

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

November 3, 2015

The following is a summary of the November 3, 2015 meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Randy Moore, Chairman. Members present were Randy Moore, Phillip Hale, Douglas Deel, Bennie Johnson and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Bradley Lambert, DMME Deputy Director, Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, and Patty Varner, DMME Administrative Specialist. Attorney Frank Kilgore was present also.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Randy Moore, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept November 3, 2015, meeting agenda and approve October 6, 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

As agreed upon in the October, 2015, meeting regarding staggering number of meetings, the Board decided to cancel the tentative December meeting since there were no new cases to hear. The next meeting will be held January 5, 2016.

Mary Gibson reported that to date 803 miners have come through DMME's system since inception of the substance abuse law. The number of reported cases from Kentucky currently numbers 1795 of which 306 held Virginia certifications. No further reports have been received from West Virginia.

Chairman Moore informed the Board that the contact in the Governor's office informed him of their candidate search to fill the vacancy on the Board of Coal Mining Examiners due to Ricky O'Quinn's retirement and impending resignation from the Board.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2016.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.