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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 Meeting**  
**May 23, 2022**

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting:

10 A.M. K. Guinee was not able to attend the meeting therefore P. Malagrifa presided as chair and 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:

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

Paul Vigneau, State Fire Marshal Designee

James Colleary, Inspector of Wires Member

Brendan E. Driscoll, Journeyman Electrician Member

John Bagni, MAVA Member

David Edmonds, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee

Ellen Dorian, Public Member

George Condon, Systems Contractor Member

Board members absent:

Daniel C. Cahill, Electrical Contractor Member

Kathleen Guinee, Systems Technician Member

Thomas Cunningham, Master Electrician Member

DOL Staff 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 April 25, 2022, meeting minutes. The chair tabled consideration as Counsel had not had opportunity to prepare the minutes for Board vote.

2. **Review/Discuss** other reports:

- a) **Executive Director Report**– The Executive Director reported that approximately 26% have renewed so far advising that Board email should be utilized as much as possible to get information and help with renewing. He added that some data statistics recently obtained from PSI was placed in the Board packets and has indicated a high failure rate.
- b) **Office of Investigations** – No report available
- c) **Legal Counsel** – Counsel stated that the remote meetings allowance expires July 15 and although the legislature is expected to extend the allowance until it occurs the Board will operate on the assumption that it is not extended. The Board can talk about it at the June meeting to discuss its impact with the July meeting.

Legal Counsel gave the Board basic procedures under the conflict-of-interest law. He noted that there is an allowance in certain cases where a member may participate in certain Board matters even if there is a conflict provided an approval is received from the Governor’s office. He provided an example of the specialized circumstance as in when a Board member might decide to teach Continuing Education. The member might need to go through such a process to obtain special permission prior to engaging in discussions and decision making that affect continuing education. He noted that such approvals take time, at least two weeks but possibly longer. If a member wants to recuse themselves instead, they may avoid this paperwork and process.

- d) **Board of Fire Prevention Regulations** – P. Vigneau informed the Board that the BFPR is in the final push to complete the final review of 2021 NFPA1 for a hopeful June or early July adoption. The BFPR also expects to meet in June/July with a view to releasing the 2023 electrical code by January.
  - D. Edmonds suggested that the Board might consider this timeline to encourage Provider renewal applications. Counsel agreed with the suggestion however advised that the Board obtain as solid a date as possible on the release of the code as the regulation references that date for determining the 90 days required for submittal of applications.
- e) **Legislative matters** – Legal Counsel noted that the Legislature was finalizing the budget, however, he has not been notified of any provisions that might impact the Board.

3. **Review** the list of license applicants approved by staff for reciprocity:

Name	Type
Eugene Bassett	Journeyman
Tanner J. Ells	Journeyman
Travis J. Odice	Journeyman

Daniel Solivan	Journeyman
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FYI Only, no action taken

4. **Review** list of business license approvals by staff

FYI Only, no action taken

Issued Business License Number	Primary Owner	Licensee of Record (LOR)	License Type	Business Name
20001-FA-C1	Anatolia Vascan	Anatolia Vascan-2 <sup>nd</sup> Bus	Master	Boston Alarm LLC
8290-EL-A1	Henry D. Merit	Edward T. Hennessey-2 <sup>nd</sup> Bus	Master	Merit Electric LLC

5. **Discuss** subcommittee meetings and reports:

- a) **Regulation\CMR Subcommittee** – J. Colleary reported on the CMR subcommittee held on May 9 and 20, 2022, at which the subcommittee continued discussing proposed amendments so far to 237 CMR 13, 14, 17, 18, 22 and a new chapter, 24. He stated the subcommittee hopes to bring the changes to the full Board at the June meeting.
- b) **Education Subcommittee** – D. Edmonds reported on the education subcommittee meeting held on May 9, 2022, mentioning that Jade’s C&D online proposal was returned pending their presentation before the subcommittee.
- c) **Interpretation Subcommittee** – Nothing to report
- d) **Planning and Research Subcommittee** – J. Bagni reported on the meeting held May 18, 2022, the subcommittee reviewed the Candidate Information Bulletin and proposed edits to the work experience form. The subcommittee also discussed reciprocity matters, such as notifying New Hampshire applicants on the fact that Massachusetts ratio requirements are different, they also wish to research other surrounding states to determine if they are equivalent to Massachusetts in case new reciprocity agreements are desired. The subcommittee plans to reconvene in the Fall.

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

- a) G. Condon inquired regarding the renewal mailing. The Executive Director stated that the e-licensing team has confirmed that the final group of mailings has gone out as of 2 -3 weeks prior to the Board meeting. He added that once the mailings have left the Chelsea facility delivery of the notices is outside of the administration’s control, but he offered that individuals who do not receive their notices have the ability to reach out for help via the Board email.
- b) B. Driscoll asked about the election of the Board’s chair. Legal Counsel responded that the chair and vice chair roles were elected by the members but the duration was unclear. He offered to investigate it and run it by the current chair and get back to the Board.
- c) J. Bagni asked regarding board reappointment procedure. The Executive Director responded that applicants for reappointment can email him and he will inquire through

the agency. Legal Counsel advised that those close to expiration hoping to remain on the Board who have not already done so to follow up, he noted that otherwise if a member does not resign they remain as a holdover until a new appointment is made.

- d) J. Colleary asked about the duplicated A1 licenses clarification. Executive Director advised that those licensees should email the Board office with details on those licenses however it does not affect the licensees' ability to work.
- e) J. Bagni asked that the subject of Inspectors working as electricians be added to the next agenda.

**7. Board of Electricians' Appeals [open hearings, closed deliberations per M.G.L c. 30A, §18] – no matters scheduled**

**8. Executive Session (M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 – Closed session)**

10:47A.M., P. Vigneau made a motion B. Driscoll seconded, and the members present unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss individuals' character, rather than competence per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21. The chair noted that after the Executive Session, expected to last 15-30 minutes, the Board would discuss matters in Investigative Conference and then adjourn, the Board would remain in closed session.

ROLL CALL:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>RECUSED/ABSTAINED</u>
J. Bagni	X		
J. Colleary	X		
E. Dorian	X		
B. Driscoll	X		
P. Malagrifa	X		
D. Edmonds	X		
G. Condon	X		
P. Vigneau	X		

See separate minutes

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

12:07 P.M., J. Bagni made a motion J. Colleary seconded, and the members present unanimously voted to enter Investigative Conference

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

<b>Docket</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2021-000771-IT-ENF	Forward for prosecution
2021-000532-IT-ENF	Forward for Prosecution

P. Vigneau made a motion B. Driscoll seconded, and the members present unanimously voted to ratify the aforementioned decisions.

- b) Discussion of the terms of a negotiated settlement of a complaint

The Board accepted the recommendations for sanctions from the education subcommittee as presented by Legal Counsel.

**10. Quasi-Judicial Session (Closed per M.G.L c. 30A, §18)**-No matters presented

**11. Adjournment – the next meeting is scheduled to be May 25, 2022, at 10 A.M.**

P. Vigneau made a motion D. Edmonds seconded, and the Board members present unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 P.M.

**Items relied upon during the open meeting**

Agenda