

# **ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: May 19, 2023  
Meeting Location: 221 State Street, Augusta

Time Meeting Scheduled to Begin: 9:00 a.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:01 a.m.**

Members present:

Brian McDougal, Chair  
Peter Wilson  
Jonathan McKane  
Charles Daigle  
George Howe

Members absent:

None

Staff Present:

Matthew Kaply, Board Manager  
Matthew Fournier, Board Staff  
Tyler Robinson, Board Staff  
Kern Butler, Senior State Electrical Inspector

AAGs Present:

Timothy Steigelman, Assistant Attorney General  
John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General

## **II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as written.

Motion: Peter Wilson

Second: Jonathan McKane

Voted 4 in favor, motion carried. (George Howe absent from vote)

## **III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made to approve the April 28, 2023 minutes as written.

Motion: Peter Wilson

Second: Charles Daigle

Voted 5 in favor, motion carried.

## **IV. ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

a. 2022-ELE-18505 – Jeffrey Ernst

1. A motion was made based on the preponderance of the evidence the licensee failed to direct burying of a power cable at an appropriate depth (at least 18 inches).

Motion: Peter Wilson

Second: Charles Daigle

Voted 4 in favor, motion carried. (Recused: Jonathan McKane)

2. A motion was made there was not enough evidence the licensee improperly installed a branch circuit conductor for a household range with 30 ampere wire when the circuit was rated for 40 amperes.

Motion: Charles Daigle

Second: George Howe

Voted 4 in favor, motion carried. (Recused: Jonathan McKane)

3. A motion was made there was not enough evidence the licensee exceeded the maximum allowable overcurrent protection, by installing protection in excess of the maximum allowable amperage for the circuit.

Motion: Charles Daigle

Second: George Howe

Voted 4 in favor, motion carried. (Recused: Jonathan McKane)

A motion was made issue a \$1,500.00 civil penalty to be paid within 12 months, suspension of both the journeyman and limited house wiring licenses for 90 days, probation with the condition of probation being to complete a 45-hours in person NEC course to be completed in 12 months, and probation will end when completed that course.

Motion: Peter Wilson

Second: Charles Daigle

Voted 4 in favor, motion carried. (Recused: Jonathan McKane)

## **V. LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

- a. Caleb Wheeler – Journeyman License Application

A motion was made to direct staff to issue the license and issue a letter of guidance to adhere to the Board's Laws and Rules.

Motion: Charles Daigle

Second: Peter Wilson

Voted 5 in favor, motion carried.

- b. Andrew Lambert – Journeyman-In-Training License Application

A motion was made to direct staff to issue the license based on comparable work experience.

Motion: Peter Wilson

Second: Charles Daigle

Voted 5 in favor, motion carried.

- c. Andrew Murphy – Journeyman License Application

A motion was made to direct staff to issue the license and issue a letter of guidance to adhere to the Board's Laws and Rules.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Jonathan McKane  
Voted 5 in favor, motion carried.

**VI. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

a. North Dakota – Master License  
A motion was made to table the decision.

Motion: Jonathan McKane  
Second: Charles Daigle  
Voted 5 in favor, motion carried.

**VII. BOARD'S STATE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

State Senior Inspector Kern Butler gave the Inspector's report.

**VIII. BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT**

Matt Kaply gave the Manager's report.

**IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None offered.

**X. ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Motion: Jonathan McKane  
Second: Charles Daigle  
Voted 5 in favor, motion carried.