

State Board of Electricians 1100 N. Eutaw St. 5th Fl. Baltimore, MD 21201

STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 25, 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 Donald Steinman, Industry Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: John Peterson, Industry Member

STAFF

PRESENT: John Bull, Executive Director

Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer III

OTHERS

PRESENT: Sarah McDermontt, Deputy Commissioner, Occupational and Professional

Licensing, MD Dept. of Labor

Matthew McKinney, Office of the Commissioner, Occupational and Professional

Licensing, MD Dept. of Labor

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Brown called the June 25, 2025, Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Electricians to Order at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Steinman joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no approval of the minutes.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Complaint Committee report.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brown reported that four (4) applications were reviewed, with one (6) application having been approved, one (1) application having been denied, and two (2) pending applications.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Steinman reported that two applications for acceptance had been reviewed, with one (1) having been approved and one having been returned for more information.

A motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider Committee report was made by Mr. Petri, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Petri questioned how many CE providers were currently approved by the Board, to which Director Bull stated that he was unsure of the exact number, but that all of the approved providers were listed on the Board's website. Mr. Bull continued stating, that while a list of approved providers is available, licensee must contact the providers for a listing of their course offerings and schedules.

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 May 2024:

Exam Type	Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass Rate %
Master	48	17	31	35%
Electrician				
Journeyman	14	2	12	14%
Electrician				
Total	62	19	43	31%

Since January 2024, 291 candidates were tested, 83 passed, 208 failed, for a pass rate of 29%. Since the inception of the test, 7819 candidates were tested, 2253 failed, 5566 failed, for a pass rate of 29%. There are currently 23,830 licensees.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

COMAR 09.09.02.01:

Director Bull stated that he needed to update the Board regarding the proposed regulation. He reminded the Board that the regulation would change the licensing Category 02 from 'Inactive Master' to 'Uninsured Master'. He reminded the Board that the category would include two classifications, 'Unauthorized to Work' and 'Authorized to Work', with those being classified as 'Authorized to Work' being required to complete ten (10) hours of Continuing Education. He stated that the comment period for the proposed regulation had closed and that the Board needed to take final action on the regulation.

A motion to take final action on COMAR 09.09.02.01 was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Kaderabek and unanimously approved by the Board.

Discussion on Voice/Data/Video Services:

Chairman Brown reminded the Board that at the May meeting a committee on Voice/Video/Data services had been formed and asked Director Bull if that committee had been added to the list of Board committees. Director Bull replied that the committee would be added to the list after its first official meeting. Director Bull stated that he would compile any information regarding low-voltage regulation that he received from the local jurisdictions and send it to the Committee for review. Chairman Brown stated that he would also distribute any information that he received regarding low-voltage regulation for the committee's review.

Waste Water Proposal:

Upon Chairman Brown's request, Director Bull informed the Board that there had been no updates regarding Mr. Harrison's Wastewater proposal.

Code Adoption:

Chairman Brown questioned Director Bull if he had received any new information regarding the 2023 code adoption. Director Bull replied that he was waiting to find out which codes were being adopted by the Dept. of Labor and Industry, and whether those codes could be incorporated by reference. Counsel Kinstler reminded the Board that they had not yet decided on which date to use to comply with the Board's requirement to adopt the latest version of the NEC within 18 months of its release. Chairman Brown questioned if the Board was required to use the date the code was published or the date the code was finalized. Counsel replied that the statute did not specify and stated that the Board could use its discretion on the matter. Chairman Brown questions whether the Board needed to take a vote as to which date to use, to which Counsel explained that it was not required. Counsel stated that she would prepare a regulation regarding the adoption of the NEC and asked that it be placed under Old Business on the August agenda.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business, however, Director Bull requested the Board Elections be placed on the August agenda under New Business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Bull did not offer a report.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

Counsel did not offer a report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Brown did not offer a report.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the June 25, 2024, business meeting was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Signature On File	8/27/24	
John Bull, Executive Director	Date	
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As voted and approved by the Board on: <u>8/27/24</u>