
**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 28, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: 1100 N. Eutaw Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
Via Google Meet Video and Teleconference + 321-465-5183; PIN: 457 489 090#

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chet Brown, Chairman
Greg Kaderabek, Vice Chairman
Steven Petri Sr., Industry Member
Francis Harrison, Consumer Member
Walter “David” Irvin, Industry Member
William “Eric” Smith, Industry Member
John Peterson, Industry Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Donald Steinman, Industry Member

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer III

OTHERS

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

After a roll call to establish a quorum, Chairman Brown called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Electricians to Order at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 23, 2024, meeting minutes without amendment, was made by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Petri and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Complaint Committee report.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brown reported that fourteen (14) applications were reviewed (thirteen (13) Master license applications and one (1) journeyman application), with six (6) applications having been approved, one (1) application having been denied, and six (6) pending applications.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT

There was no Continuing Education Provider report.

EXAM CHALLENGES REPORT

No exam challenges were submitted; no report was offered.

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS

PSI exams submitted the following statistical summaries for the month of April 2024:

Exam Type	Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass Rate %
Master Electrician	52	15	37	29%
Journeyman Electrician	22	8	14	36%
Total	74	23	51	31%

Since January 2024, 229 candidates were tested, 64 passed, 165 failed, for a pass rate of 28%. Since the inception of the test, 7757 candidates were tested, 2234 failed, 5523 failed, for a pass rate of 29%. There are currently 23,608 licensees.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Voice/Data/Video Services

Chairman Brown questioned Director Bull as to whether he had obtained any new information from any of the local jurisdictions regarding low voltage licensing, specifically the criteria used to qualify what is considered to be low-voltage work. Director Bull responded stating that beyond what was reported at the last meeting, he had no new information. Mr. Brown asked if it were possible to verify the information reported at the meeting, to which Director Bull replied, that the information could be found in the County codes and regulations.

Chairman Brown requested that the Board officially form a committee to discuss and propose actions regarding low-voltage and voice/data/video services. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Kaderabek, and seconded by Mr. Irvin, to establish a committee on Voice/Video/Data Services comprised of Chairman Brown, Mr. Petri and Mr. Smith. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Waste Water Proposal

Chairman Brown asked Director Bull if there were any updates on Mr. Harrison's proposed wastewater pamphlet. Director Bull informed the Board that the proposal had not been approved by Secretary's office to date and that he would inform the Board when it had been.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kaderabek informed the Board that while attending a meeting, he spoke with Delegate Hornberger, who wished to propose legislation to mandate that the State and all local jurisdictions adopt the latest version of the NEC within 18 months of its issuance. Counsel reminded the Board that by statute (Bus. and Occ. Art. 12, § 6-205 (a)(3), the Board is required to enforce, within 18 months of issuance, minimum standards for the provision of electrical services consistent with the most recently issued version of the National Fire Protection Association 70: National Electrical Code. She questioned whether the local jurisdictions were trying to impose county wide enforcement of the statute. Mr. Kaderabek commented that he felt the intent was to have the local jurisdictions impose a similar requirement.

Mr. Harrison joined the meeting at 10:49.

The Board held a discussion on the best method of code adoption to ensure the Board was following the statute. Director Bull stated that he would research the methods that were available and place the item on the June agenda for discussion under Old Business.

There was no other New Business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Bull reported that a new investigator for the Mechanical Licensing unit had been hired, and that she would begin employment on June 5th. Director Bull also reported that Mr. Jay Brown had been made Interim Executive Director for the MD Athletics Commission and that in his absence Ms. LaKissha Thornton would assume his duties as Board Administrator. Director Bull reminded the Board to complete their ethics fillings for the upcoming year.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

Counsel offered no report but reminded the Board that it would convene in a closed session.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Brown did not offer a report.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter closed session was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kaderabek, and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board entered closed session at 10:54 am.

Counsel Kinstler advised that the Board entered into a Closed Session to review applications or license reinstatement requests, discuss the eligibility and qualification of such individuals pursuant to §§ 12-302, 12-309, or 12-312 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland in compliance with § 3-305(b)(2) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; receive advice of Counsel regarding the Commission's authority pertaining to such applications, in compliance with § 3-305(b)(7); or consider license examination content, in compliance with § 3-305(b)(11) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Application .01

Counsel Kinstler presented an application for a Journeyman Electrician submitted by an applicant who had been convicted in 2000 of a Second Degree, Tier II sex offence. Counsel advised the Board that the applicant had a lifetime requirement to register as a sex offender. The applicant completed his probation period in Dec. 2002 and has had no other convictions. The applicant presented character statements from his current employer and a member of his church. Counsel read both letters for the Board. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Petri, seconded by Mr. Kaderabek and unanimously approved by the Board.

Application .02

Counsel presented an application for an Apprentice Electrician license submitted by an applicant who was convicted of possession with intent to distribute and possession of a handgun in a vehicle. The applicant was sentenced to five (5) years incarceration with all, but 18 months suspended for the first charge, and three (3) years, suspended for the second charge. The applicant is currently on probation. The applicant's probation began in Feb. 2023 and will continue until Feb. 2026. The applicant currently has no outstanding or pending charges and is in compliance with the terms of their probation. The applicant submitted a personal statement regarding the conviction.

After a discussion by the Board, a motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Kaderabek, seconded by Mr. Harrison and unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion to return to the open session of the meeting was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Irvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board returned to the open session of the meeting at 11:37 am. A motion to approve the findings of the closed session was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Harrison and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Mr. Kaderabek, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Signature on File

8/27/24

John Bull, Executive Director
Mechanical Boards

Date

As voted and approved by the Board on: 8/27/24