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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:**

**September 28, 2020**  
**Goto-Meeting – Web and phone Access**

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting:  
10:35 A.M. The chair called the open meeting to order.

**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  
Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member (Vice Chair)  
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  
George Condon III, Systems Contractor Member  
Thomas Cunningham, Master Electrician Member

DPL Staff present:

Mari Cooney, Executive Director  
Kristin Mitchell, Assoc. Exec Director  
Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator  
Charles Kilb, Counsel

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1. Consideration of the August 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes.  
D. Edmonds made a motion P. Vigneau seconded and the Board by majority voted to approve the minutes as presented.  
Abstention: G. Condon



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

- a. **Executive Director Report**– The Executive Director updated the Board indicating meetings are to continue remotely as per the state of emergency. Regarding examination data she reported 95 applications received from PSI since the pandemic outbreak and 90 approved with 5 pending. Mention and a warm welcome was expressed to the students in public attendance observing the meeting proceedings for educational purposes.
- b. **Office of Investigations** – No report available
- c. **Legal Counsel** – No matters to report
- d. **Board of Fire Prevention Regulations** – P. Vigneau reported regarding an upcoming meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> regarding 527 CMR 1 and he indicated NEC article 230.85 is effective.
- e. **Legislative matters** – No matters to report

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

Name	Type
Frank Leandro	Journeyman
William P. Corman	Journeyman
James Palmer	Journeyman
Ethan Ehler	Journeyman
Robert J. Clukey	Master
Paul Bartlett	Journeyman
Juan Prenza	Journeyman
Gage Maguire	Journeyman

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

Business Name	Primary Owner	Licensee of Record	Licensee Type	Business License Number
IEC Mechanical Corporation	James Lavallee	Dale Mills	Master	8065-EL-A1
N&T Mechanical Contractor's Inc.	Timothy Nickerson	Chad Scesney	Master	8066-EL-A1
Ingemi Electric, Inc	Dominic Ingemi	Dominic Ingemi	Master	8067-EL-A1
Milltown Plumbing & Heating	Darrell Sweeney	Frederick Webster	Master	8068-EL-A1
Brian Bradley Electrical Contracting Inc	Brian Bradley	Brian Bradley	Master	8069-EL-A1
Vickery Electric LLC	Matthew Vickery	Matthew Vickery	Master	8070-EL-A1
Jacob Ringler Master Electrician, Inc.	Jacob Ringler	Jacob Ringler	Master	8071-EL-A1
Brimac Electrical Services	Michael MacDonald	Michael MacDonald	Master	8072-EL-A1
Apex Electrical Contractors LLC	Matthew Benevides	Matthew Benevides	Master	8073-EL-A1

WES Systems LLC	Wilfredo Sepulveda	Wilfredo Sepulveda	Contractor	8074-EL-A1
Onepath Systems LLC	Onepath Holding Corporation	Thomas Lee	Contractor	8075-EL-A1
DQR Electric LLC	Danny Richards	Danny Richards	Master	8076-EL-A1
Knight Electrical Contracting Corp	Harlan Knight	Harlan Knight	Master	8077-EL-A1

5. **Discussion** COVID related Education program requests and progress – Dave Edmonds conveyed thanks to the Board from DESE for its timely implementation of remote education programs. He stated that the Vocational programs are currently only bringing students into the workshop at a limited rate and communities with high numbers of COVID cases are remaining altogether remote.

11:14 A.M. D. Cahill joined the meeting.

6. **Discussion** IOW finding unpermitted work – James Colleary commented regarding discoveries of instances where building and wiring Inspectors are finding unpermitted and uninspected installations and implored that the Board issue a motion with regard to whether the Inspectors are required to force these inspections.

J. Bagni made a motion P. Vigneau seconded and the Board unanimously voted in favor of enforcing the inspection requirement.

J. Bagni made a motion P. Malagrifa seconded and the Board unanimously voted to work on an advisory to Inspectors and building commissioners regarding the law and regulations on enforcement of inspections and that failure to comply could result in disciplinary action. The matter will be on the October meeting to discuss draft language.

7. **Discuss** subcommittee meetings and reports:
- Regulation\CMR Subcommittee – Nothing to report**
  - Education Subcommittee** – D. Edmonds reported on the subcommittee meeting held September 17 stating the subcommittee was able to approve 4 CE providers to conduct remote video conference classes.
  - Interpretation Subcommittee** – The Executive Director informed the Board that the updated PV memo is still awaiting approval from DPL to publicly post via the website.
  - Planning and Research Subcommittee– Nothing to report**
8. **Discuss** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
- Staff was asked to report regarding the business license, which was the subject of several prior meetings and was recently implemented after delays. While the Board members indicated knowledge of the license, the reasons for its creation, and that most voted to create the license, the members were not aware of the technological problems faced by the non-Board staff who implemented the software requirements. It was also noted that licensees receiving the new license may be unaware of what it is used for in their practice. The Associate Executive Director gave an overview of the technological issues, noting that all electrical and systems businesses were given a single A1 license designation by the software developers during the

implementation. It was also noted that at this time, the individual licensee associated with a licensed business would be visible internally, but not indicated on the generic public license look up. J. Colleary suggested that Inspectors may want to require both business licenses and individual license numbers on permits, though counsel noted that the Board does not control the uniform permit application. Future discussion will be facilitated to help reduce confusion.

**9. Board of Electricians' Appeals [open hearings, closed deliberations per M.G.L c. 30A, §18] – No matters to consider.**

At 12:28 PM the chair announced that the Board had no further public matters for discussion and would be going into closed session. J. Bagni made a motion J. Colleary seconded and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the public meeting and recess for 30 minutes.

12:54 P.M. The Board reconvened

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

J. Bagni made a motion J. Colleary seconded and the Board unanimously voted by roll call to enter Executive Session to discuss applicants' character, rather than competence (no other purpose would apply at this meeting). The chair noted that no further open session items would take place after this session.

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

**11. Investigative Conference (M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C – Closed session) [If applicable]**

- a. Discussion of complaints prior to the issuance of an order to show cause – No cases presented
- b. Discussion of the terms of a negotiated settlement of a complaint – Presented by prosecutor Henderson
  - i. 2019-000598-IT-ENF – unanimous vote to prosecute
  - ii. 2019-000584-IT-ENF – unanimous vote to dismiss
  - iii. 2019-000585-IT-ENF – unanimous vote to prosecute

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

**13. Adjournment – the next scheduled meeting will be October 26, 2020**

J. Bagni made a motion B. Driscoll seconded and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 PM.

**Items relied upon during the open meeting**

Agenda

Minutes of the meeting August 24, 2020