

ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 16, 2015
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Don Berry
Gerard Caron
Brian McDougal
Ryan Morgan
Peter Wilson

The following member(s) were absent:

Earl Sherwood

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Dora Hickey, Board Clerk
Raymond Stanford, Senior Electrical Inspector
Robert LeClair, Executive Director of Manufacturing Housing
Peter Holmes, Senior Fuel Inspector

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the November 21, 2014 minutes as written with the exception to re-phrase the second paragraph of 2014-ELE-10233 to read: "the Board first determined if the alleged violation was committed, and then determined if sanctions were warranted.", and delete the rest of the sentence.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry
Abstained: Ryan Morgan
Motion Carried

Election of Board Chair

A motion was made by Don Berry to re-nominate Brian McDougal as Board Chair.

No other nominations were made.

Motion: Don Berry

Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Adjudicatory Hearings - Reinstatements

Mark Powell – #2014-ELE-10711 - Journeyman License Re-instatement – Expired April 30, 2011

Mark Powell was present by conference call and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 10:20 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 10:30 a.m.

Mark Powell explained that he allowed his license to expire as he was actively enrolled in the military. He is currently in the process of being discharged.

Mr. Powell has completed the current 2014 NEC 15-hour update.

A motion was made to re-instate Mr. Powell's journeyman electrician license according to Board policy.

Motion: Ryan Morgan
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

A motion was then made to waive all applicable reinstatement fees and penalties and require Mr. Powell to submit proof of completion of the current 2014 NEC 15-hour update within six months.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Barry J. Griffin – #2014-ELE-10754 - Journeyman License Re-instatement – Expired September 30, 2010

Barry J. Griffin was present by conference call and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 10:40 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 10:50 a.m.

Barry Griffin explained that he allowed his license to expire because he has been working out of state. He voiced political concerns of the economy and feels the reinstatement of his Maine journeyman license is necessary.

A motion was made to re-instate Mr. Griffin's journeyman electrician license according to Board policy which includes paying reinstatement penalties and fees, and submitting proof of completion of a current 45-hour 2014 NEC within six months.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous

Scott W. Baker – #2014-ELE-10712 – Master License Re-instatement – Expired August 31, 2012

Scott W. Baker was present and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 9:00 a.m. and closed for deliberations at 9:10 a.m.

Scott W. Baker explained that he allowed his license to expire because he has been working out of state. Mr. Baker wants install electrical wiring in his sister's house.

A motion was made to re-instate Mr. Baker's master electrician license according to Board policy which includes paying reinstatement penalties and fees, and submitting proof of completing a current 15-hour 2014 NEC within six months.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous

Troy Littlefield – #2014-ELE-10713 - Journeyman License Re-instatement – Expired July 31, 2009

Troy Littlefield was present and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 8:23 a.m. and closed for deliberations at 8:40 a.m.

Troy Littlefield explained that he allowed his license to expire while he was incarcerated. Mr. Littlefield is no longer incarcerated and would like to have his journeyman license reinstated.

A motion was made to re-instate Mr. Littlefield's journeyman electrician license according to Board policy which includes paying reinstatement penalties and fees, and submitting proof of completing a current 45-hour 2014 NEC within six months.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Kenneth M. Kleczek, Jr. – #2014-ELE-10722 - Journeyman License Re-instatement – Expired February 29, 2012

Kenneth M. Kleczek, Jr. was present and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 9:15 a.m. and closed for deliberations at 9:25 a.m.

Kenneth Kleczek explained that he allowed his license to expire because he was working out of state. He has returned to the State of Maine and wishes to reinstate his journeyman license.

A motion was made to re-instate Mr. Kleczek's journeyman electrician license according to Board policy which includes paying reinstatement penalties and fees, and submitting proof of completing a current 15-hour 2014 NEC within six months.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Brian R. Frazer – #2014-ELE-10760 – Journeyman License Re-instatement – Expired November 30, 2011

Brian R. Frazer was present and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 9:43 a.m. and closed for deliberations at 9:55 a.m.

Brian Frazer explained that he allowed his license to expire because he was working out of state. He has returned to the State of Maine and wishes to reinstate his master license.

A motion was made to re-instate Mr. Frazer's journeyman electrician license according to Board policy which includes paying reinstatement penalties and fees, and submitting proof of completing a current 15-hour 2014 NEC within six months.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry
Unanimous

Peter D. Bates – #2015-ELE-10767 - Journeyman License Re-instatement – Expired May 31, 2008

Peter D. Bates requested to have a hearing on his re-instatement of Journeyman license at the February 20, 2015 Board meeting.

David Duquette - #2014-ELE-10627 - Conditional Helper License

David Duquette was present and not represented by counsel. The hearing opened at 9:50 a.m. and closed for deliberations at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Duquette is requesting that the conditions on his helper license be removed. In the Board's decision and order, dated May 18, 2012, Mr. Duquette was issued a helper's license with conditions. According to the decision and order, prior to the renewal of Mr. Duquette's helper license he is required to advise the Board of his current status at the time of his renewal and to seek and receive approval from the Board for the conditions to be removed.

A motion was made to lift the conditional restrictions from Mr. Duquette's helper license.

Motion: Ryan Morgan
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Presentation of Complaints

2014-ELE-10200 – A motion was made to accept the consent agreement as written

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry
Abstain: Ryan Morgan
Motion Carried

2014-ELE-10634 – A motion was made to accept the consent agreement as written.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Abstain: Ryan Morgan
Motion Carried

Code Course Review

Safe Consulting Services Corp/Adrian M. Steik – 15-Hour 2014 Update

Chairman, Brian McDougal, recommended Safe Consulting Services Corp, with Adrian M. Steik as the instructor, be denied for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update. The information submitted by Mr. Steik was an extensive course pertaining to information for the 45-hour NEC but did not cover the changes made to the 2014 NEC.

A motion was made to deny Safe Consulting Services Corp, with Adrian M. Steik as the instructor, for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

Motion: Ryan Morgan
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Owens Electrical Training/Louie Owens Sr. – Chairman, Brian McDougal, recommended Owens Electrical Training, with Louie Owens Sr. as the instructor, be approved for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

A motion was made to approve Owens Electrical Training, with Louie Owens, Sr. as the instructor, for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

Motion: Ryan Morgan
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous

At Home Prep – a division of Stautzenberger College/John Purvis – 15-Hour 2014 Update.

A conference call was made to Josh Purvis, the representative of @ Home Prep. – Chairman Brian McDougal stated the call was a courtesy call/follow-up from the November 21, 2014 Board meeting.

At Home Prep will submit a new application clarifying the working knowledge of the changes to the 2014 NEC update.

Senior Inspector's Report

Senior Electrical Inspector, Raymond Stanford, and Senior Fuel Inspector, Pete Holmes, checked in with the Board on interpreting the "Memorandum of Understanding Between The Maine Fuel Board and the Electricians' Examining Board for the Installation, Service and Repair of Hot Water, Steam, Warm Air Heating Systems and Water Heaters" dated June of 2011.

A motion was made that this understanding made between the Maine Fuel Board and the Electricians' Examining Board allows the installation of single receptacles for central heating and water heating equipment and other associated equipment on the dedicated heating branch circuit. However, this understanding does not allow the wiring of non-central heating equipment such as non-gas fireplaces, kick-space heaters and the like.

Motion: Brian McDougal
Second: Ryan Morgan
Unanimous

Raymond Stanford announced the hiring of a new electrical inspector, Ed Mathieu. Mr. Mathieu will be starting work the week of January 20, 2015.

Raymond Stanford stated that the number of electrical permits issued in 2014 was up from 2013.

Training will be offered by the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire investigations for all State Electrical Inspectors. Currently, the Board only has one electrical inspector that is well-versed in fire inspections.

Administrator's Report

Administrator, Catherine Carroll, stated that the Prometric contract has been extended to the end of 2015 and is working on the RFP process for a new examination vendor. The extended contract allows examination candidates 4 hours to complete the master exam.

Catherine Carroll brought up the discussion left off from a previous meeting about staff processing re-instatement applications of those licenses that have been expired for 2-10 years. The Board asked Catherine to research the processes of other state electrical boards when licenses expire.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 1:30 p.m.

| *Respectfully submitted,*
Dora Hickey, Board Clerk