



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Professional Licensure
BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS
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Board of State Examiners of Electricians Meeting Minutes

VENUE: 1000 Washington St. Boston

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 24, 2018 10:00 AM

Office: DPL Office Rm 1D

MEETING CALLED BY:	BOARD MEMBERS
TYPE OF MEETING:	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CHAIR/MEMBER:	K. Guinee, System Contractor Member, Vice Chair
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	D. Edmonds, S. LeVangie, J. Colleary, E. Dorian, G. Condon III, J. Bagni, P. Vingeau, T. Cunningham, P. Malagrifa, J. Sloane,
STAFF MEMBERS:	C. Kilb, A. Alfonso, R. Paris, T. Smith, M. Lewis
ABSENT/Late Arrival:	

PUBLIC MEMBER ATTNEDEES:

Barbara Logergren, GCI
Christopher Harrington
Ken Ferreira, Provider – Introduced himself
Chris Antonellis, JATC Boston
Beth Bellew, MECA – Introduced herself
Kristen Gowin, NECA Boston – Introduced herself
Kenell Broomstein, IBEW Local 103
Manny Ramos

Matthew Johnson,
Peter Harrington
Julie Kelliher, GCI
Robert Venutti, Municipal Electrical Inspector – Introduced himself
Michael Coyne
Jason Antonnetti
Joseph Woloski
Ryan Kunst

DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

ABC – Associated Builders and Contractors of Massachusetts
BEA – Board of Electrical Appeals
BBRS – Board of Building Regulations and Standards
BFPR – Board of Fire Prevention Regulations
Board – Board of State Examiners of Electricians
BSEE – Board of State Examiners of Electricians
CE – Continuing Education
CIB – Candidate Information Bulletin
CMR – Code of Massachusetts Regulations
Code – Massachusetts Electrical Code as currently promulgated in 527 CMR 12.00
DFS – Department of Fire Services
DPL – Division of Professional Licensure
ED – Executive Director
eLicensing -
FYI – For your information
GCI – Gould Construction Institute
Hr - Hour
IAEI – International Association of Electrical Inspectors
I.B.E.W – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Inc. – Incorporated
IOW – Inspector of Wires

Definitions continued...

JATC – Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee

License – A – Master Electrician, B – Journeyman Electrician, C-System Technician, D- System Contractor

License by Reciprocity – By Reciprocity agreement with the State of New Hampshire if New Hampshire License was obtained through testing

LLC – **Limited Liability Corporation**

MA - Massachusetts

MAVA – Massachusetts Association Vocational Administrators

MECA – Massachusetts Electrical Contractors Association

MEMA – Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

MEIA – Municipal Electrical Inspector Association

M.G.L. – Massachusetts General Laws

M.S.C.A. – Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association, Inc.

NECA – National Electrical Contractors Association

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

NH – New Hampshire

OPSI – Office of Public Safety and Inspections

TIA – Tentative Interim Amendment

Agenda Topics

1. **MEETING COMES TO ORDER 10:04 AM** Vice Chair Guinee called the meeting to order.

2. **FIRE/EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS** – A. Alfonso gave instructions

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Chair, Vice Chairman and Secretary

At the request of the Vice Chair, the Executive Director requested nominations for Chairman of the board.

D. Edmonds made a motion to nominate K. Guinee as Chair of the Board. Seconded by J. Colleary. No further nominations were made, so the Executive Director requested a vote be taken All in favor of K. Guinee serving as Chair.

K. Guinee requested nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.

D. Edmonds motioned for E. Dorian to serve as Vice Chair.

E. Dorian declined nomination and motioned for P. Malagrifa to serve as Vice Chairman of the board. Second by J. Bagni All in favor of P. Malagrifa to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.

K. Guinee requested nominations for Secretary of the Board.

D. Edmonds commented that there was no regulation or need for the seat to be filled.

Motion to remove the Secretary Chair by J. Bagni Second by S. Levangie All in favor to remove the seat from the board.

4. **PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVED**

Open Session Review – August 2018 Meeting Minutes Motion to accept by D. Edmonds Second by J. Colleary P. Vigneau Abstained All others in Favor to accept.

Executive Session Review – *No Executive Session Held*

5. **FYI ITEMS**

- Next board meeting will be ***Monday, October 22, 2018 – Southeastern Regional Vocational High School 250 Foundry Route 106 South Easton, MA –***

Discussion: Meeting will be a complete agenda Board Meeting.

D. Edmonds asked J. Bagni to assure that students attend the meeting as a civics class and understanding of how government agencies work.

- DPL has been mobilized to assist with recovery from the gas explosion disaster in the Merrimack Valley. Lawrence, North Andover and Andover were the towns impacted by gas explosions and fires on Thursday, September 13th, 2018.
 - MEMA has set up a trailer for plumbers and gas fitters and a trailer for electricians. The DPL will assist the three towns impacted by the disaster in issuing permits and coordinating with municipal inspectors.

The BSEE offers sincerest gratitude to the response from the IAEI – Paul Revere Chapter, IBEW Local Union 103 – Boston, Massachusetts Electrical Contractors Association and Kennedy Seminars.

At 3:00PM Saturday, September 15th MEMA requested volunteer electricians and municipal inspectors to help in the effort to restore gas and power to these towns. The DPL contacted each of these associations and within 30 minutes of the call for help we had more than 100 electricians and more than 50 municipal inspectors volunteering to assist. The response from willing volunteers continues to be overwhelming.

On behalf of the Charles Borstel, Commissioner of the DPL, Thank you very much for the support!!!

Discussion:

P. Vigneau mentioned that the Department of Fire Services, DFS, is working closely with Joe Albanese, Chief Recovery Officer and Pablo Vegas, EVP Columbia Gas. Assessment Teams are out today, electricians will access 8752 residences.

Joe Albanese from Commodore Builders will be head of recovery operations.

Columbia Gas may need to relocate customers if they are unable to upgrade electrical services to safely sustain added loads of electric heaters and cook tops.

J. Sloan, State Police should be checking to assure that all electrical workers are licensed electricians.

C. Kilb, Governor can waive licensing and permitting requirements as part of the State of Emergency, but it does not appear that he will at this time for electrical work.

J. Colleary, Wiring inspectors need to be scheduled many have already volunteered to help in the recovery.

- DPL hired one person to work with all licensing departments issuing Record ID and Authorization codes. Expediting these numbers has been much faster. All licensees are requested to email DPLauthcodes@mass.gov for their record ID and authorization numbers.

6. 10:17AM LICENSES BY RECIPROCITY: Motion to accept by D. Edmonds Second by J. Bagni All in favor

Journeyman Electrician - B License

Name of Candidate:

Marshall Davidson

Adam Vergato

Michael J. Esleeck

Master Electrician - A License

Name of Candidate

Curtis Emerson

Discussion:

C. Kilb noted that, without waiving requirements, the Board could expedite licensure in the emergency by allowing staff to approve and expedite reciprocal licenses for the next 30 days. Reciprocity licenses would be processed immediately for anyone working on the Merrimack Valley disaster recovery and list of processed licenses will be brought before the board at next meeting. Candidates would still need to meet all normal requirements for approval. M. Lewis, why do we have them on the agenda?

D. Edmonds, Reciprocity licenses are no different than providers; they both require board to have final approval.

C. Kilb, When first implemented it was for board to see how many NH electricians were working in the Commonwealth.

D. Edmonds, Staff must be vigilant that no graduates from NH on-line 600 hr courses are approved for reciprocity licenses.

A. Alfonso, Staff is vigilant.

D. Edmonds Motion to allow Executive Director to expedite NH Reciprocity licenses for the next 90 days.

J. Sloan, Why not just issue temporary licensing?

C. Kilb, There are no provisions for temporary licensing.

S. Levangie, Staff will continue to vet the licensees.

C. Kilb, NH only recently approved a 600Hr. online course. We should not have any applicants yet.

J. Bagni, Work is scheduled to be complete in November. Do we need to extend this to 90 days?

E. Dorian, Can the board create a temporary license for this event?

J. Colleary, Governor can waive licenses if we cannot find enough electricians to do the work.

A. Alfonso, Columbia Gas will first need to hire licensed electricians from the Commonwealth prior to the board issuing temporary licenses.

C. Kilb, This board cannot issue temporary licenses.

S. Levangie, When someone from NH wants a license do we CORI? We will not forgo any current rules that apply in an effort to expedite?

10:55AM Second the motion by S. Levangie All in favor

7. **10:55AM CORPORATE LICENSE CHANGES** – Motion to accept by D. Edmonds Second by J. Bagni All in favor

REMOVALS:

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ENTITY</u>	<u>REASON FOR REMOVAL</u>	<u>COMPLAINTS PENDING PROSECUTION</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Jonathan Randall	A	AJ Robert Mechanical Co, LLC	Leaving company	No	
Edmund Sepanski		Electricworks, LLC	Company dissolved	No	

ADDITIONS:

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ENTITY</u>	<u>PRIOR LICENSE</u>	<u>COMPLAINTS PENDING PROSECUTIONS</u>	
Craig Porter	A	Cerreto Associates, LLC	No	No	
Dana Beverly	A	Conserve Thru control, Inc.	No	No	

8. **LICENSE(S) ISSUED BY EXAM: August 2018**

<u>Type License</u>	<u>Number of Candidates for Exam</u>
Journeyman, Part 1 (18 Failed)	66
Journeyman, Part 2 Applied (26 Failed)	68
Master, A (1 Failed)	14
Systems Contractor, C (Failed)	
Systems Technician, D Part 1 (1 Failed)	5
Systems Technician, D Part 2 (2 Failed)	5

9. **REPORTS** – Candidates for License Exam – Portion Pass Report First Time and Repeat August 2018

School Pass/Fail Rate August 2018 and Jan-July 2018

Discussion:

D. Edmonds, Thanked board staff for the detailed list of schools and failure rates of candidates. The Education board is researching.

10. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – John High *No report*

11. **REPORT FROM THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR** – Christopher Carroll retired on Friday, September 22, 2018. Martha Sesnovich, Assistant Chief Investigator for the DPL, will be acting Chief Investigator.

12. **REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL** – C. Kilb *No report*

13. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

CMR SUBCOMMITTEE (J. Colleary, Chair, S. Levangie, G. Condon, T. Cunningham)

J. Colleary will send email this week to subcommittee members to set up next meeting.

J. Colleary met with Legislator that BSEE is silent on changes in industry.

CMR Subcommittee is tasked to review discrepancies in definition of “System” between M.G.L. and C.M.R.

J. Colleary would like to determine one day per month, regularly.

J. Colleary asked for status of recent changes to CMR 13.00.

C. Kilb, Submitted regulation is with administration waiting for approval.

11:06AM EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (D. Edmonds, Chair, P. Malagrifa, J. Sloan, E. Dorian, Alternate)

September 19th meeting report – Meeting was cancelled due to the Merrimack Valley state of emergency

D. Edmonds, Subcommittee needs to review renewal applications.

11:07AM INTERPRETATION SUBCOMMITTEE (E. Dorian, Chair, P. Malagrifa, G. Condon, J. Bagni, J. Sloan) *Nothing to Report*

11:07AM PLANNING AND RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE (K. Guinee, Chair, J. Bagni, P. Malagrifa) *Nothing to Report*

14. **MATTERS NOT ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR**

15. **BOARD OF APPEALS (BEA)** (1 Appeals)

BEA-18-000012 G. Condon vs. W. Graham, City of Springfield

Inspector of Wires, W. Graham has not responded. Staff will send out certified notice for appeal to be heard at October Board meeting.

S. Levangie, Next board meeting will be in South Easton, MA

D. Edmonds motioned that BEA’s will be held in all travel locations when necessary. Second by J. Bagni All in favor

11:29AM Motion to End Open Session by D. Edmonds Second by J. Bagni All in favor

16. **11:30AM EXECUTIVE SESSION** (*Closed to the Public, M.G.L. c. 30A, 21*) Motion to enter Executive Session by E. Edmonds Second by J. Colleary All in favor
Character Review(s) of applicants – JA, MC, CH, PH, JH, MJ, RK, RM, JO, CR, JW, EV

12:35PM Motion to take a 5 minute break by J. Colleary Second by J. Bagni All in favor

12:45PM Motion to break for 15 minute lunch by J. Bagni All in favor

17. **2:10PM INVESTIGATIVE CONFERENCE** (*Closed to the Public, M.G.L. c. 112A, 65C*)

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER – Richard Paris

INVESTIGATIONS	
DATE OPENED	DOCKET #
5/22/2018	2018-000543-IT-ENF
5/22/2018	2018-000541-IT-ENF
7/17/2018	2018-000764-IT-ENF
8/14/2018	2018-000860-IT-ENF

Negotiated Settlements –

S. Henderson, Prosecuting Counsel

A-M. Barry, Prosecuting Counsel

Motion to exit Investigative Conference by D. Edmonds Second by J. Bagni All in favor

18. **2:24PM QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION** (*Closed to Public*) C. Kilb to report - Motion to enter by D. Edmonds Second by P. Vigneau All in favor

J. Colleary was not present for this session.

P. Vigneau recused himself after learning that case discussed was from 2014, no permit and no timely inspection.

Separate written decisions will be issued.

Motion to exit Quasi-Judicial Session by J. Bagni Second by T. Cunningham All in favor

19. **NEXT BSEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:** *Monday, October 22, 2018 – Southeastern Regional Vocational High School 250 Foundry Route 106 South Easton, MA*

20. **MEETING ADJOURNED** by J. Bagni Second by P. Malagrifa All in Favor

Anticipated Board Meetings dates and locations for 2018:

Meeting Date	Location
1/22/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
2/26/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
3/26/2018	Massachusetts Firefighting Academy 1 State Road Stow, MA
4/23/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
5/21/2018	Westfield Vocational Technical High School 33 Smith Avenue Westfield, MA
6/25/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
7/23/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
8/27/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
9/24/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
10/22/2018	Southeastern Regional Vocational High School 250 Foundry Route 106 South Easton, MA
11/26/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA
12/17/2018	DPL, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA