

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

JUNE 7, 2011

The following is a summary of the June 7, 2011 Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Mike Willis, Chairman. Members present were Mike Willis, Gerald Kendrick, Ricky O'Quinn, and Joseph Buchanan. Arvil McConnell, Jr. was absent. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator and Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Mike Willis, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept June 7, 2011, meeting agenda and approve May 3, 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

A motion passed unanimously to postpone the June 13, 2011, Board hearing for John K. Beasley until after the resolution of the pending Buchanan County criminal investigation and that the Board's original position on the status of Mr. Beasley's certifications remain until that resolution. All parties involved will be notified promptly of the continuance of the hearing.

The Board discussed handling practices in testing, treatment, and use of grant funds regarding the synthetic cannabinoids drug sold as K2 and bath salts. Effective July 1, it is illegal in Virginia to sell or possess K2. A suggestion is that companies address these drugs that are not in the statute-approved 10-panel drug screening in their specific company substance abuse policies due to their flexibility. The control of substance abuse has to be a partnership with the operators and the DMME for successful results.

Suggestions were made for educating the industry on the effects of these substances via informational packet distributed through mailings or by the DMME inspection staff.

Mary Gibson encouraged attendance for the upcoming VIVITROL seminar.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be July 5, 2011.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.