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**Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians**  
**Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2022**

Conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M, P. Malagrifa standing in for D. Edmonds due to technical issues on his end with Teams.

The following Board members were present:

David Edmonds, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee  
Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member (chair)  
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 March 11, 2022.

A Motion was made by J. Bagni seconded by P. Malagrifa and so unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Absent for the vote – D. Edmonds, B. Driscoll

**2. Discussed** Initial Education Providers lapsed Board approval and affected students

- Regarding Wentworth Institute and for purposes of this education subcommittee vote and discussion, Counsel restated the board's vote that on approval of the education subcommittee of Wentworth's previous and current education, that student's education will be honored toward their examination qualifications.
- During subcommittee discussion the chair allowed comment from Susan Duffy for Wentworth who stated there were 104 students affected by the lapse of Board approval, 36 students completed the Journeyman program in the 2020/22 cycle and 11 have gone on to licensure, 88 in the previous cycle with 52 having acquired licensure.

D. Edmonds joined the meeting



- The subcommittee having delegated the curriculum comparison and review to D. Edmonds he stated that he understood the Board’s vote as stated by Counsel and had so reviewed and determined that the 2020 code application course content is acceptable for approval but he was not able to compare the 2017 code cycle program that had prior Board approval as Wentworth did not have the records. Therefore, he asked that Wentworth provide an affidavit attestation to that effect.

A Motion was thus made by P. Malagrifa seconded by D. Edmonds and after discussion was by a majority of the subcommittee members present voted to deem the content delivered in the curriculum to the affected students as acceptable upon submittal of the affidavit by the provost of Wentworth Institute.

Opposed: J. Bagni

- As regards the subject of invoking the bond requirement as restitution for affected students B. Driscoll stated that he felt the Bond to be applicable to the situation as described in the guidelines for IEPs.

10:52 A.M. The Executive Director announced that Counsel had departed the meeting due to an urgent matter.

A Motion was thus made by P. Malagrifa seconded by D. Edmonds and after discussion was unanimously voted to table discussion of the penalty phase for Wentworth until the next subcommittee meeting and Counsel’s presence, without waiving the subcommittee’s right to impose a penalty on Wentworth.

### 3. **Reviewed** Provider applications and proposals

- Wentworth Institute of Technology – IEP/synchronous
- D. Edmonds reported on having reviewed the application and being satisfied that the Brightspace software was being used to manage the process and classes were to be conducted online or remotely.

A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by P. Malagrifa, and it was so unanimously voted to accept Wentworth for the 2020 NEC period.

### 4. **Discuss** DESE Frameworks and CMR integration

- Initial education curriculum integration of wind power technology.
- J. Bagni stated that because the adopted DESE Framework contained an alternative energies section, he could not envision providing an addendum for wind power technology. The subcommittee members agreed and took no further action.

- Initial Education Online Learning
- D. Edmonds voiced that from what he has heard, the majority of the students who having participated in remote learning -whether youth or adult level- during the pandemic felt that the live classroom interaction is the best learning experience. The other members echoed the sentiment and J. Bagni acknowledged the public comment from the IBEW and MAVA indicating their testimony weighs heavy in his consideration of online learning. J. Bagni made a motion, it was seconded by D. Edmonds, and it was so unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board that it does not allow online education for prelicensure programs.

The chair allowed comment from Vicki Kane for Porter Chester Institute who asked for clarification of the vote and its impact to their program. J. Bagni responded that programs are allowed to offset learning via online means however the core hour requirements for each license must be synchronous with an instructor. Vicki added as a result that she didn’t feel the subcommittee’s blanket approach is fair nor that its decision considered post-secondary students or represented them.

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

- J. Bagni inquired whether Board staff had received a CEP application from Brian Smith. Staff acknowledged having been in contact with the applicant and regretted that the application did not make this agenda but suggested the subcommittee delegate the review to the D. Edmonds.

P. Malagrifa made a motion, it was seconded by J. Bagni, and it was so unanimously voted to allow Dave to review the application ahead of the next subcommittee meeting.

- The subcommittee members agreed to schedule the next meeting April 11, noon-1P.M.

## 6. **Adjournment**

At 11:35 A.M. J. Bagni made a motion D. Edmonds seconded, and it was so unanimously voted to adjourn.

List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. March 11, 2022, draft minutes