

**Massachusetts State Board of Electricians**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2015**

Held at 1000 Washington Street Room 1D, Boston, MA  
Boston, MA 02118

Board of State Examiners of Electricians convened its regular board meeting. Items listed in order of consideration.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 A.M.

The following Board members were present:

Peter Senopoulos, Fire Marshal Designee, Chair  
David Edmonds, Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee  
Gerald Graham, Inspector of Wires Member  
Kathleen Guinee, Systems Contractor Member  
Ryan Toland, Master Electrician Member  
David Fenton, Journeyman Electrician Member  
Lisa Podgurski, Public Member  
Paul Cormier, MAVA Member  
Steven LeVangie, Electrical Contractor Member

The following Board members were absent:

James Meehan, International Municipal Signalman Association Member  
Thomas Leahy, Systems Technician Member

The following members of the DPL Staff were present:

Robert Ferguson, Exec. Director  
Tamara Smith, Prog. Coordinator  
James Murphy, Assoc. Executive Director  
Charles Kilb, Board Counsel  
Richard Paris, Investigator  
Kevin Scanlon, Chief Counsel

The following members of the public wished their presence to be acknowledged:

Rick D'Amato, IAEI  
Kristen Gowin, NECA  
Paul Kennedy, IOW Andover  
Nicholas Catizone Jr., New England Municipal Inspectors Association

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- 2) DPL Deputy Director Rob Fortes introduced the Executive Director, Robert Ferguson. The Board welcomed Mr. Ferguson.
  - 3) The Board considered the minutes from the meeting of June 22, 2015.  
A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Podgurski and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To approve the minutes with minor corrections

- 4) Sanction was given by the signatures of the Board Members present to the issuance of licenses by Reciprocity, as a result of Board Action on June 22, 2015 in accordance with the following schedule:

Master  
Cary S. Atkins

Brian A. Pare

Journeyman  
Cary S. Atkins  
Andrew J. Ingerson  
Brian A. Pare  
Jafet T. Rodriguez  
Eric M. Williams

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Graham and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To ratify the schedule as presented

- 5) The chair announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be on August 24, 2015.
- 6) The Executive Director submitted recommendations for the issuance of the following licenses by reciprocity with New Hampshire

Gerald F. Bergeron, Journeyman  
Rene J. Demers, Journeyman  
Kyle J. Fitzgerald, Journeyman  
Joseph J. Gentile, Journeyman  
Dane R. Greenwood, Journeyman  
Andrew T. Hale, Journeyman  
Kenneth A. Marquis, Journeyman  
Novel A. Marte, Journeyman  
Ryan Mulrooney, Journeyman  
Gregory S. Nicotra, Journeyman  
Louis P. Petrucci, Journeyman  
Tony J. Reeves Jr., Journeyman  
Anthony L. Sciappi, Journeyman  
Robert A. Thomas, Journeyman  
Joseph J. Tully III, Journeyman

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Podgurski and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To grant the listed reciprocal licenses.

- 7) The Board considered Corporate and individual license changes submitted to the Board office:

#### **Removals**

**Paul R. Allen**  
(Protective Security Services LLC)

**Sergio de Araujo**  
(J&L Alarm Services Inc)

**Louis P. DelSignore**  
(DelSignore Electrical Contractors Inc)

**Derek S. Mahoney**  
(Advance Technology Inc)  
**Jeffrey J. Nicholson**  
(Nicholson & Maguire Electrical Contractors)

LLC)

**Brooks R. Wilson**  
(South Shore Generator Service Inc)

**Richard A. Pieper**  
(Henkels & McCoy Inc)

**Bret P. Sullivan**  
(Sullivan & Lindsay Electric Company Inc)

**Michael J. Sulmonte Sr.**  
(The Ockers Company)

**Additions**

**Advance Technology Inc**  
(Derek S. Mahoney)

**Artisan Electrical Lighting Design Inc**  
(John I. Valentin)

**Best Electricians Inc.**  
(Robert J. Fitts Jr.)

**Brookline Solar Electric Inc dba Great Sky  
Solar**  
(Michael J. Sulmonte)

**Delsignore Electrical Contractors Inc**  
(Joseph J. Genese Jr.)

**Henkels & McCoy Inc**  
(Nathan P. Gagnon)

**Hart Security Systems Ltd**  
(Paul R. Duthie)

**High-Tech Electrical Contractors Inc**  
(Michael J. Pallazola)

**KNA Electric LLC**  
(Craig C. Moura)

**NoBul Electric and Security Inc dba NoBul  
Security**  
(Joseph G. Quental)

**On Call Electric Inc**  
(Sergio de Araujo)

**Protective Security Services Inc**  
(Paul R. Allen)

**Radian Solar LLC**  
(James J. Comer)

**Trinity Heating and Air Inc dba Trinity  
Solar**  
(Brian K. MacPherson)

**Tyner Electric Company LLC**  
(Mark A. Tyner)

**Universal Automation & Mechanical  
Services Inc**  
(Bret P. Sullivan)

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cormier and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To approve the applications as presented

8) Reports

- June Exam License issuances

Journeyman	42
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Master	17
Systems Technician	5
Systems Contractor	1

- Legislative update – Brief mention was given by the audience to HB 242 and 1251.

9) The Board discussed a communication from Northeast Security Solutions inc. regarding a D licensee pulling permits on behalf of a Systems Contractor employer.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cormier and it was so unanimously

Voted: Legal Counsel will coordinate with the Chairman to see if the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations has addressed this issue, the matter can then be readdressed by the Board.

10) Subcommittees

a) CMR Subcommittee reported on its meeting of July 15, 2015.

Chair Ms Guinee reported that the subcommittee commenced with suggested amendments and requested full Board consideration of section 14.01 (2)(a) and (c).

A motion was made by Ms. Podgurski and seconded by Mr. Toland and it was so unanimously

Voted: To suggest the subcommittee amend section 14 to allow an approved applicant a full year to obtain a passing score on the examination, even if, during the intervening year, the applicant's education or work experience expires, so long as it was valid at the time of approval.

b) The Education subcommittee consisting of Edmonds, Cormier and Fenton announced they would like to convene a meeting; however, agreement had not yet been reached on scheduling.

11) The Board considered matters not reasonably anticipated by the chair.

- Mr. Cormier raised a concern regarding the reciprocity agreement with New Hampshire and whether New Hampshire's standards continue to be substantially equivalent to Massachusetts. Legal Counsel advised the Board that, as it was not on the agenda, that the Board should first place it on next month's agenda, review the existing agreement, and consider reaching out to New Hampshire prior to taking any action. Accordingly, a motion was made by Mr. Cormier and seconded by Ms. Guinee and it was so unanimously

Voted: To add as an agenda item for August discussion the matter of the reciprocity agreement with New Hampshire.

- Mr. Edmonds raised a concern that there were a number of electricians leaving the trade and not enough new people entering the trade. It was noted that the Board previously was informed how many people are taking the examination, however, there is no way to know how many apprentices there are, nor is there a way to know an electrician is leaving the trade unless they let their license lapse, thus there are no statistics to assist in the review.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cormier and it was so unanimously

Voted: For the Board to place on next month's agenda a topic to allow discussion of the current status of the electrical trade

12) Executive Session

At 11:26 A.M., the Chair announced that the next agenda item would require the Board to close the open session and enter executive session per M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21 to discuss an individual's character, rather than competence, and to discuss pending litigation where an open meeting may

have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board. The Chair estimated that the Board would be in Executive Session for approximately one hour.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Toland and this motion was approved by roll call vote to enter into Executive Session (Separate Minutes maintained)

Vote: In favor: Gerald Graham, Kathleen Guinee, Steven LeVangie, Paul Cormier, Lisa Podgurski, Ryan Toland, David Fenton, David Edmonds, Peter Senopoulos

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Recused: None

12:25 P.M. The Board exited Executive Session and returned to open Session with a 5 minute recess

13) Investigative conference (closed session)

At 12:31 P.M. A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Toland and it was so unanimously

Voted: To enter Investigative Conference.

After exiting Investigative Conference, the following was reported:

a) Complaints reviewed by the Board:

- (i) FA-15-018 - forward for prosecution
- (ii) EL-15-129 - forward for prosecution
- (iii) EL-15-132 - forward for prosecution
- (iv) EL-15-144 - forward for prosecution
- (v) EL-15-147 - forward for prosecution
- (vi) EL-15-149 - forward for prosecution
- (vii) EL-15-150 – Dismiss w/o prejudice
- (viii) EL-15-151 - forward for prosecution
- (ix) EL-15-152 - forward for prosecution
- (x) EL-15-153 - forward for prosecution
- (xi) EL-16-001 - forward for prosecution
- (xii) EL-16-005 - forward for prosecution (abstained: Mr. Cormier)

a) Prosecutors addressed the Board with permission granted from opposing counsel on the following matters (Closed Session):

Hentoff	EL-15-011 – Settlement offer made
Mong	EL-15-053 – Settlement offer made
Henderson	EL-15-095 – Settlement offer made (recused: Ms. Podgurski)
	EL-15-033 – Settlement offer made

14) Quasi-Judicial Session

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Guinee and it was so unanimously

Voted: To enter Quasi-judicial session to review final decisions and orders by default

After exiting Quasi-Judicial Session, the following was reported:

a) EL-14-042

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Podgurski and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To issue a final decision and order.

b) EL-14-043

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Toland and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To issue a final decision and order

c) EL-14-152

A motion was made by Ms. Guinee and seconded by Mr. LeVangie and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To issue a final decision and order

d) EL-15-010

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Guinee and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To issue a final decision and order

e) EL-15-024

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Podgurski and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To issue a final decision and order

f) EL-15-038

A motion was made by Ms. Podgurski and seconded by Mr. and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To issue a final decision and order

At 2:40 P.M. A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Guinee and it was so  
unanimously

Voted: To exit Quasi-judicial session.

15) Chairman (Fire Marshal's Designee) requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cormier and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 2:42 P.M.

A true copy.

ATTEST:

  
Robert Ferguson, Executive Director

8/28/15  
Date

List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. Draft minutes from June 22, 2015 meeting.
3. Schedule of licenses issued by reciprocity on June 22, 2015.