



**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR MARCH 16, 2017**

POSITION	MEMBER	PRESENT
ACTING CHAIRMAN	BERT MCALISTER	YES
SECRETARY	MARIAN SWINT	EXCUSED
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>		
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	RAY LITT	YES
ELECTRICAL UTILITY	JAMES BROWN	YES
EX-OFFICIO	MICHAEL CRONK JR.	EXCUSED
JOURNEYMAN	RIC PREUSS	YES
MASTER ELECTRICIAN	WARREN COKLOW	YES
PUBLIC LIGHTING REP.	VACANT	
RESIDENT TAXPAYER	BERT MCALISTER	

This month's meeting convened at 10:30 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 February 16, 2017. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Mr. James Gatewood re: Journeyman Exam:** Mr. Gatewood applied to take the Journeyman exam and was denied at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting due to not having any electrical Apprentice registrations, nor enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program.

Mr. Gatewood stated he has been in the electrical field a long time and he started working for Richard Walton of *Walton's Electric* since 2005. He has traveled under Journeymen electricians from 2009 and forward, and his letter is based on those experiences. He also works full time for *General Motors* (GM) and is enrolled in their *Systems Control Apprenticeship* program. This involves servicing the operating press and boards. Anything that goes wrong electrically in these areas, Mr. Gatewood resolves. With any electrical component at General Motors, are you required to register as an apprentice with the company, via a UAW (*United Auto Workers*) card. Mr. Gatewood also stated he attends courses through GM at a school in Howell.



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**Mr. James Gatewood (cont.)**-Mr. Preuss inquired as to why a Journeyman or Master electrician during this entire time hadn't instructed him on the laws? Mr. Gatewood stated he didn't know if they were aware of the laws and he himself was certainly unaware.

Mr. McAlister stated that the board has a responsibility to the City of Detroit and the Electrical Industry as to the standard the board upholds.

It's the board's decision that Mr. Gatewood must complete the educational requirements as a registered Apprentice in order to sit for the Journeyman exam. Mr. Gatewood's hours were not in compliance with the City of Detroit nor the State of Michigan. However, Mr. Gatewood may submit W2s from Mr. Walton toward satisfying the work hours, but the educational hours are still outstanding. If there is an electrical component in the curriculum for the *Systems Control* program, Mr. Gatewood may submit the curriculum to the board for review, and it may be considered toward the educational requirement.

**Gregory Bradley Re: Journeyman Exam:** Mr. Bradley has come before the board to answer an allegation made by Dean Austin, Chief of the State of Michigan Electrical Division, that Mr. Bradley was on a Detroit Public School job site on Burt road, and purported himself as a licensed Journeyman electrician under electrical contractor Billy Obeng to a State Electrical Inspector. Also, there is documentation that he purported himself as an electrical contractor (*Detroit Electric*) and licensed electrician with DTE Energy's Service Planning Department.

Mr. Bradley admitted he lied to the State inspector and told him that he was a licensed Journeyman, and gave the inspector his Apprentice Registration number, which led Mr. Austin to contact the City of Detroit's Electrical Division for verification.

Mr. Bradley stated there is a Master on the job supervising him every day. His supervising Master's name on the job site is Billy. When asked about his Employer of record, James White (Master/Contractor-James White Electrical), Mr. Bradley stated that Mr. White is his Master of record and Mr. White is performing work at the back of the school, and Billy is performing work at the front of the school. Mr. Bradley claims he does not know Billy's last name, and that he was not aware that it was a problem to moonlight for Billy. Mr. Bradley states he is not trying to be disrespectful or go against the grain, but he needs extra money, and he is still finishing his course at *Macomb County Community College*.

During the hearing, Mr. Bradley also admitted to falsifying the DTE documentation.

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- The board action from the February 16, 2017 hearing regarding Mr. Bradley sitting for the Journeyman exam is rescinded.
  - Mr. Bradley's 2017 Apprentice Registration is also rescinded.
  - For Mr. Bradley to re-register as an Apprentice, he must submit a new application, and a new letter of work experience, along with W2s and/or check stubs from his employer of record.
  - Mr. Bradley will have to successfully complete the entire 574 educational credit hours from a bona fide apprentice program, and show proof of said completion.
- Motion carried. Unanimous decision.**

Mr. Preuss made a motion that the board communicate with Mr. Bradley's Master of record, and notify him of his responsibilities as a Master electrician, which includes supervising his work force. He should be put on notice that he is not fulfilling his requirements as a Master electrician and reference the incidences with Mr. Bradley.

**Motion carried. Unanimous decision.**

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS APPROVED:**

None

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED:**

None

**APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:**

**Allen, Angienetta:** (Out of State-Arizona) Denied for Journeyman exam; no apprentice registrations or an approved apprenticeship program.

**Raines, Willie:** (Out of State-South Dakota) Denied for Journeyman exam; no apprentice registrations or an approved apprenticeship program.

**Abbas, Bassem:** Denied for Journeyman exam; Has only enrolled in apprentice program, no classes have been taken-verified through school administrator.

**JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

None



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**MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

None

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS**

Tabled to the April meeting.

**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



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**ACTING CHAIRMAN LITT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 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 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marian Swint* 

Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners