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## Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes November 12, 2021

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:

Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member (chairing) John Bagni, MAVA Member Brendan Driscoll, Journeyman Member

The following members of Board Staff were present: Esther Laine, Deputy Commissioner of Boards Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator Charles Kilb, Legal Counsel

**1.** Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting July 14, 2021.

A Motion was made by J. Bagni seconded by B. Driscoll and so by a unanimous vote to accept the minutes as presented.

- 2. Reviewed Provider applications and proposals
  - a. William Sinclair CEP/synchronous

A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by B. Driscoll and it was so unanimously voted to approve the providership as presented.

b. David McKinnon – CEP/synchronous

A Motion was made by J. Bagni and seconded by B. Driscoll and it was so unanimously voted to approve the providership as presented.

3. **Discussed** distance learning

John Bagni opened the discussion indicating that the subcommittee should be open to considering a hybrid remote and live classroom program for pre-licensure education, but

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should take the time to ensure the matter is fully reviewed prior to making any final decisions. The members discussed needing public input on the matter. The chair allowed for public comment.

The sole member of the public to speak was Julie of Gould Construction Institute who spoke regarding a desire to have an online option to avoid diminished class attendance due to a vaccination mandate at her School's physical locations.

Legal Counsel responded that the subject of discussion was not emergency allowances, and also noted that even without an online option, schools can still provide reasonable accommodations if students could not be vaccinated for reasons covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act and other such disability laws.

The members went on to voice consensus for holding a listening session to obtain input regarding online education.

- J. Bagni made a motion B. Driscoll seconded and it was so unanimously voted to hold the session in January/February of 2022.
- **4. Discuss** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. No matters presented.

## 5. Adjournment

At 1:34 P.M. J. Bagni made a motion B. Driscoll seconded and it was so unanimously voted to adjourn.

List of Documents used at the meeting

- 1. Meeting agenda
- 2. Provider applications and proposals