

ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 19, 2016
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:11 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Gerard Caron
Don Berry
Brian McDougal
Peter Wilson
Ryan Morgan

The following member(s) were absent:

Earl Sherwood

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Harley Murray, Board Clerk
Raymond Stanford, Senior Electrical Inspector

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the January 15, 2016 minutes as presented.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Gerard Caron
Abstention: Ryan Morgan
Unanimous
Motion carried

Presentation of Complaint 2015-ELE-11555 King

Senior inspector Raymond Stanford detailed the complaint and reported that when he went back to inspect the work, violations had been corrected. It was discussed that King has volunteered to surrender his license.

A motion was made to dismiss this complaint following surrender of license.

Motion: Ryan Morgan
Second: Peter Wilson

Motion carried

Senior Inspector's Report

Senior Inspector Raymond Stanford reported that there has been an increase in incidents where buildings have been joined together making one large building while maintaining two electrical services. This is a safety issue unless the building has a firewall separating the two services.

Ray presented a document titled 'Clarification of Incidental Work' which states what is acceptable as incidental work and when said work can be performed.

A motion was made to accept the "Clarification of Incidental Work" as a policy document.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous
Motion Carried

Adjudicatory Hearing – 2016-ELE-11824 – Soule

The hearing commenced at 8:57 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 9:30a.m. Mr. Soule was present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board discussed the education that Mr. Soule had completed. In review of his file, it was determined that a 45 hour 2014 NEC code course was needed before Mr. Soule would be eligible to sit for the exam.

A motion was made to uphold the denial based on the 45 hour 2014 NEC code course not being completed.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry
Unanimous
Motion carried

Adjudicatory Hearing – 2016-ELE-11846 – Cornwall

The hearing commenced at 9:39 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 9:57 a.m. Mr. Cornwall was present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board discussed the non-disclosure of the criminal conviction history in Mr. Cornwall's application and his explanation of a hardship for which he requested the fine for not disclosing be waived.

A motion was made to uphold the Consent agreement and issue the license without a monetary fine.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Ryan Morgan
Unanimous

Motion carried

Adjudicatory Hearing – 2016-ELE-11881 – Dwelle

The hearing commenced at 10:09 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 10:36 a.m. Mr. Dwelle was present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board discussed the qualifications toward licensure based on Mr. Dwelle's previous work history.

A motion was made to recognize his work experience as meeting the requirements in §1201 (A) equivalent as to 2,000 hours.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous
Motion carried

Administrator's Report

Catherine Carroll provided a progress report on the continued work being done in conjunction with the exam development with Prov. There has been a great deal of frustration around this process including that from the individuals waiting to sit for the exam. Currently, Prov is securing sites to administer tests while the exam questions are being finalized. Prov will be administering exams in Portland, Auburn and Bangor with possible additional exam sites in the future. Exams for master, journeyman and limited to house wiring are a priority as they are in highest demand. A notification is being developed to send to individuals to notify them of upcoming testing.

Catherine Carroll provided an update on the ongoing audit. A total of 452 licensees have been audited. Of that number, 227 audits have met the board's CPE requirements. Eleven (11) individuals did not comply with the board's CPE requirements. Those individuals are being sent a consent agreement which carries a \$500.00 fine. There are 214 audits outstanding. The plan is to follow up with those individuals who have not responded sometime in early March.

Other Business

Chair, Brian McDougal summarized information covered in a NERA teleconference that he participated in. Mr. McDougal also expressed his interest in attending NERA's annual meeting being held in August. Maine was not present at the conference in 2015. There are other states that have a hold on out-of-state travel which poses quorum issues for the conference.

A Provider application was submitted from Christos Xerras to provide a 15 hour 2014 NEC code course update. Educational materials included with that application were distributed to board members for review.

A motion was made to deny the application due to insufficient information in the course curriculum that focuses on the changes to the NEC.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous
Motion carried

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the February 19, 2016 meeting at 12:50 pm.

Motion: Ryan Morgan
Second: Gerard Caron

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Harley Murray, Board Clerk