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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION



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ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 26, 2026

Meeting Location: Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 76 Northern Ave,
76 Northern Ave, Gardiner, ME

I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 am

Members present

Peter Wilson, Board Chair
Joshua Baston
Brian McDougal
George Howe
Chuck Daigle

Staff Present:

Holly Poirier, Board Manager
Karen Ross, Licensing Supervisor
Brian LaFlamme, Senior Electrical Inspector
Kristen Bowker, Board Staff/Electronic Operator
Kesel Wilson, Planning & Research Associate II
Kristin Racine, Deputy Director

AAGs Present

John Belisle – Participated remotely

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II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Board Meeting Minutes dated: May 29, 2026

Brian McDougal – Motion made to approve the meeting minutes as written

Second – George Howe

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed - Motion carries

III. LICENSE APPLICATION PRESENTATION

1. 2024-ELE-19799

George Howe – Motion made to dismiss the complaint, issue a Letter of Guidance reminding the applicant of the 10-day reporting rule, Letter of Guidance to be placed in file for 2 years. Issue the Helper License.

Seconded by: Chuck Daigle

Vote in Favor:

Brian McDougal

Peter Wilson

Chuck Daigle

George Howe

Josh Baston

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed

Motion carries

IV. 80C DECISION – LAFRANCE VS. ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD

Licensee appealed board decision from Adjudicatory Hearing. The appeal went to a higher Court. Judge ruled in favor of the Board's decision. No vote required with this discussion.

V. EXAMINATION APPLICATION PRESENTATION

1. Christopher Carini, Journeyman

Brian McDougal – Motion made to table the application and allow applicant to produce an Affidavit attesting to 8,000 hours work experience hours from a Master Electrician. Board staff to confirm that the applicant signed his own affidavit.

Seconded by: Chuck Daigle

Vote in Favor:

Brian McDougal

Peter Wilson

Chuck Daigle

George Howe

Josh Baston

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed

Motion carries



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2. Joseph Canales, Master

Brian McDougal – Motion made to allow applicant to sit for the Master Examination.

Seconded by: George Howe

Vote in Favor:

Brian McDougal

Peter Wilson

Chuck Daigle

George Howe

Josh Baston

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed

Motion carries

3. Emmett Jarvis, Master

George Howe – Motion made to allow applicant to sit for the Master Examination.

Seconded by: Chuck Daigle

Vote in Favor:

Brian McDougal

Peter Wilson

Chuck Daigle

George Howe

Josh Baston

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed

Motion carries

4. Scott Krol, Limited Low-Energy

Brian McDougal – Motion made to allow applicant to sit for the Limited Examination.

Seconded by: George Howe

Vote in Favor:

Brian McDougal

Peter Wilson

Chuck Daigle

George Howe

Josh Baston

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / 0 Opposed

Motion carries

VI. RULEMAKING

- Board Manager updated the board that the final rulemaking paperwork for Chapter 120, Electrical Standards would be turned into the Secretary of State's Office this afternoon and the Effective date of the adopted rule will be July 01, 2026. Board Staff will send out an e-mail blast to all licensed Electricians to inform them as well as posting it on the State of Maine Electrician's Examining Board webpage.



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VII. LD1730, AN ACT TO MAKE SMALL PLUG-IN SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL MAINE RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CRISIS.

- The 132nd Legislature enacted LD1730, (effective July 29, 2026) to amend Title 35-A. The law adds a new section 3475 and authorizes retail customers to install and operate a plug-in photovoltaic system or plug in battery system at the customers' service address for the purpose of offsetting on-site electricity consumption. If the eligible system has inverter output exceeding 420 watts, but no more than 1,200 watts the system must be installed by a Maine licensed electrician and use a dedicated circuit with single receptable outlet.

Board members discussed if the installation of a "plug-in" system authorized by LD1730 qualifies as an "electrical installation" as that term is used in statute. The board does not feel that it qualifies as an electrical installation. The use of the term, "Standard electrical outlet" is technically incorrect and potentially confusing to the public. It was a recommendation to amend Chapter 160 of the Board rules to clarify what is meant by "Standard electrical outlet". Also recommend amending the rule to clarify that installation of these portable plug-in systems are not electrical installations, but if a licensed electrician must perform any work related to the installation of these plug-in systems that does not qualify as "electrical installations" as that term is defined in statute Board laws and rules would apply.

Board members will be monitoring any developments of the systems themselves and any movement on the listing or certification of these systems by UL. Board staff will provide updates to licensee as needed.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ryan Tracy, Maine Electrical Institute

- The board was asked if they agreed with cutting back to 4 hours per week of classroom time vs. 5 hours. He wanted to cut back 1 hour a week taking into consideration that students work on homework. The board was not in favor
- The board was asked if Maine Electrical Institute becomes an accredited institution, would they be eligible for the 4,000 hours toward student licenses. 1202-B (4) (B) & (5) are the statutes that deal with the credit of 4,000 hours experience and (4) is the accredited Community College and (5) is the department of corrections. The answer to MEI's question, is no.
- The board was asked if the instructors at Maine Electrical Institute (MEI) are required to be Master Electricians to teach the course. Instructors must be certified by the Electrician's Examining Board. To qualify an instructor, the instructor must meet one of the following; State of Maine Licensed Master Electrician, Registered professional Engineer, bachelor's degree, or higher, with a minimum of 4 years; experience in teaching the NEC, IAEI Certified Electrical Inspector, IBEW Certified Code Instructor, Employer must verify the qualifications and Instructor Certified by a state other than Maine, as long as the course is offered in that State. by



2. Andrew Wilinon, National Trade Tech

- The board was asked how their courses could be used a Relating Training Instruction for registered apprenticeship programs. The Board suggested that he contact the Department of Labor and work with them on an apprenticeship program.

IX. BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

X. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chuck Daigle - Motion made to adjourn the meeting

Second – George Howe

Vote – 5 in favor / 0 Abstained / Motion Carries

The Board adjourned at 11:05 am

