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Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians
Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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
Brendan E. Driscoll, Journeyman Electrician 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

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1. **Consideration** of the Minutes of the meeting February 18, 2022.
A Motion was made by J. Bagni seconded by B. Driscoll and so unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.
 2. **Discussed** Initial Education Providers lapsed Board approval –The chair opened the discussion prefacing that the Board was made aware of an IEP that failing to renew its Board approval as required in 237 CMR for the 2020 NEC had continued to conduct its electrical education program(s) throughout the new cycle in so far as implementing and shifting to an online model due to the COVID pandemic. While members were of the position that although the institution was currently seeking reapproval there should be a penalty for the lapsed period; members also voiced concern that while the Board may implement penalties the student may also inadvertently be penalized. Counsel advised the subcommittee that failure to install penalty may render the Board's reapproval requirement without "teeth". He added that the Board has limited authority but may refer the matter to the institution's licensing authority. The subcommittee then decided to table discussion to the next meeting



and use this meeting to gather more facts. J Bagni made a motion, it was seconded by P. Malagrifa, and it was so unanimously voted to table and move to item 4b of the agenda

3. **Discuss** Continuing Education Providers (CEPs) distance learning allowances – Counsel prefaced the discussion indicating that, as brought out at the last meeting there are in fact CEPs who obtained approval to conduct synchronous remote seminars with the caveat that the allowance ended 90 days after the state of emergency. Considering this information, the subcommittee was of the opinion that those providers would have to seek reapproval to continue conducting classes by remote synchronous methods.
P. Malagrifa made a motion, J. Bagni seconded, and it was so unanimously voted to identify and notify all CEPs whose approvals have so ended informing them of the requirement to reapply and represent before the subcommittee.

The subcommittee next went to item 5 of the agenda

4. **Reviewed** Provider applications and proposals

- a) Roger Williams – IEP/synchronous

The members reviewed this application and heard from Mayerlin Caridad, Dawne Pezzuco and representatives who were in attendance. It was determined that while the program held a classroom-based model, only one of its instructors was MA licensed. A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by B. Driscoll, and it was so unanimously voted to return the application for not meeting MA Board requirements.

- b) Wentworth Institute – IEP/synchronous

The members reviewed this application and heard from Lorraine Rivera, representative who was in attendance. The subcommittee indicated that the program documentation referred to online coursework. Lorraine stated that the presented program was not in any aspect being conducted online. A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by P. Malagrifa, and it was so unanimously voted for the application to be resubmitted and delegate the revision and final approval authority to D. Edmonds.

- c) Franklin County Technical – IEP/synchronous

The members reviewed this application and heard from Matt West, representative who was in attendance. A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by P. Malagrifa, and it was so unanimously voted to approve the IEP and program as meeting the MA Board requirements.

The subcommittee returned to item 3 of the agenda

5. **Discuss** DESE Frameworks and CMR integration

- a) Initial education curriculum integration of wind power technology.

J Bagni made a motion, it was seconded by P. Malagrifa, and it was so unanimously voted to table the discussion to the next meeting

- b) Online Learning - Listening session comments consideration

The subcommittee read the written comments submitted from the public. P. Malagrifa made a motion, it was seconded by J. Bagni and it was so unanimously voted to table the discussion to the next meeting

The subcommittee members came to an agreement of scheduling the next meeting April 1 from 10-12PM

6. **Discuss** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

At 3:28 P.M. P. Malagrifa made a motion J. Bagni seconded, and it was so unanimously voted to adjourn.

List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. February 18, 2022 draft minutes
3. Listening session written comments
4. Provider applications