

**ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: September 18, 2015
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:12 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Gerard Caron
Earl Sherwood
Brian McDougal
Peter Wilson

The following member(s) were absent:

Don Berry
Ryan Morgan

Staff Present:

Raymond Stanford, Senior Electrical Inspector
Robert LeClair, Executive Director of Manufacturing Housing
Cecile Sirois, Board Clerk for Geologists and Soil Scientists, and Clerk for the
Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Program

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Action on Decision & Order 2014-ELE-10399

A motion was made to accept the Decision & Order as written.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to table the March 20, 2015 minutes until a quorum is present to vote.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

A motion was made to accept the July 17, 2015 minutes.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous

Code Course Review – Robert Theriault – NEC 45 Hour Code Course

Board Discussion: Brian McDougal was asking if the Course was previously approved. Peter Wilson stated it met the requirements.

A motion was made to accept the NEC 45 Hour Code Course.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Senior Electrical Inspector's Report

Raymond Stanford stated Catherine Carroll, Bob LeClair worked on defining a Helper Educational License (HPE) which is a license that is issued to students enrolled in an electrical program of study so that they can earn working experience while licensed. Gerard Caron suggested that there should be no expiration on the Helper Educational License (HPE) while taking courses. Brian McDougal stated that the course provider or the individual should provide proof of completion when the individual has completed the course. Peter Wilson suggests that even a few courses a year should allow the individual to keep the HPE license. Ray Stanford suggested including a 15 hour continuing education requirement upon renewal of the HPE license.

Ray Stanford mentioned there is a change to the requirements for “rapid shut downs on photo voltaic systems” as of the first of the year. He suggested notifying the licensees of the change in the code. Peter Wilson asked if any of the towns are enforcing the rapid shut downs. Ray said that New Hampshire is but he's not sure about Maine towns.

Ray stated that Windham hired a full time inspector.

Administrator's Report given by Robert (Bob) LeClair

A new board clerk for the Electricians' Examining Board will join the department on September 28th and will be present at the October meeting, for which, there are several hearings scheduled.

Catherine Carroll and inspectors are evaluating three bids for examination vendor to develop and administer the board's electrician examinations. An offer should be made soon. Brian McDougal asked if there will be any changes to the examinations currently administered and whether the examinations will continue to be open book.

Hearing – #2015-ELE-11384 – Jeffrey Hanson

The hearing commenced at 8:55 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 9:31a.m. Jeffrey Hanson was present and was not represented by counsel.

AAG, Christopher Mann, summarized the hearing packet content.
The Board discussed the qualifications from previous states that Mr. Hanson worked in.

A motion was made to uphold the denial.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Hearing – #2015-ELE-11369 – Bernard Schneider

The hearing commenced at 10:14 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 10:45 a.m. Bernard Schneider was present and was not represented by counsel.

Bernard Schneider appealed a preliminary denial and offer of consent agreement for not disclosing a criminal conviction in his license application. The staff received a State Bureau of Identification report revealing a criminal conviction, hence, the reason a preliminary denial and offer of consent agreement was offered to Mr. Schneider. However, Mr. Schneider, in his testimony, disagreed that he was fraudulent and deceitful in obtaining a license. There was a citation in the consent agreement that cites Maine law that the board can refuse a license to an individual for being fraudulent and deceitful in obtaining a license. Mr. Schneider also testified that the \$250.00 penalty be reduced. Mr. Schneider submitted an exhibit (Exhibit 1) of a background check that he ran showing no criminal convictions.

A motion was made to grant the appeal.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Brain McDougal informed Bernard Schneider that he will be receiving a letter explaining the outcome of the appeal.

Other Business

Gerard Caron stated that there is no new news on establishing reciprocity with Massachusetts.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the September 18, 2015 meeting at 10:57.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Cecile Sirois, Board Clerk

