

**ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

*Unofficial Minutes- These draft minutes do not represent the opinion of the department of the Administration.  
Minutes will become official after the Electricians' Examining Board votes to accept the minutes at the next  
scheduled board meeting.*

Meeting Date: November 19, 2021  
Meeting Location: Gardiner Annex  
Time Meeting Scheduled to Begin: 8:00 a.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:48 a.m. (Meeting started late due to Information Technology Difficulties.)**

Members present:

Brian McDougal  
Gerard Caron  
Alan Kenney  
Jonathan McKane  
Peter Wilson

Members absent:  
None

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Manager  
Mary Lord, Professional Licensing Supervisor  
Kern Butler, Acting State Electrical Inspector

AAGs Present:

Elizabeth "Betsy" Stivers  
Timothy Steigelman (via Zoom)

**II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made to accept and approve the agenda.

Motion: Jonathan McKane  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Motion Carried

**III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made to approve the November 19, 2021 minutes as corrected. The correction was to delete Raymond Stanford's name under staff present and to add Kern Butler's name.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Motion Carried

#### **IV. ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS**

*a. 2021-ELE-17499 (Joseph E. Cote)*

A motion was made to grant the application, effective today, for a helper electrician license with no conditions.

Motion: Alan Kenney  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Motion Carried

A motion was made to delegate authority to the chairman to sign the Decision and Order.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Jonathan McKane  
Motion Carried

*b. 2021-ELE-17500 (Benjamin K. Umel)*

A motion was made to refuse the license for journeyman electrician based on not having work experience.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Motion Carried

A motion was made to delegate authority to the chairman to sign the Decision and Order.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Motion Carried

*c. 2021-ELE-17520 (Michael R. Talbot)*

A motion was made to grant the appeal and reinstate the master electrician license upon proof of completion of the 45 hour 2020 NEC, and to delegate signing of the Decision and Order to the board chairman.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Motion Carried

*d. 2021-ELE-17592 (Gary M. Demmons)*

A motion was made to grant the appeal and reinstate the master electrician license.

Motion: Jonathan McKane  
Second: Alan Kenney  
Opposed: Gerard Caron  
Peter Wilson  
Brian McDougal  
Motion Failed

A motion was made to grant the appeal and reinstate the master electrician license upon proof of completion of the 45 hour 2020 NEC, and to delegate signing of the Decision and Order to the board chairman.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Motion Carried

**V. YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Proposed Electrical Program of Study -.** Caitlin Grant gave a brief overview of an initiative to create of electrical program of study at the school.

**VI. BOARD RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND ADOPT OR NOT ADOPT THE PROPOSED RULES**

A motion was made to accept the Basis Statement and Summary and Responses to Comments, and the economic statement.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Alan Kenney  
Motion Carried

A motion was made to adopt the rules, as proposed.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Alan Kenney  
Motion Carries

**VI. LICENSE REINSTATEMENT AND LICENCE VIA RECIPROCITY APPLICATIONS**

*a. Nathan Ashe – MS60021992 (Reciprocity)*

A motion was made to preliminarily deny the application based on insufficient evidence of work experience and whether the Settlement Agreement terms had been met by the applicant.

Motion: Alan Kenney  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Motion Carried

*b. Brian J. Dean – MS60020763 (Reinstatement)*

A motion was made to reinstate the license.

Motion: Alan Kenney  
Second: Jonathan McKane

Opposed: Peter Wilson  
Motion Carried

- c. *Philip W. Denault – JY40090724 (Reinstatement)*  
A motion was made to preliminarily deny the application.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Motion Carried

#### **PRESENTATION OF APPLICATION TO RENEW LICENSE**

*Gary LaRoche- LM50016871 (Renewal of License)*

A motion was made to preliminarily deny the application for renewal for not complying with the terms of a Decision and Order of the Board in April of 2019.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Motion Carried

#### **VIII. BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT**

Catherine Carroll reported that the exams and the PROVexam Candidate Information Bulletin has been updated to reflect the 2020 NEC.

#### **IX. BOARD SENIOR STATE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Kern Butler, reported that he is officially the senior state inspector. Kern summarized the conclusion of the electrocution incident at a campground swimming pool in Emden. Kern reported that the Public Utilities Commission is investigating and negotiating with the owner the metal sided building under the high voltage power line in Emden. The board previously gave notice to the PUC. Xray machines are not installed with redundant count rate.

Emergency disconnects put in where there's a new service or upgrade service. Just for a little humor for the Board. We had a homeowner in Ronnie's area trying to get power to his home 2000 feet down a driveway. The homeowner wanted to install a single phase 240/480 service at the head of his driveway and run #2 Trailer cable down the driveway. His plan was to feed it 480volts and buy 300 or 400 feet extra cable. Using his voltage drop calculations he was going to cut 10 feet of cable off at a time until he got to 120/240 volts. I finally got it through to him he would need to have a constant 100 amp load at the end or he may end up with high voltage on his small electronic devices. He finally conceded and decided this might not work.

#### **X. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None offered.

#### **XI. ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Motion: Jonathan McKane  
Second: Brian McDougal  
Motion Carried

