



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

POSITION	MEMBER	PRESENT
ACTING CHAIRMAN	BERT MCALISTER	YES
SECRETARY	MARIAN SWINT	YES
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>		
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 10:36 a.m. Mr. Vincent Cooley, Electrical Supervising Electrical Inspector was present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Mr. Litt made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2017. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Dave Bell, BSEED Director:** Mr. Bell was invited to the board this month to discuss the changes in Public Act 407 of 2016 and Apprentice outreach.

Change in Public Act 407 provides for a significant increase in fines for electricians in all licensing and or registration categories caught doing electrical work without a current license or registration (*Sec. 339.5411.new*) This includes licenses that expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of a calendar year and registrations that expire August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The board would like to notify City licensees of this change. While the City of Detroit is its own licensing entity, and are not subject to this Article, if a Detroit licensee lets their license expire and performs work outside the City of Detroit, they are subject to the *Article 7* (apart from Grand Rapids which is its own licensing entity as well). Mr. Bell suggested a press release being released through the Mayor's Office regarding the changes in the state law as well notification of licensees being subject to disciplinary action by the City as well. Mr. McAlister stated that the board would like to be proactive in notifying the public as well, and would like to host a forum for outreach.



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Mr. Bell stated he does not have a problem with the board offering outreach to the electrical contractors to educate them on the new act and/or put out a newsletter. In that respect, the board may produce a newsletter draft for review so it can be approved before issue. Mr. McAlister asked about the board offering a forum for outreach, Mr. Bell said he had no issue with board doing a PowerPoint presentation, but he would need to see the presentation first. When the board wants to present anything that represents the city, he would need to be notified of such.

Mr. Preuss stated that Randolph Technical will have electrical classes through funding from *DTE Energy* as well as other sponsors. Everyone who wants to get involved is welcome. The goal is to produce more skilled tradespeople. Mr. Preuss stated that he would like to see the board participate i.e. mentorship. Mr. Bell is in full support of recruitment in the electrical trade and motivate participation by young people.

Mr. Litt asked about the new City of Detroit electrical code being implemented. Mr. Bell stated he did not currently know, but BSEED's Ordinances are tied to the codification for the entire City Code, which is still in the works. The Board will continue to use Ordinances *604-H and 26-94*. Mr. Bell will speak with Glenn Davis regarding the status of the new City Code. Mr. Bell stated he would also speak with Glenn Davis conferring with Dennis Muzerik about mirroring the state's laws with revision of the City Code.

Mr. McAlister moved to the next issue: Apprentice expiration. Currently, Apprentice Registrations expire August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The Board would like to propose shifting the expiration date to December 31<sup>st</sup> to be concurrent with the other electrical licenses. Mr. Bell stated that he did not have a problem with the change. However, the board will have to research the ordinances to see if the expiration date is addressed and notify him of the ordinance. If there an ordinance does not address it, the change may go into effect. For Apprentices that are currently registered, they will be carried through to the end of 2018, and for applicants that apply in September and after, once approved, will be registered all the way through 2018. The board will review the Ordinances to see if there is an impediment. Mr. McAlister invited Mr. Bell to come to next month's meeting as well expressed the board's gratitude in attending the meeting today. Mr. Bell stated to send him the invitation for next month and unless something pressing comes up, he will attend.

Mr. Coklow inquired about as to why the fee schedule for the Fire Marshal fire alarm fees are not being offered to customers. It is very difficult to bid for jobs without knowing their costs. Mr. Bell asked Mr. Coklow to email him about this issue and he will investigate it further. Mr. Bell thanked the board and left the meeting.

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**Mr. Kenneth Walls re: Journeyman Exam-** Mr. Walls cancelled his hearing and rescheduled for the August meeting.

**Willie Raines Determination Letter:** In reviewing Mr. Raines' letter, the Chairman noticed a discrepancy of hours listed. It appears as though Mr. Raines' has met the hours required for sitting for the exam, but the board is asking for additional hours. In re-reviewing Mr. Raines' application, the Board has credited him with 6,257 work and school hours as stated in his revised letter from the *JATC Dakotas* leaving a balance of 1,743 hours required in order to sit for the Journeyman exam. Mr. Raines' letter will be revised and sent.

**Change of Electrical Contractor Form:** This is a new form being submitted for approval. After review and discussion, revisions will be made and re-submitted for review.

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS APPROVED:**

Abbas, Bassem-paperwork was not signed previously  
Drakes, Eyan  
Hubbard, Reginald  
Logreco, Daniel  
Love, Daniel  
Moore, Carl  
Steele, Anthony  
Williams, Voncaira  
Wilson, Larry

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED:**

West, Ratorysean-Apprentice training program not submitted

**APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:**

Drakes, Eyan: Approved for Journeyman exam  
Villanueva, Mario-Approved for Master exam

**JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

None

**MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

None



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**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS**

Dix's Electrical Service	Registration
Hardy Electric	Registration
Jason Hudson	Registration
Joseph Willing	Registration
Q-Electric	Registration

**FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR**

High-Tech Security Systems	Registration
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**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 LITT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at IBEW Local 58 Union Hall, 1358 Abbott, Conference Room, Detroit, MI 48226.



**ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

**DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

**NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marian Swint*

Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners