

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 23, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chet Brown, Chairman
Greg Kaderabek, Vice Chairman
Jose Anderson, Consumer Member
Steven Petri Sr., Industry Member
Francis Harrison, Consumer Member
Donald Steinman, Industry Member
Walter Irvin, Industry Member
William Smith, Industry Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards
John Dove, Commissioner, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Sloane Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
Johnston Brown, Administrative Specialist III
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator, MD Dept. of Labor

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian Brooks, Lowe's

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Counsel, Sloane Fried Kinstler, asked the Board to correct and amend the meeting agenda to reflect that Jack Wilson is no longer Chair of the Board; Chet Brown is the Board Chair; Greg Kaderabek is

Vice Chair; that the Board Reports will be moved to take place after New Business; and that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 27, 2023 and not May 23, 2023.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve and amend the May 23, 2023 meeting agenda; Mr. Irvin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the April 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Kaderabek seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Petri reported the following results of the Complaint Committee Meeting:

<u>Closed</u>	<u>OIS</u>	<u>Criminally Charged</u>	<u>Pre-Charge</u>
23-0001*	23-0005	23-0001	23-0003
23-0006*	23-0013	23-0005*	22-0006
23-0018			

*Case Closed pending the outcome of criminal proceedings.

A Motion to accept the report of the Complaint Committee was made by Mr. Kaderabek and seconded by Mr. Harrison. The Board unanimously voted to approve the report of the Complaint Committee.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairman Brown reported that two (2) master license applications were reviewed, with zero (0) having been approved, zero (0) having been denied and two (2) pending; no journey person applications were provided for review.

Mr. Petri moved to accept the Application Review Committee report, which was seconded by Mr. Kaderabek. The Board unanimously voted to accept the Committee’s report.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT

The Board tabled the discussion of continuing education applications to the June Business meeting because Mr. Donoghue’s term on the Board had expired.

EXAM CHALLENGES REPORT

No exam challenges were submitted.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI exams submitted the following statistical summaries for the month of March 2023:

Exam Type	Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass Rate %
Master Electrician	40	7	33	18%
Journeyman Electrician	6	2	4	23%
Total	46	9	37	20%

Director Bull also reported the year-to-date totals of 2023, there were 165 candidates tested, with 46 passing and 84 failing, for a pass rate of 31%. Since the inception of the test there were 7,102 candidates tested, with 2065 passing, and 5037 failing, for a pass rate of 29%.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to be considered.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Mr. Petri asked about the status of legislation pertaining to uninsured electricians. Mr. Bull advised that HB 149/SB 44 had passed.

Reciprocal License Agreement Update

Mr. Anderson inquired about the status of the Virginia reciprocity agreement. Mr. Bull advised that the revised agreement was submitted to the Office of the Secretary for approval and once obtained, he will follow up with the Virginia licensing authority.

Onsite Wastewater Management Update

Mr. Harrison asked Mr. Bull if he had sent a copy of the Board’s letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”) regarding the Board’s concerns related to the Onsite Wastewater Management installations and registration to local jurisdictions. Mr. Bull indicated that he was awaiting approval from the Secretary’s Office to issue the letter to the local jurisdictions; when obtained, he will include an explanatory cover letter. Mr. Bull stated that he will update the Board when the letter is sent as well as if any response from local jurisdictions is received.

NEW BUSINESS

Regulatory Amendment of COMAR 09.09.01.03—Fees

Mr. Bull asked the Board to approve beginning the regulatory process to seek the approval of the Office of the Secretary to amend COMAR 09.09.01.03A(3)—(8) pertaining to the Board’s fees schedule. He explained that the current regulation contains references to “inactive license” and “inspector license” which must be changed to “uninsured electrician”; certain references to a local license should be replaced with “local registration”; reference to “qualified agent” should be amended to clarify it pertains to a person covered by insurance through an employer; and applicable time periods pertaining to license expiration.

A motion to initiate proposed action approval on COMAR 09.09.01.03A from the Office of the Secretary was made by Mr. Kaderabek, seconded by Mr. Irvin, and passed unanimously by a vote of the Board.

Regulatory Amendment of COMAR 09.09.02.01—Continuing Education Requirements

Mr. Bull also asked the Board to approve beginning the regulatory process to seek the approval of the Office of the Secretary to amend COMAR 09.09.02.01 pertaining to continuing education requirements. Specifically, the regulation should be changed to indicate that an “uninsured master electrician” will have comply with continuing education requirements and complete 10 hours of continuing education annually to have the “authorized to work” designation on a license.

A motion to initiate proposed action approval on COMAR 09.09.02.01 from the Office of the Secretary was made by Mr. Kaderabek, seconded by Mr. Petri, the Board and passed unanimously by a vote of the Board.

The Board confirmed that Md. Ann. Code, Bus. Prof. & Occ. § 6-401(d) permitted assignment of a local registration to only one company.

Continuing Education Review Committee

Mr. Bull explained that the Continuing Education (“CE”) Review Committee required a new Chair. He explained that the Committee reviews continuing education program materials, curricula, CEU credit, etc., to ensure relevance to the electrical field and meets the requirements of applicable regulation. COMAR 09.09.02.01. The Committee then makes a recommendation to the Board regarding the approval of a particular course; the total hours of credit toward the CE requirement for license renewal; and whether the course is to be considered an in-person or online course. Mr. Bull further explained that any member of the Board is eligible to serve on the Committee. Mr. Steinman volunteered to be the CE Review Committee Chairman.

Mr. Harrison moved to establish Mr. Steinman as Chair of the Continuing Education Review Committee. Mr. Kaderabek seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Board vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Bull welcomed new members to the Board: David Steinman, appointed to the DC Metro seat; Walter “Dave” Irvin, appointed to the Western Maryland seat, replacing Paul “P.J.” Donoghue; and William “Eric” Smith, appointed to the Eastern Shore seat, replacing Jack Wilson.

At the Complaint Committee’s request, Mr. Bull agreed to send out a newsletter to licensees with a reminder that continuing education may be required for license renewal. Mr. Bull also asked Board members to notify him if they have topics to add to the Departmental newsletter. Danielle Anderson will put together the newsletter, which will go out via email blast to active licensees.

Director Bull introduced Commissioner of the Occupational and Professional Licensing Division of the Department Labor, John Dove, to the Board members. Commissioner Dove thanked the Board members for their time and efforts on the Board and stated that he looks forward to working with the Board.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

None offered.

CHAIR’S REPORT

None offered.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did convene in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously carried by a vote of the Board to adjourn the May 23, 2023 business meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Signature on file

June 27, 2023

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on June 27, 2023