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DATE: February 18, 2016

TO: James Brown
Warren Coklow
Michael Cronk Jr.
Ray Litt
Ric Preuss
Marian Swint

FROM: Bert McAlister, Acting Chairman

RE: **BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS MEETING**

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Board Hearings
4. Board Considerations
5. Applications for Review and Approval
6. Correspondence
 - Revised Letter Re: *House Bill 4813*
 - Letter to Glenn Davis Re: Mr. Phil Clark & Ord. 604-H panel
 - Response letter from Glenn Davis
 - Dept. of Labor Local 17 Curriculum
7. Unfinished Business:
 - BSEED Special Meeting request
 - 2009 MRC Adoption Re: Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR JANUARY 21, 2016**

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.	YES
JOURNEYMAN	RIC PREUSS	YES
MASTER ELECTRICIAN	WARREN COKLOW	YES
PUBLIC LIGHTING REP.		
RESIDENT TAXPAYER	BERT MCALISTER	

NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, LOCATED IN THE FIRST FLOOR EAST LOBBY, OF THE COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER, TWO WOODWARD AVENUE.

The meeting convened at 10:44 a.m. The meeting took place at *DTE Energy* at 2000 Second, Detroit, MI 48226.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Litt made a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015 as amended. **Motion Carried.**

BOARD HEARINGS

None

BOARD CONSIDERATIONS:

- Mr. David Vance: Mr. Vance was contacted via email on December 18, 2015 to request that Local 17 provide their approved curriculum submitted to the Department of Labor for their Apprentice training program. Mr. Vance has not responded as of this date. The Board instructed the secretary to send a letter to Local 17 asking for a copy of their DOL approved curriculum.
- With the retirement of Mr. Durand Capers, Mr. McAlister asked about the status of the electrical examination process. At present, the Electrical Division is without a proper Electrical Supervising Inspector.



MINUTES OF MEETING FOR JANUARY 21, 2016**BOARD CONSIDERATIONS (CONT):**

Mr. Preuss stated he had a meeting this morning with the electrical inspectors, and in the intervening time, Robert Debarardino will serve as the Interim Electrical Supervising Inspector. Mr. Preuss spoke with Mr. Debarardino and Mr. Glenn Davis, BSEED Construction Chief, to discuss the issue of electrical inspector vacancies. Mr. Preuss stated that Mr. Davis indicated that he will contact Mr. Preuss later today.

Mr. Preuss informed the Board that Barton Malow-Hunt White has been hired by the Illitch family to oversee the new arena project also known as the *Detroit Event Center*. Mr. Preuss stated the general contractor has requested from BSEED that there be two electrical inspectors on the job site full time to inspect the project.

Mr. Litt stated that as an electrical board the various people trying to work out the logistics of this project be called together in a meeting and the Board have input. It is an appropriate role for the Board to discuss the issue of assigning inspectors full time to one project from an already limited number, which also jeopardizes the rest of the city receiving required electrical inspections. The Department needs to know that the Board is interested in having an efficient operation that takes responsibilities equally and responsibly in regard to public safety.

Mr. Litt moved that the Board request a meeting with all responsible parties. Mr. McAlister asked Mr. Litt, should the Board request that this meeting take place at the next scheduled Board meeting or sooner? Mr. Litt asked Mr. Preuss how quickly should the Board request the meeting. Mr. Preuss stated immediately. The arena has a condensed schedule, and the end date remains the same even though the start date has been delayed multiple times. After further discussion, Mr. Litt re-stated his motion: the Board will request to meet with the entities developing the strategy to handle the request by Olympia Entertainment, the vacancies in the Department, and how it will be handled. **Motion Carried.**

APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:

None

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION

None

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED

Garrett, Samuel-No proof of an approved Apprentice training program



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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

Walton's Electric Transfer

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN

Cilley, Robert Transfer

MASTER ELECTRICIAN

Walton, Richard Transfer

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

None

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

- **House Bill 4813:** After reviewing the draft letter, the Board suggested corrections, and the revised letter will be sent to the appropriate Senate representatives.
- **2009 Michigan Residential Code (MRC):** Mr. McAlister attended a code update class at the Reciprocal Council this past weekend. At this time, it was made known that when the new MRC is adopted, arc fault circuit interrupters will not be required in single or two family dwellings period. It has been completely eliminated from the Code. Michigan is only a handful of states that has eliminated this requirement, and this is primarily due to the Home Builder Association's lobbyists. The lobbyists have stated in the hearings that it would cost an additional \$20,000 a year to install arc fault interrupters in homes. Mr. Preuss made a motion to send the responsible party a letter stating the Board's support of installation of arc fault interrupters, and to reconsider eliminating this previous requirement. **Motion Carried.**



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NEW BUSINESS

- **2017 License Renewal: Reciprocal Code Update Certificates:** The Reciprocal Council has informed code update attendees that their completion certificates will not be sent to the licensing municipalities by the Reciprocal. Instead, certificates will be issued to the attendees after completion of the course, and it will be the responsibility of the licensee to present it to the licensing municipality at the time of renewal.

CORRECTIONS:

None

ACTING CHAIRMAN MCALISTER

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, BSEED, Room 412 Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Swint

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Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners

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C6 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, LINE EXTENSIONS AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS (Contd.)

C6.1 Extension of Service (Contd.)

A GENERAL

- (1) Each installation shall be a separate distinct unit and any further extension therefrom shall have no effect upon any agreement under which previous installations were constructed.
- (2) The Company normally provides overhead construction for its electric supply lines. Underground construction will be provided at the option of the Company for its own convenience, where necessary for public safety and where overhead construction is impractical.
- (3) Where the Company, for its own convenience, installs its facilities underground, the differential between estimated overhead construction costs and underground costs of such installation will be borne by the Company. All other costs will be governed by the Company's Overhead Extension Policy.
- (4) Existing rules issued by the Commission require that distribution systems in a new residential subdivision and commercial distribution and service lines in the vicinity of or on the customer's property and constructed solely to serve a customer or a group of adjacent customers be placed underground. Commercial distribution specifically includes, but is not limited to, apartment house complexes and shopping centers. All new, relocated or upgraded residential service connections will be installed as underground residential service laterals at the customer's expense as set forth in Section C6.4.
- (5) An exception to the foregoing mandatory requirement for undergrounding may be made, where, in the Company's judgment, any of the following conditions exist:
 - (a) Such facilities would serve General Service customers having loads of temporary duration; or
 - (b) Such facilities would serve General Service customers in areas where little aesthetic improvement would be realized if such facilities were placed underground; or
 - (c) Such facilities would serve General Service customers in areas where it is impractical to design and place such facilities underground because of uncertainty of the size and character of the loads to be served therefrom.
- (6) Refunds of refundable construction advances will be made without interest for a period of five (5) years after completion of the line extension. Refunds will not be made until the original customer(s) estimated revenues are exceeded by actual revenues as a result of the line extension. All line extensions will be reviewed yearly for refunds. The Company shall have no further obligation to refund the remaining portion of the construction advance. Any unrefunded construction advance will be considered a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction.

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Issued January 8, 2016
D. M. Stanczak
Vice President
Regulatory Affairs
Detroit, Michigan

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