



MAURA HEALEY
GOVERNOR

KIM DRISCOLL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

YVONNE HAO
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Occupational Licensure
Board of State Examiners of Electricians

1000 Washington Street, Suite 710
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

EDWARD A. PALLESCHI
UNDERSECRETARY OF CONSUMER
AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS
REGULATION

LAYLA D'EMILIA
COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE

Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians
Planning and Research Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023

Conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 A.M.

The following Board members were present:

Brendan Driscoll, Journeyman Electrician Member
John Bagni, MAVA 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
Jennifer Cargill, Legal Counsel

-
1. **Reviewed** Minutes of the meeting April 2, 2021, and October 7, 2022
 - P. Malagrifa made a motion, B. Driscoll seconded, and a majority of the members voted to approve the minutes as presented. Abstained: G. Condon
 2. **Discuss** PSI Test Review process
 - The Chair J. Bagni mentioned that in order for the subcommittee to assess all areas of test content the subcommittee should review the current test questions.
 - The subcommittee will be accepting applications from non-Board member SMEs. Any interest should be directed to the Executive Director.
 - The subcommittee also agreed to consult with PSI to understand how PSI evaluates and implements question content in other states.
 3. **Discussed** Reciprocity with other New England states.
 - The Chair asked that the Executive Director communicate with Rhode Island Board to discuss the possibility of establishing a reciprocity of licensure agreement as it appears that RI has a similar licensing practice to MA.
 - The NH reciprocity agreement is with the education subcommittee for review.
 - The subcommittee discussed the possibility of reaching out the Boards in ME and VT in the future.



4. **Discuss** Ratios for Journeyman apprentices

- B. Driscoll mentioned that the research suggests other states may be changing apprentice ratios to encourage more people to enter the trade as there is a shortage of apprentices in the trade.
- The former New Hampshire chief electrical inspector Dean Sotirakopoulos addressed the Board and explained the implementation process New Hampshire underwent by changing the Apprentice to Master ratio to 2:1. He stated Apprentice registration doubled over 10 years since implementation of the ratio change.
- J. Bagni stated that the subcommittee would coordinate with Board Counsel to gather input and provide any research data.

5. **Discussion** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

- The subcommittee discussed drafting a memo to the BFPR regarding promulgating a uniform electronic permitting and notification process, and the possibility of instituting a uniform platform.
- The subcommittee discussed some of the issues surrounding differing permitting requirements and practices of various cities and towns and the need for uniformity between application platforms, notification requirements, and verification of licensure.
- The subcommittee agreed that J. Bagni will work with Counsel on drafting the memo and will bring the draft back to the next subcommittee meeting.

6. **Adjournment**

At 11:34 A.M. P. Malagrifa made a motion, B. Driscoll seconded, and the members unanimously voted to adjourn.

A true copy.

List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda