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Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 18, 2022

Conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 P.M.

The following Board members were present:

David Edmonds, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee (chair) Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member John Bagni, MAVA Member

The following members of Board Staff were present: Keith Gleason, Executive Director Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator Milla Lewis, Administrative Assistant Charles Kilb, Legal Counsel

Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting November 12, 2021.
A Motion was made by P. Malagrifa seconded by J. Bagni and so by a majority vote to accept the minutes as presented.
Abstained: D. Edmonds
In Favor: P. Malagrifa, John Bagni

2. **Reviewed** Provider applications and proposals

• Roger Williams – IEP/synchronous

The members reviewed this application and noted that it was unclear whether the program was online or classroom based. Additionally, the members noted that it was unclear whether the instructors held Massachusetts licenses. A Motion was made by P. Malagrifa and seconded by J. Bagni and it was so unanimously voted to return for additional information regarding the type of program was offered and confirmation regarding the instructor licenses.

• Wentworth Institute – IEP/synchronous

The members reviewed this application and noted that it was unclear whether the program was online or classroom based. Staff noted that this was a formerly approved program and that it

appears the school still offered electrical education when it was not approved. A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by P. Malagrifa and it was so unanimously voted to return for additional information regarding the format of the program, the school is also requested to provide a representative to appear at the next meeting of the subcommittee when the subcommittee will presumably review its resubmission.

- **3. Discussed** parameters for a listening session regarding distance learning. Counsel provided a draft notice for the listening session. The subcommittee members suggested counsel make minor edits to the notice to broaden the language, which will focus on online pre-licensure education in general. The committee members agreed to schedule the session for March 11 starting at 9:00 a.m. until 12 p.m. After an hour break the subcommittee will hold its regular meeting starting at 1 p.m. No formal votes taken.
- 4. Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.
 - The subcommittee would like to further discuss how to handle lapsed providers continuing to provide classes at its next meeting.
 - J. Bagni mentioned that wind power technology should be considered to be a formal part of the required electrical education. The subcommittee will add an item for discussion at the next meeting.
 - J. Bagni also requested clarification from the subcommittee as to whether synchronous distance CE classes were considered part of the approved online education policy that expired when the state of emergency ended. Counsel noted that some online CE was approved prior to the pandemic but their may be an ambiguity. Staff was asked to provide a list of remote and online providers for the next meeting. The subcommittee will add an item for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment

At 2:11 P.M. J. Bagni made a motion P. Malagrifa seconded and it was so unanimously voted to adjourn.

List of Documents used at the meeting

- 1. Meeting agenda
- 2. November 12, 2021draft minutes
- 3. Draft Notice of Listening session
- 4. Provider applications