

# **BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS**

## **SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**JULY 7, 2009**

**The following is a summary of the July 7, 2009 Meeting:**

**I. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Gerald Kendrick, Joseph Buchanan, Arvil McConnell, Jr. and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General, and Butch Lambert, Deputy Director.**

**II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman**

**III. Motions made and seconded to accept July 7, 2009, meeting agenda and approve June 2, 2009, 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**

**Chairman Linkous sought concurrence under 4VAC 25-20-110.A. from the Board to grant approval of certification work experience for a surface electrical repairman candidate who has successfully completed the examination and whose experience is on gas well lines facility maintenance. Consolidation Coal Company requires their gas well contractors to possess the surface electrical repairman certification. Chief Linkous has confidence that the candidate's stated experience exceeds that which is required to work as a repairman on a surface coal mine. The Board agreed, and therefore, the work experience is approved.**

**VI. Next Meeting**

**Next meeting will be August 3, 2009.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.**