

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: August 23, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Via Google Meet Video and Teleconference + 321-465-5183
PIN: 457 489 090#

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jack Wilson, Chairman
Chet Brown, Vice Chairman
Paul Donaghue, Industry Member
Steven Petri Sr., Industry Member
Greg Kaderabek, Industry Member
Francis Harrison, Consumer Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Jose Anderson, Consumer Member
John Peterson, Industry Member

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards
Sloane Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator, MD Dept. of Labor
Michelle Compton, Law Clerk

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman, Chet Brown, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Electricians to Order at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on July 26, 2022. Mr. Harrison referenced an email that he sent to the Board with amendments to the minutes regarding concerns over his comments in the July 23, 2022, minutes on Electrical Work. The amended minutes included examples as to the specific issues Mr. Harrison wished the Board to address.

Upon Mr. Brown's Motion and Mr. Donaghue's second, the Board, by a roll call vote, unanimously voted to approve the minutes with amendments.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Complaint Committee report. Executive Director Bull informed the Board that a new investigator had been hired, and that the complaint specialist position had been posted. Mr. Kaderabek asked Director Bull if the new investigator would serve all of the mechanical licensing boards, or only the St. Board of Electricians. Director Bull confirmed that the new investigator would serve all of the mechanical licensing boards.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

No application review committee report.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT

No applications to review or report.

EXAM CHALLENGES REPORT

None submitted.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI exams submitted the following statistical summaries for the month of July 2022:

Electricians	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Master Electricians	32	8	24	25%

Journeyman Electrician	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Journeyman Electricians	15	3	12	23%

Since January 2022 there were 496 candidates tested, with 127 passing and 369 failing, for a pass rate of 26%. Since the inception of the test there were 6657 candidates tested, with 1959 passing and 4698 failing for a pass rate of 29%. There are currently 7,402 licensees.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to be considered

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Bull requested permission from the Board to sign the meeting minutes on the Board Chairman’s behalf after they had been approved by the Board. He stated that having the ability to sign the minutes would ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Act’s requirement that a signed copy of the minutes of each meeting be kept of file in perpetuity. Chairman Wilson called for a roll call vote to allow the Executive Director to sign the approved minutes of each board meeting on his behalf. A

motion was made to allow by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Petri. After a roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Director Board informed the Board the Nicholas Favazza, the Administrator for the State Board of Electricians had resigned. He stated that he hoped to have the position filled by the next Board meeting and that he and LaKissha Thornton, Board Administrator to the State Board of Plumbing, would be assuming Mr. Favazza's duties while the position was vacant. He stated that, at present, there were approximately 1900 pending journeyman waiver applications.

Director Bull stated that he had begun preparation for the Sunset Review of the State Board of Electricians. The Sunset Review date for the Board of Electricians is July 1, 2023. He stated that the approval paperwork would be sent to counsel for review and then sent to the Secretary's office for approval.

Mr. Petri asked Director Bull about the number of journeyman waiver applications that had been approved by the Board. He questioned the number of people who are being licensed by waiver of examination versus the number of people who were licensed by examination. It was agreed after a discussion that the issue would be placed on the September agenda under new business.

OLD BUSINESS

None to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

None to be discussed.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

Counsel Kinstler announced at the start of the meeting that she would not be present for the entirety of the meeting and requested that her report be offered after the roll call vote. Counsel Kinstler stated that she did not have a report for the Board.

Chairman Wilson asked the Board if there was any old business that required the advice of counsel. Mr. Harrison asked Chairman Wilson if he spoke to Counsel Kinstler regarding whether the Board was able to put in place an additional code item to address the wastewater issues he addressed at the last meeting. Chairman Wilson and Counsel Kinstler agreed that the Board only has the ability to enforce what is included in the NEC Code and cannot add regulations to the Code. Counsel Kinstler stated that the Board only has the obligation to enforce the NEC Code and did not have the authority to adopt a different code. She further stated that the Board has the ability to modify the the NEC Code but that the local jurisdictions had the right to choose not to adopt the modified code. Chairman Wilson asked Counsel if the Board could issue an advisement to the local jurisdictions regarding the issue. Counsel Kinster stated that the Board did have that ability. She suggested that the Executive Director may wish to gain approval from the Secretary's Office before such an advisement was sent to the local jurisdictions. Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Harrison to prepare a memorandum highlighting his concerns for the Board's review at the September meeting.

Mr. Kaderabek posed a question to Counsel Kinstler regarding the journeyman examination waiver. He stated that he had come across several individuals in the trade who meet the four year requirement but had not complete the apprenticeship training program or meet similar requirements. He asked whether a Master Electrician was required to sign off on the journeyman waiver application if that Master had concerns about the individual's competency level. Counsel Kinstler replied stating that she felt the Master would be obligated to certify their experience but that could include a statement that they felt they did not meet or had not meet the competency standard to obtain a journeyman license. Director Bull stated that administratively the Board does not require the Master to sign the certification form if the Master does not feel that the individual has meet the competency standards to obtain a journeyman license.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None offered.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to be considered.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene in a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Kaderabek, and the Board unanimously voted, by a roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at a.m.

Signature On File

09/27/2022

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on September 27, 2022