



**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 27, 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
Francis Harrison, Consumer Member
Jose Anderson, Consumer Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Greg Kaderabek, Industry Member
John Peterson, Industry Member

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards
Gregory Morgan, Commissioner, Occupational and Professional Licensing
Kimberly S. Ward, Assistant Attorney General
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator, MD Dept. of Labor

OTHERS

PRESENT: Carl Segner, M. Davis

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to adopt the new structure of the agenda for the State Board of Electricians, per the advice of Counsel Kinstler at the August 23, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donaghue and was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the Board.

Two unidentified members of the public joined the meeting. A request was made by Director Bull for the callers to identify themselves. With no response having been given to the request the callers were removed from the meeting.

The Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the August 23, 2022, meeting. Mr. Harrison noted a typographical error on page three, second paragraph. A Motion was made to approve the August 23, 2022, minutes as amended by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Petri, and by a roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes as amended.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Complaint Committee report. Executive Director Bull provided the Board with an update regarding the Complaint Compliance Specialist position. He advised that interviews would be held on October 13, 2022, and that he hoped to have a Complaint Committee Meeting next month.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brown reported that 16 applications were reviewed, with 11 being approved and 5 being denied. Mr. Brown asked the Board if he should review the applications that have been submitted for the journeyman electrician exam. Mr. Wilson replied that he should review the applications as he has reviewed the master electrician exam applications.

Before a motion could be called for to accept the report of the Application Review Committee an unidentified private caller was removed from the meeting.

A Motion to accept the report of the Complaint Committee was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Harrison. By a roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the report of the Application Review Committee.

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	55	10	45	18%

Journeyman Electrician	Candidates Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
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Journeyman Electricians	17	1	16	6%
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Since January 2022 there were 568 candidates tested, with 138 passing and 430 failing, for a pass rate of 24%. Since the inception of the test there were 6729 candidates tested, with 1970 passing and 4759 failing for a pass rate of 29%. There are currently 10,241 licensees.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to be considered.

Director Bull introduced Commission Gregory Morgan to the meeting and asked if he had anything he would like to add to the meeting. Commissioner Morgan replied by thanking the Board members for the participation. He went on to state that Director Bull and the Board staff were doing a good job handling the influx of journeyman license applications.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Bull provided an update on the filing to the Administrator position for the State Board of Electricians. He stated that an individual had been hired and he was awaiting notification from Human Resources on his start date. Director Bull went on to state that the individual has a background in real estate and is very customer service driven.

Director Bull then introduced the Board to Mr. Andrew “Andy” Klausing, the new investigator for the Mechanical Licensing Unit. Mr. Klausing introduced himself to the Board by stating that he has 30 years of investigative experience, with 20 years in law enforcement, and 10 years at the federal level as a background investigator. He stated that he is eager to get to work and asked the Complaint Committee if he could be provided with a list of pending complaints. Director Bull agreed, stating that if those items could be emailed to him, they would both be appreciative.

CHAIR’S REPORT

None offered

COUNSEL’S REPORT

Counsel Ward stated that no report had been offered by Counsel Kinstler on her behalf. She thanked the Board for allowing her to sit in on the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Harrison if he had an update on his proposal to distribute wastewater information to the local jurisdictions. Mr. Harrison replied stating that while he had made progress on the proposal it was not complete. He stated that he was advised by Director Bull to present the entire proposal when it was complete and that he would advise the Board when he was ready to present.

Director Bull provided an update on the Board's processing of the journeyman waiver of examination applications. Director Bull stated that he had submitted a request to the IT Team for a report on the exact number of applicants who had been licensed by waiver of examination. He stated that the Board was currently processing approximately 100-150 applications daily.

Mr. Petri asked Director Bull what advice the Board staff was offering individuals who are licensed as Inactive Master Electricians. Director Bull replied stating that the staff has advised Inactive Masters that if they wish to work in the field that they will need to activate their licenses. He stated that they have been informed that they may choose to activate their licenses as Active Master Electricians or Qualified Agents. Mr. Petri then asked if someone currently holds an unexpired Inactive Master license at the county level if they would be affected by the new law. Director Bull replied by stating that they would need to activate their state license regardless of their county license status. He went on to state that some of the county jurisdictions have begun issuing fines to Inactive Masters who are working in the field.

Chairman Wilson asked if the Board planned to create a category of licensure or a designation on the current license that allows for an uninsured Master to work in the field, similarly to licenses issued by the State Board of HVACR Contractors. Director Bull replied stating that it may be a possibility, as a need for the change has been expressed by the industry, and that Senator McCray was working on proposal to allow it under the current law. Chairman Wilson stated that he thought that would be the best fix for the industry. Director Bull agreed and stated he would keep the Board updated.

NEW BUSINESS

None to be discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene in a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Before Adjournment Director Bull allowed Mr. Segner to address the Board. Mr. Segner introduced himself by stating that he represents M. Davis and Sons out of Delaware. He expressed interest in becoming an approved Continuing Education provider in Maryland. Chairman Wilson stated that the Board often gets requests from out-of-state providers and asked Director Bull to provide Mr. Segner with an application to submit to the Board. Mr. Segner thanked Chairman Wilson and requested a formal application and instructions. Director Bull advised Mr. Segner to email his content back to him for review by the CEU Committee.

Director Bull asked the Board if they would like to hold the February Board meeting in person. He stated he had begun drafting the meeting schedule for next year and would like to schedule the February meeting as in person and discuss further in person meetings. He stated that when the schedule was complete, he would email it to the Board.

Chairman Wilson asked Director Bull if he had made any further progress negotiating the reciprocal agreements with the neighboring states. Director Bull stated that he had written a proposed agreement to send to Virginia. He stated the Virginia was interested in reciprocity at the journeyman

level in addition to its current agreement at the master level. He stated that the proposal would be sent to Counsel Kinstler for review, and if approved, sent to the Board to review. Director Bull informed the Board that West Virginia has no interest in a reciprocal agreement at the journeyman level, journeyman are not licensed at the state level in West Virginia. He stated that he is still waiting for a response from Delaware and Washington D.C.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Harrison, and the Board unanimously voted, by a roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Signature On File

10/25/2022

John Bull
Executive Director

Date

Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on: October 25, 2022