

**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR APRIL 20, 2017**

POSITION	MEMBER	PRESENT
ACTING CHAIRMAN	BERT MCALISTER	YES
SECRETARY	MARIAN SWINT	YES
CONTRACTOR		
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	RAY LITT	YES
ELECTRICAL UTILITY	JAMES BROWN	YES
EX-OFFICIO	MICHAEL CRONK JR.	NO
JOURNEYMAN	RIC PREUSS	YES
MASTER ELECTRICIAN	WARREN COKLOW	YES
PUBLIC LIGHTING REP.	VACANT	
RESIDENT TAXPAYER	BERT MCALISTER	

This month's meeting convened at 10:42 a.m. Mr. Vincent Cooley, Electrical Supervising Electrical Inspector was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Litt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous Decision.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Mr. Litt made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017. Unanimous Decision.
Motion Carried.

BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:

Mr. Willie Raines Re: Journeyman Exam: Mr. Raines has come before the Board to apply for the Journeyman exam. Mr. Raines has moved to Michigan from South Dakota, and his application was denied at the March 2017 meeting due to not having any Apprentice Registrations on file, nor attendance in an approved Apprenticeship training program. Mr. McAlister called the licensing entity in South Dakota, and there is a requirement of 8,000 documented work hours, but not an apprenticeship requirement. Mr. Raines did apply and was accepted to take the Journeyman exam in South Dakota.

Mr. Raines has been in Michigan for five months, and stated that he was enrolled in JATC Local 426 in Sioux Falls in their apprenticeship program for four years, and went to Votech for Electrical Construction in Minnesota for two years. He got a job in Sioux Falls after graduating from Votech. During further discussion, Mr. Raines admitted he did not complete the apprenticeship program and de-registered because he had already met the 8,000 hour requirement to take the Journeyman exam. Currently, he is working for MEC Electric out of Westland.

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- Mr. Raines' application for Journeyman exam is denied.
- In order to sit for the Journeyman exam, he must be a registered electrical Apprentice within the city of Detroit. (Mr. Raines was given an Apprentice application by the secretary)
- The board requires Mr. Raines to provide a list of completed and notarized work hours. There is also a concern about the educational hours from Minnesota. There appear to be some credits not recorded, and some "W"s which is assumed to be withdrawn. (Mr. Raines confirmed that the "W"s stand for withdrew because those classes were taken more than once because he attended an extra semester.)
- A notarized document from *JATC Local 426* differentiating the work and educational hours accrued during his enrollment in the program.

Mr. Raines will be sent a letter of the Board's decision.

Angienetta Allen Re: Journeyman Exam: Ms. Allen has come before the Board to apply for the Journeyman exam. Primarily her work hours were accrued in Arizona, which does not require electrical licensing. Her application was denied at the March 2017 meeting due to not having any Apprentice Registrations on file, nor attendance in an approved Apprenticeship training program. Ms. Allen stated she has been trying since 2007 to get her Apprentice Registration. She could not get an apprenticeship card in the past because she could not establish residency. During this time she was working between Tucson and Detroit. While in Michigan, she worked for *Tradesmen International* and while in Arizona she tested into the union, attended an apprenticeship program at Tucson College, then moved back to Detroit in December of 2016, and is currently working for *United Electrical Contractors*.

The Board deliberated and found the following:

- Ms. Allen must pay for two years of Apprentice arrears, and for the current 2017 Apprentice Registration. When she re-applies for an Apprentice Registration after August 31, 2017, she must provide proof of attendance in an approved Apprenticeship program, along with all other required documentation for Registration.
- Ms. Allen will be credited with 6,136 work hours and 244 educational hours. For the remaining hours required, she must be a registered apprentice and be an active participant in a bona fide apprentice program for 144 credit hours/year.



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BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS (CONT.):

James Gatewood: In light of Mr. Gatewood's hearing last month, the Board has decided to put his employer, Richard Walton of *Walton's Electric*, on notice regarding the responsibilities of an employer of Apprentice electricians. Mr. Litt made a motion to notify Mr. Walton, in writing, of the responsibilities of an electrical contractor in ensuring his employees are registered as Apprentices. Unanimous decision. **Motion carried.**

Steven Hall: Mr. Hall took the Journeyman exam in March 2017 and did not pass. He has asked the board to shorten his wait time (3 months) so that he may re-take the exam in May. He stated that he is applying for a job and needs to get his Journeyman License as soon as possible. Mr. McAlister contacted Dean Austin, Chief, State of Michigan Electrical Division. The state no longer requires a wait period due to their testing being administered by a third-party vendor (*PSI*). Historically, the wait period was established due to the State of Michigan giving the exam on a quarterly basis. Mr. Litt made a motion to allow Mr. Hall to take the exam on the next available scheduled date, and eliminate the wait period for re-examination on all exams. The one year wait period when an applicant fails twice within two years, along with the required successful proof of attendance in a board approved class in electrical code/theory will still apply. Unanimous decision. **Motion carried.**

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS APPROVED:

Williams, Jonathon

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED:

None

APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:**JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

None

MASTER ELECTRICIAN

Yousef, Malek-Denied: Work hours not documented properly.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

Tabled to the May meeting.



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FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR

None

FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN'S LICENSE

None

FIRE ALARM APPRENTICE

None

SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

None

SIGN SPECIALIST LICENSE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRECTIONS

None

ACTING CHAIRMAN MCALISTER

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 418, Conference Room, in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Swint

Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners