

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

January 5, 2016

The following is a summary of the January 5, 2016 meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Randy Moore, Chairman. Members present were Randy Moore, Douglas Deel, Bennie Johnson and Ricky O'Quinn. Member Phillip Hale was absent. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, and Patty Varner, DMME Administrative Specialist.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Randy Moore, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept January 5, 2016, meeting agenda and approve November 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 gave an update on the Board's recent suggestion of requesting our substance abuse facilitators to explore a training program and provide cost estimate for which the grant education funds will be used. Ms. Gibson coordinated with Cheryl Robinette of the facilitators group, and she will start work on a training program. The training may be provided as early as March. Ms. Gibson will keep the Board informed on details such as location, speakers, etc.

The Board revisited the recent approval of skipping a monthly meeting when there are no new substance abuse violators. Doing so will still comply in meeting the 60-day scheduling of cases required by law. The Board agreed to cancel the February, 2016 meeting since there are no new cases reported. The next Board meeting will be on March 1, 2016.

Ms. Gibson provided the Board with a handout of DMME letter to the Attorney General's Office in Richmond reporting on the use of grant funds over the last six month period.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.