

ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 19, 2021

Meeting Location: This meeting occurred via remote access pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §403-A.

Time Meeting Scheduled to Begin: 8:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:03 a.m.

The meeting was called to order.

Members present:

Brian McDougal
Jonathan McKane
Peter Wilson
Alan Kenney
Gerard Caron

Members absent:

None

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Mary Lord, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Raymond Stanford, Senior Inspector
Kristin Racine, OPOR Attorney

AAG Present:

Timothy Steigelman

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to accept and approve the agenda as written.

Motion: Jonathan McKane
Second: Peter Wilson
Motion Carried

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the January 15, 2021 minutes of the meeting.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Peter Wilson
Motion Carried

IV. ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

a. 2020-ELE-17047 – Deyon T. Kitchen

A motion was made to find that the applicant for a helper electrician license has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust and to grant the appeal and to issue the license today.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Motion Carried

A motion was made to delegate the signing of the Decision and Order to the board chair.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Motion Carried

b. 2020-ELE-17038 – Christopher M. Brown

A motion was made to find that the applicant for a journeyman-in-training electrician license has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust.

Motion: Alan Kenney
Second: Gerard Caron
Motion Carried

A motion was made to issue a term of probation to require reporting of any violation of probation or completion of probation within ten days of the occurrence.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Alan Kenney
Motion Carried

A motion was made to issue the license effective today and delegate the signing of the Decision and Order to the board chair.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Motion Carried

V. RULEMAKING

Presentation of Draft Basis Statement and Response to Comments on Proposed Rules Chapter 100 (Definitions, Photovoltaic Racking System) and Chapter 115 (Advisory Rulings, relocated), and possible final adoption of rules.

A motion was made to draft a written response to bring to the March board meeting.

Motion: Alan Kenney
Second: Peter Wilson
Motion Carried

A motion was made to go into executive session at 12:36 p.m.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Motion Carried

A motion was made to authorize board staff to make revisions to proposed rules Chapter 100 that would further clarify the division of labor in installing the racking systems.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Jonathan McKane
Opposed: Peter Wilson
Motion Carried

VI. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Catherine Carroll reported that a public hearing on LD 126 that proposes to allow journeyman, master, and limited electricians to supervise up to three helpers is scheduled for February 25th. The department does not take a position on the bill. Catherine mentions the upcoming NERA conference and asked Tim to update the board on his review of a proposed reciprocity agreement from Colorado. Catherine reminded board members that further discussion is needed on the policy of what is acceptable for examination application providing satisfactory evidence of work experience. Catherine also reminded the board that there is a public hearing on a proposed rule on ch. 120 installation standards. Catherine asked Tim process questions on open meetings according to the freedom of access law. In anticipation of the newly formed subcommittee convening after the board adjourns.

VII. BOARD STATE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Raymond Stanford reported about licensing and permitting issues with solar companies and heat pump installers. The heat pump issues are most prominent in York County from out of state installers (often unlicensed). Ray also reported about an issue he worked on with manufactured housing regarding the misinterpretation and misapplication of the AFCEI installation codes. Most of the state electrical inspectors attended a IAEI virtual meeting on high voltage electrical services.

XIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Motion: Jonathan McKane
Second: Gerard Caron
Motion Carried