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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS OPEN SESSION MINUTES

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the Board of State Examiners of Electricians convened a regular monthly meeting on:

Microsoft Teams – Web and phone Access May 24, 2021

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting: 10:30 A.M. The chair called the open meeting to order.

INFORMATIONAL NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call. Where each member voted in favor, the vote will be reported as unanimous.

Roll Call, by Chair:

Board members present:

Kathleen Guinee, Systems Technician Member (Chair)

Paul Vigneau, State Fire Marshal Designee

James Colleary, Inspector of Wires Member

Brendan E. Driscoll, Journeyman Electrician Member

John Bagni, MAVA Member

Ellen Dorian, Public Member

David Edmonds, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee

Daniel C. Cahill, Electrical Contractor Member

Board members absent:

Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member (Vice Chair)

George Condon, Systems Contractor member

Thomas Cunningham, Master Electrician Member

DPL Staff present:

Mari Cooney, Executive Director

Milla Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Kristin Mitchell, Assoc. Exec Director

Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator

Charles Kilb, Counsel

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- 1. Consideration of the April 26, 2021 regular and executive session meeting minutes.
- D. Edmonds made a motion P. Vigneau seconded and the Board by majority of members present voted to approve the minutes as presented

Abstained: J. Colleary

2. Review/Discuss other reports:

- a) Executive Director Report— The Executive Director updated the Board regarding examinations, reporting 111 new exam applicants, 12 pending CORI, 78 for Journeyman, 22 for Master, 2 for Systems Contractor and 9 for Systems Tech. She also added that the Governor has announced the state of emergency to be lifted on June 15.
- b) Office of Investigations No report available
- c) Legal Counsel Counsel stated that the Governor's Executive Order provided for the allowance of virtual meetings and hence forth, unless legislatively acted upon, all meetings will be permitted to be live or virtual. The chair noted that the next meeting will be virtual.
- d) **Board of Fire Prevention Regulations** P. Vigneau updated the Board that the BFPR met on May 6, and appointed Paul Kennedy as a new member but has yet to appoint a chair of the electrical advisory committee. He added the Mass electrical advisory committee issued an interpretation and guidance regarding energy storage systems in one and two family units and issuing of permits.
- e) Legislative matters Counsel mentioned that the Governor has filed an Article 87 reorganization package which will change the name of the Division of Professional Licensure to the Division of Occupational Licensure as well as moving 13 healthcare related boards to the Department of Public Health. He added that the legislature will have 60 days to oppose the article before it is automatically deemed adopted.
- **3.** Review the list of license applicants approved by staff for reciprocity:

Name	Туре	
Joe Borges	Journeyman	
Lee Burke	Journeyman	
James Burke-Michaud	Journeyman	
Matthew W. Capron	Journeyman	
Gregory Carroll	Journeyman	
Christopher M. Fagnant	Journeyman	
Dane R. Greenwood	Master	
John C. Lepage	Journeyman	
Ryan Monterrosa	Journeyman	
Joshua J. Northup	Journeyman	

FYI Only, no action taken

4. Review list of business license approvals by staff

Business Name	Primary Owner	Licensee of Record	Licensee Type	Business License Number
Alliance Holdings GFD Inc	Jasjit Gotra	Joseph Bednarik	Master	8151-EL-A1
American Electrical Systems Inc	John B. Gill	John B. Gill	Master	8156-EL-A1
Apex Mechanical Services LLC	Jeremiah R. Auclair	Jeremiah R. Auclair	Master	8152-EL-A1
Berry Electrical Solutions LLC	Michael J. Berry Jr	James E. Berry	Master	8157-EL-A1
Devlin Contracting and Maintenance Inc	Matthew Devlin	Matthew Devlin	Master	8158-EL-A1
Ellis Electric and Inspectional Service LLC	Benjamin Ellis	Benjamin Ellis	Master	8154-EL-A1
First Choice Electric Inc	Luciano B. Miranda	Luciano B. Miranda	Master	8153-EL-A1
Highgate Electric Inc	Paul F. Lyons	Thomas M. Hession	Master	8160-EL-A1
Luminous Electrical Solutions Inc	Rodrigo Pacheco de Assuncao	Rodrigo Pacheco de Assuncao	Master	8159-EL-A1
Midstate Electric Company Inc	Eric J. Caldon	Eric J. Caldon	Master	8155-EL-A1
Safe Haven Security LLC	Mark Kleeman	Kevin J. Bulman	Master	8150-EL-A1
Sikora Electrical Contracting LLC	Collin Sikora	Collin Sikora	Master	8161-EL-A1
Skilled Trade Partners	Mary Chisholm	James Semler (Beacon Protection Group LLC)	Master	8149-EL-A1

FYI Only, no action taken

- 5. **Discussion** Staff gave a status update on the C1 business license, indicating that it is still at developer's stage however also existing tickets to fix the amendments available on the A1 business licenses via the public access site are in test phase and being finalized.
- **6. Discuss** COVID related Education program requests and progress and post COVID requests
 - a) D. Edmonds stated DESE is not actively encouraging remote education past the 90 days after the June 15 end of state of emergency and will support any Board decision. Counsel reiterated that the Board has the authority to determine how to proceed, but absent any action, no pre-licensure education may be remote after September 15. The Executive Director added that Board direction would be helpful to staff for responses on public inquiries.

- J. Bagni made a motion D. Edmonds seconded and the Board unanimously voted for the matter to be assessed by the education subcommittee for recommendation to the Board as to the need to continue online learning after the end of the state of emergency.
- 7. **Discuss** subcommittee meetings and reports:
 - a) **Regulation\CMR Subcommittee** Nothing to report
 - b) Education Subcommittee D. Edmonds reported on the meeting held May 14, the subcommittee having reviewed and approved Paul Asselin online, JATC Springfield remote CE and Greater Lawrence IEP. The subcommittee tabled one online offering due to lack of technical preparedness. J. Bagni reported on the instructor certification program outline and recommended further consideration at the CMR subcommittee.
- J. Bagni made a motion B. Driscoll seconded and the Board unanimously voted to send to the CMR and education joint subcommittee to discuss amending the regulations to include instructor certification requirements
 - c) **Interpretation Subcommittee** Nothing to report
 - d) **Planning and Research Subcommittee** K. Guinee reported the last scheduled meeting was cancelled and the subcommittee plans to reschedule.
- **8. Discuss** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Nothing reported. None
- 9. Board of Electricians' Appeals [open hearings, closed deliberations per M.G.L c. 30A, §18] No matters scheduled
- **10.** Executive Session (M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 Closed session)

At 12:30 P.M., J. Bagni made a motion P. Vigneau seconded and the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss individuals character, rather than competence. (no litigation strategy was discussed). The chair noted that after the Executive Session, expected to last 15 minutes, the Board would discuss matters in Investigative Conference and then adjourn, the Board would not be returning to open session.

VOTE:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NEA</u>	RECUSED/ABSTAINED
K. Guinee	X		
J. Bagni	X		
J. Colleary	X		
D. Edmonds	X		
P. Vigneau	X		
E. Dorian	X		
D. Cahill	X		
B. Driscoll	X		

The chair noted that the Board would take a 30 minute break before commencing the Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

11. Quasi-Judicial Session to discuss disciplinary decisions (Closed per M.G.L c. 30A, §18) – No matters considered

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, J. Bagni made a motion to enter Investigative Conference, P. Vigneau seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

12. Investigative Conference (M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C – Closed session)

a) Discussion of complaints prior to the issuance of an order to show cause

Docket	Recommendation
2020-000564-IT-ENF	Dismiss w/o prejudice
2020-000589-IT-ENF	Forward for prosecution
2020-000672-IT-ENF	Dismiss w/prejudice
2020-001053-IT-ENF	Forward for prosecution
2020-001706-IT-ENF	Dismiss w/o prejudice

J. Bagni made a motion J. Colleary seconded and the Board unanimously voted to ratify the aforementioned decisions

13. Adjournment – the next scheduled meeting will be June 28, 2021

B. Driscoll made a motion J. Colleary seconded and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 P.M.

Items relied upon during the open meeting

Agenda

Minutes of the meeting April 26, 2021