

Massachusetts State Board of Electricians
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016
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 State Fire Marshal's Chair designee at 11:14 A.M.

The following Board members were present:

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

The following Board members were absent:

James Meehan, International Municipal Signalman Association Member
Ryan Toland, Master Electrician Member

The following members of the DPL Staff were present:

Robert Ferguson, Exec. Director
James Murphy, Assoc. Exec Director
Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator
Charles Kilb, Board Counsel

Members of the public who wished to be mentioned in attendance:

Paul Kennedy, Kennedy Seminars
Rick D'Amato, IAEI
Beth Bellew, MECA

The Fire Marshal made an appearance and introduced himself

2) The Board considered the minutes from the meeting of March 28, 2016.

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

3) 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 March 28, 2016 in accordance with the following schedule:

Master

Journeyman

Matthew T. Brousseau
Brett A. Charleston
Ben M. Koutelis
Zebulon R. Ordway

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

- 4) The chair announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be on May 23, 2016.
- 5) The Board considered recommendations for the issuance of the following licenses by reciprocity with New Hampshire

Daniel M. Bliven, Journeyman
Aaron Chabot, Journeyman
Jason Chamallas, Journeyman
Eric Cruson, Journeyman
George Drost III, Journeyman
Nicholas B. MacLean, Journeyman
Matthew R. Polcari, 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.

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

Removals

William P. Boudreau
(Fire Alarm Service Co Inc.)

John F. Carey Jr.
(Bright Planet Solar Inc.)

Ronny Bergeron
(Maximum Security Alarm)

Andrew F. Greenwich
(Demarse Electric Inc.)

Brian M. LaMontagne
(Electrical Maintenance and Construction
Inc.)

Michael J. Montrond
(Taunton Electrical Corporation)

Richard M. Smith Jr.
(Priority Fire & Security Inc.)

Additions

A Plus Communications Inc.
(John J. King Jr.)

ETech Inc.
(Brian M. Lamontagne)

Fire Alarm Service Co Inc.
(William H. Blake)

Gaftek LLC
(Daniel C. Fortin)

Montrond Electric Inc.
(Michael J. Montrond)

Riggs Distler & Company Inc.
(Brian Sweeney)

Witherell Electrical Inc.
(Mark S. Witherell)

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

The Board went to item 8 of the agenda

7) Board of Appeals (M.G.L. c. 143, §3P and c. 30A, §18)

11:06 AM A motion was made by Ms. Guinee and seconded by Mr. Fenton and it was unanimously
Voted: To enter the Board of Appeals

a) Bea-16-290

12:43 PM A motion was made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Ms. Podgurski and it was so unanimously
Voted: To enter deliberative session closed to the public

On exiting deliberations A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Podgurski and it was so unanimously

Voted: To uphold the decision of Inspector of Wires – A written decision will be sent to the parties within 45 days.

8) Reports

- March Exam License issuances

Journeyman	72
Master	11
Systems Technician	3
Systems Contractor	0

- Legislative update – At the chair’s discretion Gloria Craven, MSCA provided an update regarding an amendment to the House Budget, Amendment No. 630. This amendment would create a commission to study certain security systems and would make certain changes to Board statutes. No formal action

Board Counsel summarized Senate bill 208 which involved online education. Per a prior vote, counsel distributed a draft of guidelines to provide a possible mechanism for regulating and verifying attending student identities.

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

Voted: To refer the draft guidelines to the Education Subcommittee for a full review.

9) The Board members discussed a document implemented by the Board's prior Executive Director which stated that the Board and Rhode Island would accept each other's continuing education credits. The current Executive Director indicated that he would prefer to adhere to this current process during the present renewal cycle to avoid licensee confusion, but after that point, the Board can revisit any current issues with the agreement.

10) An agenda item provided for an update by Chief Investigator Christopher Carroll, however, Mr. Carroll had nothing to report, thus no action was taken.

11) Matters not reasonably anticipated by the chair

- Counsel gave an update on the regulation changes. Specifically, he noted that they are still in the process of being reviewed per Executive Order 562.
- A member of the audience requested information regarding whether E-licensing would affect upcoming licenses being issued. It was noted that the same licenses would be issued. A motion was made by Mr. Cormier and seconded by Mr. Edmonds and it was so unanimously
Voted: To reaffirm that the Board would support the issuance of photographic licenses
- The Executive Director mentioned that he was made aware by the NH Board that they will be reviewing the reciprocal agreement. He indicated he will keep the Board updated if there are any changes.

12) Executive Session

At 1:20 P.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. The Chair estimated that the Board would be in Executive Session for approximately one hour.

A motion was made by Ms. Podgurski and seconded by Ms. Guinee and this motion was approved by roll call vote: To enter into Executive Session (Separate Minutes maintained)

In favor: Gerald Graham, Paul Cormier, Kathleen Guinee, David Edmonds, Lisa Podgurski, Steven LeVangie, Peter Senopoulos, David Fenton, Thomas Leahy

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Recused: None

3 P.M. the Board exited Executive Session

13) Quasi-Judicial session

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

Voted: To conduct a Quasi-judicial session

a) EL-15-091

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

Voted: To issue a final decision and order.

b) EL-15-116

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

Voted: To issue a final decision and order.

3:05 P.M. A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cormier and it was so unanimously

Voted: To exit Quasi- judicial session

14) The Chair requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 3:06 P.M.

A true copy.

ATTEST: _____
Robert T. Ferguson Esq, Executive Director

Date

List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. Draft minutes from March 28, 2016 meeting.
3. Schedule of licenses issued by reciprocity on March 28, 2016.
4. Senate Bill 208
5. Draft online education guidelines