§ 956. New York state elevator safety and standards advisory board. 1. An elevator safety and standards advisory board is hereby created, to consist of thirteen members. The governor shall appoint seven members, the temporary president of the senate shall appoint three members, and the speaker of the assembly shall appoint three members. The appointees to the board shall be representatives of elevator manufacturers, building owners or managers, elevator industry construction workers, elevator servicing companies, elevator industry associations, elevator mechanics, or fire marshals. The board shall meet on an as needed basis to advise the commissioner on the implementation of this article. The board shall elect a chairperson to serve for the term of their appointment to the board.

2. The members appointed pursuant to this section shall serve at the pleasure of the authority appointing such member. The members shall serve without salary or compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

3. The board may consult with engineering authorities and organizations concerned with standard safety codes, rules and regulations governing the maintenance, servicing, construction, alteration, installation, and inspection of conveyances and the adequate, reasonable, and necessary qualifications of elevator mechanics, contractors, and inspectors.

4. The board shall have the authority to administer, oversee, and approve examinations for the purpose of qualifying applicants pursuant to subdivision six of section nine hundred fifty-four of this article. In exercising this authority, the board shall, in its discretion, determine the criteria and standards for examinations to satisfy the requirements of this subdivision, such as the mechanic examination of the national elevator industry educational program, or an equivalent examination recognized by the board, which shall satisfy the requirements of this subdivision.