

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 25, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Via Google Meet Video and Teleconference + 321-465-5183  
PIN: 457 489 090#

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Jack Wilson, Chairman  
Chet Brown, Vice Chairman  
Jose Anderson, Consumer Member  
Steven Petri Sr., Industry Member  
Francis Harrison, Consumer Member  
Greg Kaderabek, Industry Member  
Paul Donaghue, Industry Member

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** John Peterson, Industry Member

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:** John Bull, Executive Director, Mechanical Boards  
Sloane Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General  
LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I  
Johnston Brown, Administrative Specialist III  
Danielle Anderson, Web and Outreach Coordinator, MD Dept. of Labor

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Wilson called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Electricians to Order at 10:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the February 28, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. Kaderabek seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Mr. Donaghue moved to accept the March 28, 2023, business meeting minutes, Mr. Kaderabek seconded the motion. Mr. Harrison requested an amendment to change the wording to “oversee” onsite wastewater management on page 7. The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes as amended.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

**APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chairman Brown reported that eight (8) master license applications were reviewed, with five (5) having been approved, two (2) having been denied and one (1) pending; no journeyman applications were provided for review.

Mr. Petri moved to accept the Application Review Committee report, which was seconded by Harrison. The Board unanimously voted to accept the Committee’s report.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT**

One provider resubmitted information per the Board’s request; the provider was previously denied. The Board approved 4 different sessions that the provider had all five hours online.

Mr. Anderson moved to accept the CE by this provider, seconded by Mr. Petri, motion passes.

**EXAM CHALLENGES REPORT**

No exam challenges were submitted.

**REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS**

PSI exams submitted the following statistical summaries for the month of March 2023:

<b>Exam Type</b>	<b>Tested</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Pass Rate %</b>
Master Electrician	43	17	26	40%
Journeyman Electrician	8	1	7	13%
Total	51	18	33	35%

Director Bull also reported the year-to-date totals of 2023 there were 121 candidates tested, with 37 passing and 84 failing, for a pass rate of 31%. Since the inception of the test there were 7058 candidates tested, with 2056 passing, and 5002 failing, for a pass rate of 29%.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None to be considered.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Bull discussed Board appointments, including that Mr. Kaderabek's reappointment has been approved; David Steinman has been appointed to the vacant DC Metro seat; Walter Irvin has been appointed to the Western Maryland seat, replacing Mr. Donaghue; and William Smith has been appointed to the Eastern Shore seat, replacing Mr. Wilson. Mr. Bull stated that he has not received any notices from the appointment office at this time, so he doesn't know when the newly appointed members will be sworn in. Mr. Wilson stated that he received a letter from the Governor's office that his last meeting will be the June Business Meeting; Mr. Donaghue received the same letter also stating his last meeting will be the June Business Meeting.

Director Bull also advised that the Board's letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") pertaining to Onsite Wastewater was completed and approved by the Office of the Secretary and forwarded to MDE, to the attention of Adam Correy, on April 5, 2023. Director Bull stated that he and Mr. Corey had discussed a wastewater registration waiver for the Electrical Board as well as the Plumbers Board and that Mr. Corey is of the understanding that MDE will require that unlicensed individuals or others who work on the systems will be required to obtain the registration, but that licensed plumbers and electricians will be exempt from the registration requirement. Mr. Harrison commented that the Onsite Wastewater Management Board will not affect electricians at all, but plumbers will have to get the Onsite Wastewater Management registration. Mr. Bull stated that licensed plumbers are also expected to be exempt.

Mr. Bull still has not heard back from Delaware regarding the reciprocal licensing agreement; Delaware has stated they are open to updating the agreement but not until their new Executive Director is appointed. Virginia has sent their reciprocal licensing agreement back, which he will discuss further under Old Business.

### **COUNSEL'S REPORT**

None offered.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Wilson thanked everyone at the Board for working with him during his 11-year tenure; he suggested the Board elect a new chairperson and vice chairperson if necessary for the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bull stated that Virginia will require removal of "nonresident" language from the reciprocal licensing agreement. He explained that once the parties agree to the language of the agreement, such as this change, the revised agreement will be submitted to the Office of the Secretary for final approval. It will then be signed by the Chair and the Executive Director of the Virginia Board of

Contractors and the Chairman and Executive Director of Maryland Board of Electricians. It will become effective once fully executed.

Mr. Brown moved to accept the “nonresident” language change posed by Virginia to the reciprocal licensing agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaderabek. The Board voted to approve the revision to the reciprocal licensing agreement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Letter to MDE**

Mr. Harrison moved that the Board’s letter to MDE also be sent to local jurisdictions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Bull agreed to draft a cover letter which will require final approval from the Office of the Secretary.

### **Interim Officer Elections**

Mr. Wilson asked the Board to elect a new chair and, if necessary, a new vice chairman. Mr. Donaghue nominated Mr. Brown for Board Chairman, which Mr. Brown accepted. No other nominations were made.

Mr. Donaghue moved that the Board elect Mr. Brown as Board Chairman until the July meeting at which time an annual election will be held. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to elect Chet Brown as interim Chair of the Board.

Mr. Peterson left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Donaghue moved that the Board elect Mr. Kaderabek as Board Vice Chairman until the July annual election. Mr. Kaderabek accepted the nomination. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the Board unanimously voted to elect Mr. Kadarabek as interim Vice Chair of the Board.

Counsel explained that in July, in compliance with Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, § 6-203, the Board must hold annual officer elections, but the Board can elect any member of the Board to an officer position including reelecting a member then serving.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Counsel stated for the record that the Board would consider two license applications, including the qualification and eligibility of the applicants, in closed session, in accordance with § 3-305 (b)(2) and (7) and (11) of the Gen. Prov. Art., Md. Ann. Code, to protect the privacy of a license applicant and receive the advice of counsel, if appropriate.

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Petri, and unanimously carried, the State Board of Electricians convened in closed session at 10:39 a.m., via Google Meets, pursuant to § 3-305 (b)(2) and (7) of the Gen. Prov. Art., Md. Ann. Code, to protect the privacy and reputation of license applicants and to obtain advice provided by Counsel regarding license applications and Board discretion.

**REVIEW OF ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

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Counsel Kinstler, presented a journeyman license application to the Board. The applicant had disclosed a prior criminal history. The applicant was convicted in Maryland in 2013 of two related felony sex offenses. The applicant was sentenced to incarceration for nine (9) months on the first conviction and to incarceration for three (3) years with all but one (1) year and six (6) months suspended on the second conviction, to run concurrently, to run concurrently, to run concurrently, followed by two years’ probation and an obligation to register as a sex offender. The applicant has completed all court-ordered supervision and is currently compliant with registration requirements.

The Board considered, and found satisfactory, the applicant’s employment history and letter of explanation of the applicant’s offenses and activities since release from incarceration. The applicant represented having completed several years of cognitive behavior therapy, counseling, and a drug and alcohol rehabilitative program. The Board found that the applicant took full responsibility for the applicant’s actions, is now in a long-term relationship, and employed full-time by an electrical firm. The Board also reviewed several reference letters written on the applicant’s behalf.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Board approve the journeyman license application, which was seconded by Mr. Harrison. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the license application.

Upon a motion by Harrison and a second by Mr. Kaderabek to leave the closed session and resume the business meeting, the Board voted unanimously to resume the business meeting at 11:02 a.m.

A motion to accept the findings of the April 25, 2023, closed session was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Harrison, and was unanimously approved by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried, at 11:03 a.m.

Signature on File

5/23/2023

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**John Bull**  
**Executive Director**

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**Date**

**Signed on behalf of the Board as voted and approved on 5/23/2023**