



**STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND
REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Date: July 13, 2022

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: The Board of HVACR meeting was held via teleconference (US +1 208-907-5480 PIN: 871 402 772#).

Members Present: **Brian Hamilton, Chair**, Master HVACR Contractor
Grant G. Gotlinger, Master Electrician
Amadou Magazi, Master HVACR Contractor
Michael Giangrandi, Master HVACR Contractor
David Politzer, Consumer Member

Members Absent: **Richard C. Ludlow**, Master Plumber
Ezio Rebechi, Master HVACR Contractor

Staff Present: **John Bull**, Executive Director, Mechanic Licensing Boards
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
Sean Heeter, Administrative Officer
Danielle Anderson
Michelle Compton

Staff Absent: None

Call to Order

Chairman Hamilton called the Business Meeting of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration (“HVACR”) Contractors (“Board”) to order at 10:34 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on April 12, 2022. Upon Mr. Magazi’s Motion and Mr. Giangrandi’s second, the motion was unanimously carried to approve the minutes without amendment or correction.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Heeter addressed the Board to inform them that the Complaint Committee did not convene on July 13, 2022. Mr. Bull stated that he is in the process of hiring an investigator for the open position and that the job posting will be closing soon and that he hopes to hire an investigator in the near future.

Application Review Committee

There were no applications to review at this time.

Review of Examination Statistics and License Totals

Mr. Bull reported the following PSI exam statistical summaries for the month of June, 2022:

	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Total	50	22	28	44%

Cumulative

Total	382	167	215	44%
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Testing to date

Total	11412	4970	6442	44%
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There are currently 19,786 active licensees.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bull addressed the Board regarding two vacant positions within the Mechanical Licensing Unit. He stated that the Complaint Specialist and Investigator positions that are currently vacant, and he is working on hiring one person for each vacant position.

Old Business

Chairman Hamilton addressed the Board regarding the previous Board discussions regarding a reciprocal agreement with Washington, DC. He stated that his predecessor, Robin Bailey, had been working with a point of contact at the DC Board in order to adopt reciprocal licensing with DC. He reminded the Board of its discussions about continuing the process, but stated that DC has not been responsive since the DC point of contact had left the position prior to Ms. Bailey's departure from Labor.

Mr. Bull stated that he has not had a discussion with DC regarding HVACR reciprocity, but that he has worked with that jurisdiction for other licensing Boards, and he stated he will discuss the HVACR reciprocity during their next meeting.

New Business

The Board welcomed newest member, David Politzer. Mr. Politzer is a consumer member and addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for welcoming him. He explained his background, stating that he had worked as a real estate broker for 30 years. He stated that he has been involved with various construction projects and that, in his position, has found that having knowledge of HVACR systems and the product is paramount in order to sell the systems. He stated that he is excited to be on the Board to ensure public safety within the industry.

Mr. Hamilton welcomed Mr. Politzer and stated that he is a master HVACR contractor and serves as the Chairman of the Board. He is the general manager at McCrea Equipment Company, Inc. Ms. Kinstler welcomed Mr. Politzer and stated that she is the Assistant Attorney General assigned to provide legal advice to the Mechanical Licensing Boards. She went on to say that she attends meetings and hearings, but is not a member of the Board, and strictly provides legal counsel to the Board about Board business.

Grant Gotlinger stated that he is the owner of GOT Electric and has been a master electrician since 2006. Mr. Gotlinger is the master electrician member of the Board. Amadou Magazi stated that he has worked as an HVACR contractor for 16 years. He also has a bachelor's degree in engineering and is a facilities manager for the Department of Defense. Michael Giangrandi stated that he is the president of AJ Michaels, which provides HVACR, plumbing, and electrical services and that the company has been in business since 1978.

Mr. Heeter welcomed Mr. Politzer and stated that he is the Administrative Officer for the Board. He stated that he or Mr. Bull will typically send Board correspondence and that if Mr. Politzer ever needs assistance or information, that he will be happy to provide it. Mr. Bull welcomed Mr. Politzer and stated that he has served as the Executive Director of the Mechanical Licensing Boards since May 2022. He has been with the Department of Labor since January 2022 and, prior to joining Labor, he spent 14 years at the Maryland Department of Health ("MDH") as a Deputy Director. Prior to his position at MDH, Mr. Bull was a police detective with Anne Arundel County. Danielle Anderson stated that she is the web outreach and communications coordinator. She composes and sends the Board's newsletters, and will be authoring a Mechanical Licensing Board's newsletter.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be considered.

Counsel's Report

There is no Counsel's report at this time.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hamilton thanked members and staff for their attendance. He asked if there was any update about holding in-person meetings at 1100 N. Eutaw St. Mr. Bull stated that

Commissioner Morgan is encouraging Boards and Commissions to meet in person when possible. He stated that the Secretary's Office is continuing with the hybrid meeting model, where members can participate in person or virtually, as they choose. However, Mr. Bull encouraged the Board to meet in person at least two (2) times per year.

Closed Session

The Board did not meet in closed session.

Adjournment

With no further business, upon Mr. Giangrandi's Motion and Mr. Gotlinger's second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the July 13, 2022 meeting of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors at 10:55 a.m.

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Signature on File

Brian Hamilton, Chairman

Date