

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

MARCH 3, 2009

The following is a summary of the March 3, 2009 Meeting:

I. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Gerald Kendrick, Joseph Buchanan, Arvil McConnell, Jr. and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, and Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General

II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman

III. Motions made and seconded to accept March 3, 2009 meeting agenda and approve February 3, 2009 meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.

IV. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)

Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.

V. Open Agenda

Chairman Linkous presented a proposal regarding the electrical repairman certification to establish procedures for granting up to six months credit towards experience based upon four criteria along with successful completion of the electrical repairman examination. The remaining six months must be attained by working at a coal mine under the direction of a certified electrical repairman. This proposal will aid significantly in developing well-trained and experienced electrical repairmen for Virginia's coal mining industry. The Board will consider the proposal and vote on approval at the next scheduled meeting.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be March 3, 2009.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.