

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 26, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 5th Floor Conference Room, 1100 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Via Google Meet Video and Teleconference + 321-465-5183
PIN: 457 489 090#

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Jack Wilson, Chairman
John Peterson, Industry Member

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards
Sloane Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
Nicholas Favazza, Administrative Specialist III
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator, MD Dept. of Labor

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman, Chet Brown, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Electricians to Order at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on June 28, 2022. Upon Mr. Petri's Motion and Mr. Kaderabek's second, the Board, by a roll call vote, unanimously voted to approve the minutes without amendment or correction.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Complaint Committee report. Executive Director Bull explained that interviews for the open investigator position are set to begin, and he that he hopes to resume complaint review shortly.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brown reported that there was one (1) application pending for an individual to sit for the master license examination, who had documented work history in the field through 2022, which Mr. Brown recommended approving.

Upon Mr. Harrison’s Motion and Mr. Petri’s second, the Board unanimously voted, by a roll call vote, to approve the Application Review Committee Report.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT

No applications to review or report.

EXAM CHALLENGES REPORT

None submitted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Bull reported that his unit is processing, as quickly as possible, each journey license application submitted under the new statutory license examination waiver, pursuant to MD Bus. Occ. & Prof. Code Ann. §6-307.1, which became effective on July 1, 2022.

Director Bull asked that members of the Board use a computer to access the virtual meeting and use their cameras while in attendance, explaining that the use of cameras would allow some added familiarity between Board members and staff, and help ensure the accuracy of the minutes, as it would be easier to identify each Board member visually. Director Bull also stated that all staff would be required to appear on camera during each Board meeting beginning August 2022.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

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

Electricians	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Master Electricians	50	12	38	24%

Journeyman Electrician	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Journeyman Electricians	38	10	28	26%

OLD BUSINESS

None to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Elections

Director Bull asked staff to consider conducting annual officer elections, particularly for Chair and Vice Chair. Counsel advised that in compliance with Md. Ann. Code, Bus. Occ. & Prof. § 6-203, the Board is required to elect annually a chair, vice chair, and secretary. Counsel reminded the Board it has not previously elected a secretary and advised that, because it is unlikely the Board could achieve a quorum with both the chair and vice chair absent, it was not necessarily required that the Board elect a secretary at this time. Counsel also advised that in compliance with § 6-203, the Board should hold officer elections annually. Counsel instructed the Board that the then-serving members could be nominated and elected to serve again if the member was willing to do so, or new members could be nominated, or could self-nominate. Mr. Anderson suggested the same officers be nominated to continue as Chair and Vice Chair.

Upon a motion by Mr. Petri and seconded by Mr. Anderson, that Mr. Wilson continue to serve as Chair, the Board unanimously elected Jack Wilson to serve a new term as chairman of the Board of Electricians.

Upon a motion by Mr. Petri and seconded by Mr. Anderson, that Mr. Brown continue to serve as vice chair, which Mr. Brown accepted, the Board unanimously approved Chet Brown to a new term as vice chair of the Board of Electricians.

Electrical Work

Mr. Harrison raised an issue about wastewater and whether there could be regulations to address junction boxes in manhole risers, which erode over time due to exposure to acidic substances. He stated that this is not appropriate, that junction boxes should not be located inside a riser, and erosion repellent materials should be used. He further suggested that control panel, if located on the ground, could be raised. He mentioned that the Code address panel height requirements but expressed concern over enforcement of such requirements. The considered that NFPA70 sets forth applicable minimum standards and that these matters may fall within the purview of the Maryland Department of the Environment or Public Service Commission, specifically, the Maryland Board of Waterworks and Waste System Operators, Maryland Board of Public Works, or Board of Waterworks and Waster Systems Operators.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

None offered.

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. Donaghue, and the Board unanimously voted, by a roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Signature on File

Chet Brown, Vice-Chairman

Date

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