

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

April 7, 2015

The following is a summary of the April 7, 2015 Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Member Phillip Hale. Members present were Phillip Hale, Bennie Johnson, Jr., and Douglas Deel. Also present Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator and Patty Varner, DMME Administrative Specialist. Chairman Randy Moore and Member Ricky O'Quinn were absent.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Member Phillip Hale.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept April 7, 2015, meeting agenda and approve March 3, 2015, 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

Mary Gibson reported in follow-up to the Board's instruction from previous meeting to explore other local clinics or hospitals for services for substance abuse screening as an alternate provider from current Clinch Valley Medical Center. Mary informed that upon Mr. Lambert's suggestion, she contacted DMME staff for the information regarding the providers that are used for DMME internal drug testing, and she is awaiting response with this information.

Mary provided the Board with a handout with information on the continuing ed requirements for West Virginia surface blasters program along with an email from a West Virginia administrator clarifying requirements. The Board will review this information, and at the next meeting hold discussion of changes to Virginia's surface blasters continuing ed and renewal requirements.

Two pending items that will be revisited and reviewed at the next meeting are the surface blasters renewal process and extension of expiration date of the Advanced First Aid certification renewals.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2015.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.