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Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians
Planning and Research Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023

Conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:00 A.M.

The following Board members were present:

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

The following members of Board Staff were present:

Keith Gleason, Executive Director
Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator
Charles Kilb, Legal Counsel

NH Board subcommittee Members in attendance:

Henry Szumiesz
Nathan Poland
Dean Sotirakopoulos
Vaughn Woodroof

1. **Review** Minutes of the meeting February 28, 2023

P. Malagrifa made a motion B. Driscoll, seconded and it was so unanimously
VOTED: to approve the minutes as presented.

2. **Discussed** PSI Test Review process

- The Executive Director estimated 6 days' timeline to review the exam questions. He stated once the group has established the appropriate subject matter experts, he will be able to coordinate with PSI to schedule the meetings.

3. **Discussed** Review & Discuss Subject Matter Expert (SME) Applications

- J. Bagni noted that there should also be an energy storage subject matter expert on the committee and suggested consulting the BFPR to obtain references.



- The subcommittee reviewed and accepted as photovoltaic subject matter experts applicants Joseph Bednarik and Joe Demello.

4. **Discussed** Online/Hybrid Learning delivery program for NH with NH Board.

The subcommittee opened up this agenda item by allowing Henry Szumiesz from New Hampshire to address the group. He provided an overview of NH's allowance of online education, the criteria they had utilized, and noted that if needed they have the ability to memorialize whether a license applicant completed their education requirement in person or virtually. He indicated NH education providers are approved on a case by case basis. He also noted that applicants using online education must obtain their work experience in NH, they do not permit a Massachusetts apprentice to combine online NH education with Massachusetts work experience.

5. **Discussed** Online/Hybrid Learning delivery programs of other states for licensure.

- The subcommittee discussed the probability of other states allowing virtual education programs and which states might be fielded for information. It was noted that this is a relatively new area, so information may not be readily available. No action was taken

P. Malagrifa made a motion B. Driscoll, seconded and it was so unanimously VOTED: to recommend to the full Board to continue with the existing reciprocity agreement but to continue discussions.

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

- B. Driscoll indicated that while attending a municipal electrical inspectors meeting it was reported to him that many local authorities are requiring excessive information on permit applications. This may not be something the Board may act on, however it will be given to the full Board when the subcommittee makes its report on this meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

At 12:57 P.M. P. Malagrifa made a motion B. Driscoll, seconded and it was so unanimously VOTED: to adjourn.

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List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. Resumes