:00 P.M.) |
| 3 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: All right. I think that we are |
| 4 | ready to get started. Hopefully everyone found us. |
| 5 | This is a Carnival and Amusement Safety Board |
| 6 | Meeting. And this is -- this is our public meeting where |
| 7 | people have an opportunity to ask questions or to make |
| 8 | comments. |
| 9 | So the first thing that I would like to do is -- and |
| 10 | I'm Catherine Shannon, the Director of the Department of |
| 11 | Labor and the chair of the Carnival and Amusement Safety |
| 12 | Board. |
| 13 | And the first item I would like to do is to introduce |
| 14 | the board members or to call the roll, whatever. |
| 15 | So we have here -- in a yellow sweatshirt, we have |
| 16 | Bill Sparks. |
| 17 | MR. SPARKS: (Nods affirmatively.) |
| 18 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: To my left is Daniel Kirschner. |
| 19 | MR. KIRSCHNER: Good evening. |
| 20 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: Then we have Patty Sullivan. |
| 21 | MS. SULLIVAN: (Indicates.) |
| 22 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: And we have Anthony Urbik. |
| 23 | MR. URBIK: (Indicates.) |
| 24 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: And we have five board members in |

attendance. I would also like to introduce our staff.
Seated to my left is Doug Rathbun. He is the manager of the Carnival and Amusement Inspection Division.

Seated to my right is Katherine Anthony. And she is our new chief legal counsel.

Marcia Joiner is in the red sweater here. And she is the -- she is the administrative assistant who does so much of the support work and handling of the applications and all of the -- and the preparing of all of the board packets.

And we have Bill Szerletich who is one of our carnival inspectors seated in the front row. If you want to waive to the folks, Bill.

MR. SZERLETICH: (Indicates.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: And then seated to the -- next to Bill is our newest inspector for the Southern Region, Brian Brown. And, in Doug's report, he will be giving an introduction to Brian. So I will let him do that.

The first item or order of business is to approve the agenda. And we have a public board agenda in your binders right before Section 1. So the board members can review that and I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MS. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. URBIK: Second it.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: All in favor say aye.
(Group response.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: No?
(No response.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: The ayes have it. The agenda is approved.

The first item on the agenda is to go over -actually, tomorrow we have a meeting. The formal board meeting is tomorrow. It begins at 8:30. And that will be held on the third floor in the Capital 2 Meeting Room. So not here and not where we had it last year, but the third floor Capital 2 Meeting Room.

Marcia, have you been there?
MS. JOINER: I haven't. I have no idea where it is.
MR. URBIK: I have. It's easy to find. It's off the elevators to the right.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: So that will be tomorrow at 8:30 A.M.

And some of the other items that are on the agenda for tomorrow is that we will have the approval of the minutes. And the minutes are in your binders after tabbed Section 1. So if you are having trouble sleeping this evening, you can review the minutes. Or if you have

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already done so, that's fine.
Then we have old business. We will talk a little bit about the fee increase implementation and how that is going. Sara Scherer, our legislative director will do a rule update because we had to amend the rules to do a fee increase.

And Doug Rathbun will discuss again the monster truck issue that we've been discussing the last year and a half or two years. So we will get an update on that.

Then Doug will give the division report discussing our objectives and some training activities. He will give us a haunted house update and some new items such as Wow Balls. Which sounds pretty exciting. So he will be doing an update on that.

Then if there is any new business and then you will have board discussion, other business and adjourn. So it's a fairly light agenda for tomorrow morning.

This evening I was going to begin by just giving you -- because some of you may not be able to be there tomorrow, I was going to just give you an update on the fee increase. And then Doug will give an operational update. And then we will take any public comments or questions.

I would ask that if the public has comments or
questions that you can, please, maybe stand or you know act somehow so that we don't have a lot of people speaking. And that is so that the Court Reporter can keep it all straight. And please announce your name and keep your remarks or comments to two minutes. I don't think that we've generally had a problem with that, but if we can do that, that would be appreciated.

So with that the first item that $I$ wanted to talk about -- and for the board members, you do have the pink sheet. Which I think it was this color in the application, too. It stands out. But as many of you who were here last year know, we had an issue that we needed to address. Which was the fact that the -- the fees that we were taking in were -- for our division to cover the cost of our division's expenses were not meeting what we needed in terms of our expenses. And they were off by a little over $\$ 400,000$ I believe was the amount.

So last year we discussed a proposal to increase the fees for Kiddie Rides, Inflatables and Major Attractions, Roller Coasters and et cetera. And we had many meetings about this. We first, again, discussed it last January and then we had meetings in May and in June. We had a public hearing in August and then we finally adopted the current fee proposal at our meeting in -- I think it was

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August the 31st.
So you know we had many opportunities for people to provide comment on that. And, as a result of that, we have increased the fees for Kiddie Rides -- effective January the 1st Kiddie Rides and Inflatables have gone up from \$35 to \$55. Major Rides and Amusement Attractions have gone from \(\$ 85\) to \(\$ 130\). Ski Lifts and Aerial Trams have gone from \(\$ 85\) to \(\$ 390\) along with large coasters. They are the same thing, 85 to 390 . And then Intermediate Roller Coasters have gone from \$85 to \$260.
So all of this was included in the applications that we sent out I believe in -- it was in November I believe.
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MS. JOINER: Yes.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: In November.
And you know we, also, did have our rules, which we filed with JCAR. Which is the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. The rules were filed and published September the 24th of 2010. We filed both emergency and proposed rules. And the emergency rules became effective in September and are effective until February the 6th.

The proposed rules became effective January the 1 st. And they were already considered by the Joint Committee. We received no public comments on the proposed rules. So those rules are in effect.

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So so far I think it's gone fairly smoothly. I think Marcia and Doug have indicated that we have -- all of the fees we've increased so far have gone smoothly. Correct?

MS. JOINER: Uh-huh.
MR. RATHBUN: (Nods affirmatively.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: And I know that it's never easy to have your fees increased, but we think that this was a reasonable solution to the needs that we have. And, as a result, we now have a fifth inspector for the Southern Region. Which was really the whole deal about increasing the fees so that we could continue to have adequate staff or the staff that -- I don't know if adequate is the right word, but the staff that we had had historically for inspections throughout the State of Illinois. So now we have five inspectors plus Doug Rathbun as the division manager who also does inspections.

So on your -- on your brochure -- and I think Marcia has extra copies up at the table -- there is a list of each of the -- of all of the division staff with the Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Division Staff and their cell phones and the territories that they cover.

So we have two in the Northern Region that cover that area. They are Margaret and Chuck. They cover the Northern Region and the Chicago metro area. Math Rohman

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covers Western Illinois and Central and Northern Illinois. And Bill Szerletich covers the Central Illinois are. And Brian Brown will be covering Southern Illinois.

So does anyone have any questions regarding the fees? Are there any questions from any of the board members? MR. KIRSCHNER: No.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: We discussed it a lot. So --
All right. Well, with that then, Doug, I think that I will turn this over to you for the operation update.

MR. RATHBUN: Okay. It's nice to see some familiar faces.

I really don't know who is happier, Brian or Bill about Brian getting the job because Bill had to cover his territory. And those of you that operate in the south last year probably got to see Bill a lot. And so Brian is with us.

I've had an opportunity to work with him for a few days out in the field. It's been very nice. Brian is over 21, but not quite old enough to retire. He is the father of three and the grandfather of nine. He was born and raised on a farm outside of Effingham. He spent two tours in the Navy. One was as a jet engine mechanic and the other one was as a hydraulic mechanic on the F-14 Tomcat. He has thirty years plus as a machine operator in

Page 11 a magazine factory where he was the safety officer and the departmental training officer. He has an Associates degree in mechanical and electrical technology and computer integrated manufacturing. And he enjoys deer hunting and putting around on his Harley and spoiling his grandkids. So we are very happy to have him. And you all can stop by and say hi after you get done. I'm sure that he would love to meet you.

As far as monster -- as far as testing, you have dates of updates. There are very few. We have I think four or five. We've added Advantage and Highlight. Both require the ten year overhaul. If you have those, come and talk to me afterwards. We just realized that we are trying to get the word out. We've been very good at getting the word out on the Venture rides. Everybody should have already received the revised letter. And we actually have discussed it at the last meeting $I$ believe. So everybody should be current with that.

Chance issued a bulletin on the Falling Star which requires you to -- to determine how many numbers of revolutions to axles you have.

And NDT -- I don't think. I'm not sure if we have any -- this is on the Falling Star.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you. You need to speak up.

MR. RATHBUN: Which is manufactured by Chance. It was dated October the $3 r d$ of 2009. It is posted on our web site. So if you have the Falling Star, go ahead and check that out.

Double Shock. You have to NDT the vehicle attachment bolts or replace them every three years.

Tacoma put out a bulletin on their suspended lubing coaster. Which is -- probably Six Flags would be the only one that we have. And that is it.

So as always, if you do find that your ride needs an NDT and that somehow it's been missed -- which has happened in the past -- please let us know and we will gladly add it to the list to make sure that other owners and operators are aware of it. I will continue working with the different groups in other states to keep that list as current as we possibly can.

One of the things that we've really been working hard at is the ski lifts this year. In the past two years, there have been major accidents. One of them was in Maine. That was recently where that cable actually jumped off of the pulley and five or six chairs crashed to the ground. Eight people were sent to the hospital.

And I realized, you know, that -- I don't see any of the ski lift operators here -- but you know that is another task that the inspectors are required to do. And they do it very well. And we've been very, very fortunate that we've got such a good program. We've been working a lot with the ski lift operators strengthening their programs.

The other accident was at Devils Head in Wisconsin where 14 people were hurt. And that was in '09. So nationally that hits home. It just demonstrates how good a job that the inspectors are doing to work with the ski lift operators to -- to keep them up to snuff.

And -- and through the fee increase, actually, we've had a lot of dialogue with the ski lift operators. And -and we've had some good discourse. And we are working really well with 'em.

So that being said I will go to the accident report. We had nine reportable accidents and two not reportable accidents. We had a ferris wheel that had a hydraulic line that broke and it sprayed two girls. The hydraulic line was in a pretty inaccessible place. And it was rather surprising based on the location that the girls were actually sprayed. But it was -- it happened.

We had one train derailment that resulted in a broken
pelvis. That was -- the cause was the fact that the splices -- one of the splices had cracked. And it caused the car to derail.

We had a kiddie swing where a child walked into a swing. That was patron error. And the child got a chipped tooth out of it.

We had a slide where the victim slid down the slide sideways. That resulted in a broken arm.

We, also, had an accident on a Raiders where the patron was doing the flip off the back of the ride on to the air mattress and ended up with a broken leg.

We had a lady or a girl -- I believe it was a 22-year old that pinched her arm between her body and the lap bar. And there is not a lot that you can do about that.

We had a Go Kart accident where the victim was rear-ended which resulted in a broken leg.

And then we had a pin fall off of a ferris wheel and hit a child in the arm. And that fortunately resulted in a bruise.

The two not reportable accidents was where a light cover came off of a ring of fire and hit a patron. That was really not an injury, but it was reported to us. And the other was an electrocution of -- where the ride was too close to a power light.

| 1 | So all in all -- Page 15 |
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| 2 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: That was the electrocution of an |
| 3 | employee? |
| 4 | MR. RATHBUN: It was an employee and not a patron. |
| 5 | So -- and you know hopefully you will read these so |
| 6 | you don't -- so you know in the back of your head power |
| 7 | lights can get ya. |
| 8 | DIRECTOR SHANNON: That was OSHA. |
| 9 | MR. RATHBUN: OSHA did follow up with an |
| 10 | investigation on that. That was -- that was by far - |
| 11 | that accident and the train derailment were by far the two |
| 12 | worst this year. I think that the electrocution could |
| 13 | have been easily prevented. Whereas the train |
| 14 | derailment -- it took us a long time to figure out what |
| 15 | the cause of that accident was because the crack was so |
| 16 | slight. There was four or five of us scrutinizing it for |
| 17 | several hours. We never did find that crack until the |
| 18 | next morning when it had cooled off and it had caused the |
| 19 | crack to open up. |
| 20 | So are there any questions about that? |
| 21 | (No response.) |
| 22 | MR. RATHBUN: The end of the year statistics -- these |
| 23 | are all located in your -- in these little fliers. We had |
| 24 | four full-time inspectors last year. We had two -- 375 |

companies register. And there were 746 inspection
locations. There were 1,542 show dates. There were 2,612
rides issued permits. We had 4,277 total inspections performed. We collected $\$ 145,00-$ - 145,540 . And the fines were 24,250. We issued 20 stop orders that -- it says here -- it's actually 21 . We went back and recalculated and we missed one. And we resolved 12 of those which I believe is 13 now. There is 13 resolved. There are still eight outstanding.

And we issued only five five-day letters. If you remember, the five-day letters were instituted when the background checks and sex offender register checks were first required. We had a lot of individuals who weren't familiar with the law and who weren't quite sure about the process or the procedures to get that done.

This year went very well. It seems like all of you have done it long enough now that it's pretty much second nature. And really the only people that we are having an issue with are new operators that are just getting into inflatables or whatever and are totally unfamiliar with it. So we're walking 'em through the process and procedures. And it's -- it's actually been not much of a hassle this year.

Would you agree with that, Bill?

MR. SZERLETICH: (Nods affirmatively.)
MR. RATHBUN: And the injuries were zero fatalities, one bruise, five broken bones. And three others were unknown. We've got five caused by patron error and four by mechanical. So as I said, from a -- from a safety standpoint, I think that we are doing really well.

MR. URBIK: Doug, if I could, I think that -- that the operators should be congratulated on their commitment to safety as well as there was not one operator error.

MR. RATHBUN: That is an excellent point. And we have -- we have tried very hard with all of our press releases to make it known to the public how much we, as the department, appreciate the hard work of the operators and we do very much. It's obvious that a lot of hard work has gone into this kind of a safety record. So thank you, guys.

Now, as far as safety bulletins go, these are on our web site. The biggy as of late has been the -- the -there were actually two bulletins put out regarding cliff hangers. The first was that they had, had an accident in New York. And so the company, Dartron sent out a request that all owners have the specific region none destructively tested to determine how prevalent the problem was with the cracking.

Based on conversations that $I$ had with other states and obviously the subsequent bulletin, it was very problematic. There were quite a few cliff hangers that were cracking. So they followed up the first bulletin with a second bulletin requiring that reinforcement plates be installed in a cliff hanger.

Based on the manufacturer's verbiage in the first one that basically said all rides are shut down until these steps are performed, we went ahead and took the precautionary course and issued stop orders. And the follow up to that is -- and there were -- I think that there were ten companies that got one. Obviously it was attached to the letter and not intended to be put on the ride.

And the remedy to that was simply with the secondary letter to show that -- excuse me -- the secondary bulletin to show that the owner had indeed installed reinforcement plates in per the manufacturer's specifications.

I talked to one operator and he said we're out in Oklahoma dealing with it. Currently we have two operators that have already installed those reinforcement plates. And just, as I said, the manufacturer, Dartron requires that you send them a form stating that you have indeed installed those reinforcement plates and that you used a
certified welder to do so.
So all the department and I'm asking is that when you send that letter to Dartron stating that you've done it to send us a copy and then we'll just take you off in the office and -- we will take the stop order off in the office and that's all that you need to do.

But obviously please verify that we have got the information before you get ready to operate. And our inspectors are aware of it. If they see a cliff hanger, they know to ask if you've had that accomplished already. So if there are any questions about that, you can talk to me afterwards or you can certainly call me. It's pretty straightforward. You have to put the plates on and send me the paper and you will be done with it. It's very simple. It's very easy.

There was a bulletin put out to all after burner -for all owners of after burner rides. There was a visual inspection of the shoulder restraints because they were having problems with them. They had evidently ground the weld down too far. So they wanted a visual on that.

And then there was one put out for Dopameyer (phonetic). Who is the manufacturer of ski lifts to provide additional lubrication to the ski lift.

Chance put out a bulletin on the Chaos. I think that

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that's Number 368. There is a lot of Chaos bulletins out there. Basically the crack developed in the hub tilt cylinders. And it can result in injury to passengers. And you are required to inspect the tilt cylinder as described in the bulletin. It must be completed within 30 days and annually thereafter.

And the Chance's Aviator -- which I didn't find one anywhere in the state operating. There is another Chance bulletin on this regarding the sweep and hub inspection.

And then there is a bulletin on the inverted coasters. Which was probably Illinois. And ARM put out a safety alert on their Vertigo because there had been an accident regarding improper fencing. So -- and -- and let that just be a lesson to everyone. When you are setting up your ride, make sure that there is sufficient clearance all of the way around with your fencing relative to your patrons and in proximity to the ride.

You want to give enough clearance so that they can get around and not get crowded in. I have seen cases where crowds have actually pushed the fence into the ride. So you know let's be cognizant of that. Obviously we haven't had an issue in the past, but just, you know, heads up.

And that is the extent of the bulletins. Are there
any questions regarding any of that?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indicates.)
MR. RATHBUN: Yes.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where are we at on the Venture rides, Doug?

MR. RATHBUN: The Venture should be done. We've determined that -- we provided three options. And the first one was a qualified factory or you could do them yourself -- well, you could send them to the factory. And Highlight in Greer, South Carolina I believe or was it Greer, Tennesse said that they would do them.

Obviously that's pretty costly for you. We've said that you could send them to a local factory or you could do them yourself provided that you had the appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities to perform all of the functions required of that overhaul.

And basically to make a long story short, if you've got a Venture ride, you need to bring someone in to NDT it and to check your wells and to go through what the checklist requires. And so if there needs to be welding done on that to get it into compliance, then you need to bring in a certified welder.

If there is an NDT required, you need to bring in a certified NDT guy. Other than that, most of the owners I
know of are really competent and qualified to do everything else that's required of them.

I do have some specific checklists that -- for I know the Cobra and another one that $I$ can't think of off of the top of my head that can serve as guidance, you know, for a granny bug. If you have kept that ride in good shape, there shouldn't be a lot to it.

So we are fully expecting them to be done. Are you behind the power curve on this?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I talked with Mike Howard during the summer. I think Mike Howard is from Greer, South Carolina at Highlight. And Mike suggested that the independent inspector -- that they didn't have anything to do with our insurance company or this state and they would inspect the ride and sign off on it. Is that going to be satisfactory to you? Mike has qualified people to do that inspection.

MR. RATHBUN: I don't see a problem with that.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have my letters already.
MR. RATHBUN: I don't see a problem with that. If you can get a third party to sign off that it has passed that overhaul, $I$ don't see a problem with that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.
Mike had two or three people, different ones and
that, that were qualified to do his inspections and -- and that signed off on 'em. And so if anybody sells that or needs that you know, you can have Mike -- he can send you the right person to do it. And that way that relieves any liability on myself --

MR. RATHBUN: Sure.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- on the state or on the insurance company. It's a third party.

MR. RATHBUN: I think that's great.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
MR. RATHBUN: Thank you.
If you want to give me those names, I would love to have 'em in the office. That way if --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They are available. I can get ahold of Mike. I will try to do it this weekend and get you those names.

MR. RATHBUN: I tried to call them last week and I couldn't get through.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There are certain numbers you can call to get ahold of 'em.

MR. RATHBUN: Okay. Are there any other questions?
MS. VAUGHN: I don't know if this is something for you, Doug, or not. I was wondering if the engineer position has been filled yet. I know the past three years

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it's been vacant and -- on the advisory board. And we have submitted names. I know that the new Governor is sworn in. And is there some movement in that position?

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Are you speaking of this board? MS. VAUGHN: Yes.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: No, it has not been filled.
Nothing has changed with respect to the appointment to this board. But we do expect something will happen, you know, in the -- certainly in the next, you know, six months or three months. We don't have another board meeting scheduled right now, but I would assume that the Governor will be acting on all of those board appointments.

MS. VAUGHN: Would they need to resubmit?
DIRECTOR SHANNON: You know some of the members of the board that we currently have have expired terms. And so anybody with an expired term should reapply. There is the appointment web site -- and I can't remember the name of it, but it's --

MS. VAUGHN: Boards and Commissions?
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yeah. And I think -- in fact, I think that we have a link to it.

MS. JOINER: No, it's in here (indicates).
DIRECTOR SHANNON: It's in here (indicates).

MS. JOINER: (Nods affirmatively.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: We have a link to it on our web site. And maybe Marcia will explain that.

MS. JOINER: The book --
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Point me in the right direction in the book. Oh, in here.

But yeah, anyone who is interested in serving on the board -- we have eight spots. One of which is the Director of Labor. But we have seven other spots that are appointed by the Governor. One is a carnival operator. And that actually is the position that Dan Driskill --

Thanks, Marcia.
MS. JOINER: Uh-huh.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: -- currently has. But that term has expired. One is the insurance representative. Which Mr. Urbik is. And actually your term is expiring in a few days.

MR. URBIK: It is?
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yeah. January the 17th. So you might want to -- if you are interested and we hope that you will be interested in continuing -- you might want to apply.

MR. URBIK: That must be a tax savings device.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: I'm notifying you right now.

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And, Patty, I think that -- you know that yours has expired. But you know we serve until we've been replaced. And I think Patty -- I don't know if you've already applied on that or not.

MS. SULLIVAN: I thought that $I$ had.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: I think that you have, but we will look into it. We will check on that.

Bill's term is actually also expiring in four days. MR. SPARKS: Yes.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Consider that your notice. Again, you can apply on line.

And anyway -- yeah, there are the carnival operator, the insurance representative, the Director of Labor and the registered professional engineer and then four public members. And we do have a vacancy for the professional engineer.

MS. VAUGHN: So should this engineer -- should they -- should they resubmit? They've done this several times.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: If they've already submitted it, I don't think that they would need to. I mean $I$ don't know whether --

MS. VAUGHN: Should they follow up --

DIRECTOR SHANNON: -- they throw out the ones that
have already been there.
MS. VAUGHN: Right.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: It wouldn't hurt to reapply again because it is a new administration. And it's appointments.Illinois.gov.

MS. VAUGHN: And is Israel Salazar still the contact person --

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yes, he is. At least he was.
MS. VAUGHN: -- as of right now?
DIRECTOR SHANNON: To my knowledge, yes.
And we are planning on contacting Israel Salazar later this morning to talk about the need to reappointment or fill vacancies.

MS. VAUGHN: That engineering position has been vacant since -- for several years.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: It's been vacant since I've been the director.

MS. SULLIVAN: And before.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yeah. I can only speak to when I've been here and I have been here for four years.

MS. SULLIVAN: And since our previous Director started.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: So --
MS. VAUGHN: For public safety, I think it's
important. It's not like we don't have anyone to fill it. It's important. And it should be addressed. So --

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Were there any other questions? (No response.)

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Because now is the opportunity for questions. We are on that part of the agenda for public comment or questions.

Marcia, did you have a question?
MS. JOINER: I just wanted to point out -- most of you already know that we moved. The new address is on the applications that were mailed out. But we are still getting applications mailed to the old address and insurance certificates faxed with our old address. Our forwarding order will expire at the end of this month. So if you mail your application to the wrong address, it will be returned.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: And the brochure has the new address. We -- actually, our lease had expired in October. And as a cost-savings measure, we've saved a tremendous amount of money by moving into a different office space. It's much smaller square footage. And so you know we are doing everything that we can to reduce the state's expenditures. And this was one of those.

So we are on Second Street -- not Second Street. We
are at 900 South Spring Street. And it's on the back of the brochure. So you know yeah, please do make a note of that. The phone numbers and fax numbers are all still the same.

MS. VAUGHN: Is it by the State Board of Elections?
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yes. It is about a block away. It's right by Bernie and Bettys.

MS. JOINER: And there is free parking.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yeah. We're happy with it. Actually, it's a lot easier you know because in our old location, if you were coming to our office, you had to pay to park or to park on the street. And now it's free parking. So that's good.

MS. VAUGHN: We can have the next meeting at Bernie and Betty's then; right?

DIRECTOR SHANNON: We did order pizza from Bernie and Bettys for moving day.

Are there any other questions or comments from the public?

MR. JOHNSON: (Indicates.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yes.
MR. JOHNSON: Bill Johnson, Fantasy Amusement.
I do like the new room, but $I$ think that you need a microphone because I'm getting older and it's hard to hear

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    1 in here.
OABA has moved their seminar this February to the Embassy Suites by Busch Gardens. It's \$119 per room. Free hot breakfast and cocktail hour every night. Free cocktail hour if you stay at the hotel.
So hopefully everybody has signed up for the OABA.
MS. SULLIVAN: Also, since you didn't comment on it, I wanted to compliment all of the inspectors. This last year whenever I've been visiting the comments have been very positive. And we appreciate what you do. I know it's been a tough year for some of you that are doing double duty. And I think that we all appreciate that. So if you would pass that on to the ones that aren't here.
MR. JOHNSON: I was going to mention that. Was that a cost-cutting move?
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yes. As a matter of fact, it was. We are trying to save on any none essential travel. And this was not a meeting that we thought was essential. And you know for Margaret and -- for Margaret and Chuck, it is costly to have them come down and stay in a hotel and have them drive back. So that was exactly why.
Now obviously, if we had needed their expertise on something, we would have done it. But the agenda was fairly light. And we will certainly pass along your
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compliments about their inspections. I appreciate that.
MR. JOHNSON: They can't help you on monster trucks. I'm just teasing.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: Yeah.
MR. URBIK: We will move the monster trucks to them.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: I think most of the monster truck
situations have been downstate anyway.
MS. JOINER: Yes.
MR. RATHBUN: Yes.
MS. VAUGHN: We mentioned that last summer when we had the meeting upstairs and it was crowded. So we appreciate that at this point.

DIRECTOR SHANNON: And we will look into microphones for next year. We are sorry about that if you couldn't hear. And feel free to tell us to speak up like you did before if you can't hear.

Is there anything else?
(No response.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Are there any questions or comments?
(No response.)
DIRECTOR SHANNON: If not --
MS. SULLIVAN: I will make a motion to adjourn.
DIRECTOR SHANNON: Okay. A motion has been made to



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