PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Electrical Examiners

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

PSC Hearing Room, first floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: July 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT
Robert MacLennan, President, Professional Member
Daniel Creedon, Vice-President, Professional Member
Jack King, Continuing Education Officer, Professional Member
Thomas Hartley, Professional Member
Frank Beebe, Public Member
Richard Millar, Public Member
Bobby Murrian, Professional Member
William Poore, Public Member

ABSENT
Nathan Schreppler, Board Secretary, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
James Collins, Director
Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
Catherine Simon, Administrative Specialist III
Lucinda Reeder, Court Reporter

OTHERS PRESENT
Leonard Massotti
Frank Pepper
David Schneider
Steven Dignan
Dale Davis
James Timmons, Jr.
Ed Loomis
Joe Williams
Ian O’Neil
John Souder
David Hermansader
Walter Brittingham
S. Stevenson
George Brewington III
James Timmons, Sr.
Arthur Rodger
Chester Kelly
Jim Kelly
James Nutter
Mr. MacLennan called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and stated that the Board will continue reviewing applications.

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2012 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Stevenson called the hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated that the purpose of today’s hearing is for the Board to consider adoption of proposed amendments to the Board’s Rules and Regulations. The proposed revisions to the rules are an attempt to define “electrical work” more broadly and to add the continuing education credits required for licensed Journeypersons and Apprentices and exempt Journeypersons and Apprentices from rules that do not apply to them. Mr. Stevenson marked as Board’s Exhibits 1 and 2 affidavits of publication of today’s hearing from both the News Journal and the Delaware State News. The Board received written comments from Ken Smith from the Delaware Housing Coalition with regards to further exemptions for organizations, the Office of Budget and Management with regards to further exemptions for State maintenance persons, and Kim Wilson from the Chemical Industrial Counsel with concerns for factory-trained persons.

The Board members were introduced.

Mr. Stevenson opened the floor to public comments. There were numerous public comments made to the Board in reference to licensure requirements, exemptions, effective date extension, and clarification on particular rules for Journeypersons and Apprentices.

Mr. Stevenson called an end to the public comments.
A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Poore, to take a 15 minute break. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing went off record.

The hearing went back on record.

Mr. Stevenson stated that the hearing was going to go off record and into deliberations.

The hearing went back on record at 12:03 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Poore, to republish the entire Rules and Regulations. The motion was unanimously carried.

The hearing went off record and adjourned at 12:04 p.m. Verbatim testimony was taken by a court reporter.

Mr. MacLennan stated that the Board will take a brief recess for lunch and resume the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Proposal to Deny Hearing – Michael Nicholaides
Mr. Stevenson called the hearing to order at 1:01 p.m. and stated that today’s hearing was a result of the Board’s proposal to deny the Master Electrician application of Michael Nicholaides for not meeting the requirements for licensure per Title 24, 1408 (a)(1).

The Board members were sworn in.

Mr. Nicholaides, who was present via telephone, was sworn in and agreed to proceed without legal counsel. He testified that he is a licensed professional engineer in both Delaware and Pennsylvania and a licensed Master Electrician and Inspector in Pennsylvania. Mr. Nicholaides answered questions from the Board regarding his experience in the electrical field.

The hearing went off record and into deliberations.

The hearing went back on record at 1:17 p.m. and a motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to approved the Master Electrician application of Mr. Nicholaides contingent upon verification of his Professional Engineer license in Delaware. The motion was unanimously carried.

The hearing went off record and adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Verbatim testimony was taken by a court reporter.

Proposal to Deny Hearing – Dante Bockhorn
Mr. Stevenson called the hearing to order at 1:20 p.m. and stated that today’s hearing was a result of the Board proposing to deny the Master Electrician application of Dante Bockhorn for having a revocation of a prior Limited Electrician license in Delaware.

The Board members were introduced.

Mr. Bockhorn was sworn in and agreed to proceed without legal counsel. He testified that he was previously a Limited Electrician in Delaware. He had been going through a divorce and was in the process of moving to Louisiana, however during that move he was selected for a post-renewal audit. When the move was final and he requested a verification of his Delaware license, he discovered that a Rule to Show Cause Hearing had occurred and the result was the
revocation of his license. Mr. Bockhorn answered questions from the Board regarding his experience in the electrical field.

Mr. Stevenson had marked as Board’s Exhibit 1, a packet of documents including the application for licensure, supporting documents for the application, proposal to deny notice and notice of today’s hearing. He also marked at Respondent’s Exhibit 1, additional documentation for the Board to review regarding Mr. Bockhorn’s electrical experience.

The hearing went off record and into deliberations.

The hearing went back on record at 1:29 p.m. and a motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to approve the Master Electrician application of Mr. Bockhorn. The motion was unanimously carried.

The hearing went off record and adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Verbatim testimony was taken a court reporter.

**Signing of Decision and Orders**
The Board signed the Decision and Orders from the Proposal to Deny Hearings of Christopher Henley, Maurice Barnes and Charles Lansinger III.

**Re-Review of Applications**
A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to table the re-review of these applications until the meeting on June 14, 2012. The motion was unanimously carried.

**New Business**

**Review of Examination Results**
The Board reviewed the examination results that showed out of twenty five candidates only two had passing scores: Limited Electrical: Martin Lopez and Ronald McKee.

**Review of Examination Applications**
A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the Master Electrical examination applications of Samuel Hill, James Curtis, Steven Klinefelter, Joseph Bruton, Christopher Fresa, Edward Barr and John Webb, the Limited Electrical examination application of Michael Hill, and the Master Electrical Special-HVACR examination application of Michael Burton. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to table the review of the Master Electrical examination application of Raymond Vincent until the meeting on June 14, 2012. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Review of Reciprocity Applications**
A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to approve the Master Electrician applications of Anthony Coschigano, Bradford Boston II, Rebecca Schramm, Michael Charney and Dennis Kennedy. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to propose to deny the Master Electrician application of Joseph LaPointe for not meeting the requirements for reciprocity. The motion was unanimously carried.
A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to propose to deny the Master Electrician application of James Coleman for lack of experience. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications
A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the ratification of the Master Electrician applications of Brad Peterson and Eli Florence. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the ratification of the Master Electrician Special Elevator applications of Ronald Elburn, Franklin Shipley Jr., Michael Wagner, Charles Purcell, Jeffrey Wheaton, Stephen Hornatko, Stephen Jones, Christopher Bradshaw, Paul Zepp, Michael Swope and Roger Watty. The motion was unanimously carried.

Jr., Walter Frasch, Christopher Nettleton, David Jackson, Gary Johnston, Jr., Robert Hardesty, Jeremiah Sweeney, Jeffery Rase, William Trate, Charles Morgan, Ronald Cichocki, Jeffrey Wallace, Kevin Garvey, Joseph Stewart. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the ratified Apprentice Electrician applications of Thomas Beatty, Brandon Prang, Dalton Brainard, David Wolinski, Morgan Miller, Jereme Patone, Zachary Riddle, Matthew Hope, Kody Hogue, Andrew Goldner, Lucas Kemp, Robert Richardson, Mark Williams, Ismial Taskin, Mark Whitfield, Jr., Drew Hitchcock, Elijah Senquiz, Vincent Consiglio, Dakota Yerkes, Earl Murray, Jr., Edward Quinn, Raymond Diesinger, Ronald Seeney, Jr., Nicholas Chadwick, Josh Fogarty, Ethan Davis, Dennis Smith, Chester Billings, Jr., James Cole, Jr., Shaelby Owens, Benny Archy, Kevin Knoff, Christopher Collas, Joseph Pergeorelis, Michael Krawczyk, Carlos Collazo, Jeffrey Stille, Nicholas Rhodes, Joseph Borgia, Brent Appler, Joshua Benjamin, Mark Boyle, Michael Cermele, Cody Combs, Christian Fortuna, Nicholas Gadzinski, Eric Hinton, Ryan Holliger, Dana Jones, Patrick Walsh, William Fibelkorn III, Michael Colicchio, James McGaughan, Klye Speed, Dane Scott, Juan Ayala, Jr., Joseph Snaidowski, Randy Milyo, Thomas Hoover, James Headley, Casey Battles, Luke Bloensenki, Michael Gregor, Patrick Creedon, Corey Mendes, Harry Beck, Daryn Grice, Cameron Moore, Robert Harrity, Shawn Thompson, Benjamin Cochran, Patrick Hall, Michael Tuxward, John Campbell, Joshua Walls. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education
A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Murrian, to approve the following continuing education courses as follows:

Electronic Interface Associates, Inc.
- Category Cabling Basics
- Fiber Optic Technology Basics
- Fiber Optics Technologies 4

Schneider Electric
- Energy Efficiency and Reliability

IEC Chesapeake
- 2011 Changes to the NEC

AA Aadlore Education
- 2011 NEC Significant Changes Part I
- 2011 NEC Significant Changes Part II
- 2011 NEC Significant Changes Part III
- 2011 NEC Significant Changes Part IV
- 2011 NEC Significant Changes Part V

Rick Hoover
- NFPA 70 E Certification

Electric League of Maryland
- Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs and Spas

The motion was unanimously carried.
A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Murrian, to approve the continuing education courses of Harger Lighting & Grounding and Dale Hathaway pending receipt of the instructor resume and course outline. The motion was unanimously carried.

Complaints Open/Closed
01-04-09-Forwarded to AG’s Office
01-01-11-Assigned to Hearing Officer
01-03-11-Closed
01-06-11-Assigned
01-07-11-Assigned
01-08-11-Assigned to Hearing Officer
01-01-12-Assigned
01-02-12-Assigned
01-03-12-Assigned
01-04-12-Assigned
01-05-12-Assigned
01-06-12-Assigned
01-07-12-Assigned

Applications for Review-Danny Stevenson
After review, a motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Murrian, to approve the Journeyperson Electrician applications of Daniel Cook, Sean McLaughlin, Barry Meredith, Brian Sands, Shaun LeCates, Daniel Roberts, Kyle Truitt, James Cole, Donald Hynson, Michael Leisure, Michael Hill, Timothy Crockett, Robert Moran, Jr., Robert Stanfield, Robert Thomas, Jerry Nastoga, John Zuvich, Martin Mulshenock, John Cooke, Bruce Shelalis, John Parker, James Francisco, Arthur Hurst, Justin Anders, Wayne Riner, Donald Pepper, Michael West, Sr., Thomas McDevitt and Robert Moyer and the Apprentice Electrician applications of Jacob Foster, Dwayne Barlow, and Jamison Eveland. The motion was unanimously carried.

After review, a motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Murrian, to propose to deny the Journeyperson Electrician applications of Sean Flannagan, Donald Disharoon and Richard Whittick and the Apprentice Electrician Applications of Edmin Miranda and Kevin Ritchie due to their criminal convictions. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applications for Review by the Board
After review, a motion was made by Mr. Creedon, seconded by Mr. MacLennan, to table the review of these applications until the June 14, 2012 meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD
There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012.
ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witte
Administrative Specialist II