

Massachusetts State Board of Electricians  
Public Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2017  
Held at 1000 Washington Street Room 1D, Boston, MA.  
Boston, MA 02118

Board of State Examiners of Electricians convened its regular board meeting. Items listed in order of consideration.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10 A.M.

The following Board members were present:

Peter Senopoulos, Fire Marshal Designee, Chair  
Kathleen Guinee, Systems Contractor Member (Vice Chair)  
David Edmonds, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee  
Stephen LeVangie, Electrical Contractor Member  
James Colleary, Inspector of Wires Member  
Thomas Cunningham, Master Electrician Member  
Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member  
John M. Sloane, Journeyman Electrician Member  
John Bagni, MAVA Member  
Ellen Dorian, Public Member

Absent Board members:

George Condon III, Systems Technician Member

The following members of Staff were present:

Robert Fortes, Deputy Commissioner  
Richard Paris, Investigator  
Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator  
Charles Kilb, Board Counsel

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- 2) The Board considered regular and executive minutes from the August 28, 2017 Board meeting  
A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Bagni and it was so unanimously  
Voted: To approve both sets of minutes as presented
  - 3) The chair announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be on October 23, 2017.
  - 4) Counsel discussed with the Board regarding the 2018 meeting schedule and the possibility of conducting some of the meetings at an offsite location. The Board members indicated some interest in the concept. At the next meeting, the members will review the 2018 meeting dates and consider the offsite options.  
No formal action taken.
  - 5) The Board considered recommendations for the issuance of licenses by reciprocity.

Joshua R. Audette, Journeyman

Timothy R. Entwistle, Master  
Fredis Eugenia, Journeyman  
Edgardo J. Fermin, Master  
Christopher G. Marves, Journeyman  
Max G. Olin, Journeyman  
Christopher T. Pamboukes, Journeyman  
Timothy R. Sawyer, Journeyman

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Bagni and it was unanimously  
Voted: To approve the recommendations for issuance of license

6) The Board considered Corporate and individual license changes submitted to the Board office:

**Additions**

**Hogan Electrical Company LLC**  
(Stephen V. Hogan)

**Juba Electric Co Inc**  
(Stephen M. Juba III)

**Quantum Electric Inc**  
(Christopher D. Martinez)

**Terrence W. Alden Jr LLC**  
(Terrence W. Alden Jr.)

**Upwire Electric LLC**  
(James R. McCormack)

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Malagrifa and it was so unanimously  
Voted: to approve the applications as presented.

7) Applications for Board approval processed after agenda posting

**Corp Removal**

**James E. Buchanan**  
(Renewable Construction Services LLC)

**Jack V. Sanborn**  
(Net Technologies Inc.)

**Terrence W. Alden Jr LLC**  
(Terrence W. Alden Jr.)

**Upwire Electric LLC**  
(James R. McCormack)

**Additions**

**First Choice Security Inc**  
(Edward B. Glidden)

**JMS Electrical LLC**  
(Jonathan P. Shepard)

**Tortora Electric LLC**  
(Jonathan C. Tortora)

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Malagrifa and it was so unanimously

Voted: to approve the applications as presented.

8) Reports

a) August Exam License issuances

Journeyman	57
Master	16
Systems Technician	3
Systems Contractor	0

- b) Legislative update – Deputy Director Robert Fortes indicated he had nothing new to report to the Board. No formal action taken.
- c) Report of Chief Investigator. The Chief Investigator was unable to appear at the meeting, so no report was received.
- d) Subcommittee reports/Scheduling
- (i) Education – Mr. Edmonds reported that the Education Subcommittee met on September 22, 2017, he then listed the providers reviewed:
- Edward Carll – 15 hr CE program – The subcommittee recommended approving this provider.
  - Northern Berkshire – 600hr Journeyman program - The subcommittee recommended approving this provider.
  - At Your Leisure/Christopher Magoun – This provider would be online only. Mr. Edmonds noted that historically the full Board approved online providers, however the Education Subcommittee was well equipped to review such providers in the normal course of business. By unanimous consent, the Board agreed that the Education Subcommittee would review online providers. Mr. Magoun will be invited to appear at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cunningham and it was unanimously

Voted: to ratify the recommendations from subcommittee for Providership submittals

Mr. Edmonds also reported that the subcommittee continued discussing whether there would be any interest in the Board amending the regulations to allow vocational schools to obtain more than 300 hours of education credit towards the journeyman electrician license. It was noted that the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was not advocating for a change at this time. The official subcommittee recommendation was to make no changes at this time. Mr. Bagni opposed this recommendation for the record and indicated he strongly supported changing this requirement.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Guinee and it was by a majority of 6:

Voted: To maintain credit from Vocational Schools classroom education at 300hrs.

Against: Cunningham, Bagni, Dorian

Abstained: Senopoulos

Mr. Malagrifa reported that the Education Subcommittee further reviewed an outline for the Inspector of Wires 6 hour program. The Subcommittee recommended that this outline, which had been developed by Former Executive Director Janson, would be a good

standard for new providers and for courses beginning in 2018. The chair noted that future iterations should include an explanation of appellate and code interpretation processes. A motion was made by Ms. Dorian and seconded by Mr. Colleary and it was so unanimously Voted: to approve the outline for basic use, the subcommittee may further refine as needed.

(ii) CMR – the CMR subcommittee has not met since the last meeting. The Chair suggested that the Board consider pairing offsite meetings with public listening sessions to aid the CMR subcommittee. These offsite meetings will be discussed further at the October meeting.

9) Mr. James Lapierre, Executive Director for the American Rental Association addressed the Board with regards to the licensing and permitting of generators utilized for temporary tent structures. Mr. Lapierre indicated that an electrician is typically necessary to provide required grounding of generators which are otherwise cord and plug, he indicated a desire to work with the Board on finding some relief due to difficulty and expense of obtaining electricians for this work. The members noted that the licensing law may mandate a licensee, thus they may be constrained in the relief they could grant. Additionally, it was noted that there may be important public safety issues as faulty work could lead to loss of property and/or injuries to consumers or worse. At the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, the members took no action at this time, to allow further consideration in the future. A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cunningham and it was so unanimously Voted: to table the discussion pending more information.

10) The chair opened the meeting to any matters not reasonably anticipated.

- Ms. Guinee inquired as to the status of the Executive Director position. The Deputy Commissioner indicated he had no further progress to report at this time.

11) Executive Session (Closed to the public) – M.G.L. c. 30A, §21

At 11:39 A.M. the Chair announced that the next agenda item would require the Board to close the open session and enter executive session per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 to discuss pending litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board and to discuss individual's character, rather than competence. The Chair estimated that the Board would be in Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Guinee and it was so unanimously approved by roll call vote: To enter into Executive Session (Separate Minutes maintained)

In favor: Peter Senopoulos, James Colleary, David Edmonds, Ellen Dorian, John Bagni, Steven LeVangie, Thomas Cunningham, Paul J. Malagrifa, John M. Sloane, Kathleen Guinee

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Recused: None

At 12:43 P.M. the Board exited Executive Session and returned to open session.

12) Board of Electricians' Appeals

12:44 PM A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Ms. Dorian and it was so unanimously Voted: to enter the Board of Appeals.

- a) William Augustynski, Mr Response v. Webster Inspector of Wires, Aldo Nolle (BEA-17-000004-AP)

The Chair called for the parties to note their attendance. However, neither party appeared.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. LeVangie and it was so unanimously

Voted: to dismiss the Appeal unless the parties had agreed to reschedule the matter.

13) Investigative Conference (Closed to the public) – M.G.L. c. 112, §65C

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Sloane and it was so unanimously

Voted: to enter into Investigative Conference

a) Investigation of complaint matters

12:50 PM Upon conclusion of the Investigative Conference, the following decisions on cases were noted for the public record:

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| i. Request for reconsideration – No. 2016-000142 – Reconsideration denied | vii. 2017-000949 – Dismiss w/Advisory - Note: Ms. Dorian was recused for this agenda item |
| ii. 2017-000488 – Investigative follow/up                                 | viii. 2017-000965 – forward for prosecution   |
| iii. 2017-000791 – forward for prosecution                                | ix. 2017-001011 – forward for prosecution   |
| iv. 2017-000871 – forward for prosecution                                 | x. 2017-001043 – forward for prosecution  |
| v. 2017-000933 – forward for prosecution                                  | xi. 2017-001054 – forward for prosecution   |
| vi. 2017-000943 – forward for prosecution                                 |   |

b) Review of negotiated settlements – None for consideration

At 12:55, a motion was made by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Sloane and it was so unanimously

Voted: to enter into Quasi-Judicial Session to review cases for final decisions after adjudicatory proceedings.

14) Upon the conclusion of the quasi-judicial session, the following was noted for the record:

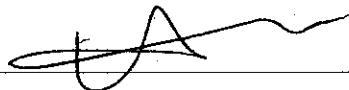
- a) 2016-000398 – A separate written final decision will be issued.
- b) 2016-000-728 – A separate written final decision will be issued.
- c) 2015-0701 – A separate written final decision will be issued.

15) The chair requested a motion to adjourn

At 1:38 p.m., the chair noted that the Board had completed all agenda items and requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sloane and seconded by Mr. Edmonds and it was so voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



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List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. August meeting minutes.
3. Inspector of Wires presentation outline
4. Letter from the American Rental Association