

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2011

The following is a summary of the February 1, 2011 Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Frank Linkous, Gerald Kendrick, Ricky O'Quinn and Arvil McConnell, Jr. Member Joseph Buchanan was absent. Also present was Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator and Sharon Pigeon, Sr. Assistant Attorney General. Deputy Director Butch Lambert was absent.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept February 1, 2011, meeting agenda and approve January 4, 2011, 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

Arvil McConnell asked that the record reflect that he has enjoyed working with Frank throughout the years and wished him success in his ventures after his pending retirement from the Division of Mines and from his position as Chairman of the Board of Coal Mining Examiners. Members Kendrick and O'Quinn added their recognition of Frank's efforts and their thanks to him.

Frank commended the Board in their understanding of their purpose and the real relevance to the mining industry and to the communities and citizens that the Board helps to serve.

Mary Gibson provided the Board with a running schedule since July, 2008, of the Board's decisions and actions. Mary requested that the Board review the schedule for any conflicts or omissions and report to her.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be March 1, 2011.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.