

DATE: January 18, 2018

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/Considerations
 - Fire Alarm Technician Review
 - Updating Electrical examinations
4. Applications for Review and Approval
5. Correspondence
6. Unfinished Business
 - Marathon Out-of-Town Contractors
7. New Business
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Cc: Mr. Vincent Cooley, Supervising Electrical Inspector
Mr. Donald Deachin, DTE Energy



ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR DECEMBER 14, 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	NO
PUBLIC LIGHTING REP.	VACANT	
RESIDENT TAXPAYER	BERT MCALISTER	

This month's meeting convened at 12:45 a.m. at the *Traffic Jam Restaurant*, 511 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI 48201. Mrs. James Brown, Mr. Vincent Cooley, Electrical Supervising Electrical Inspector, Mr. Durand Capers, and Mr. Phil Clark were present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Litt made a motion to approve the Agenda. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2017. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:

Mr. Brown's Retirement Celebration: In appreciation of Mr. Brown's service to the Board, Mr. McAlister presented Mr. Brown with the *Spirit of Detroit Award* from the Detroit City Council congratulating him on his service to the Board and the Citizens of Detroit.

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS APPROVED:

Davis, Marcus
 Garr, Timothy
 Hamilton, Walter-Application required signatures
 Rowland, Joshua

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED:

None



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APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:

Braxton, Eugene: Approved for Journeyman Exam

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN

None

MASTER ELECTRICIAN

None

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

Due to time constraints, this paperwork will be tabled to the January board 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

Randolph Update: There are currently 308 students enrolled this semester, which is a huge increase from last year's 90. The new electrical program in conjunction with an online interactive curriculum allows students to do their work online in a brand new computer lab. The curriculum for the high school students is based on the Department of Labor's Pre-Apprentice program. The hours accrued with this program at this time cannot be counted towards the Journeyman examination.

On January 20, 2018, an adult education Pre-Apprentice program will begin in the afternoon encompassing all building trades from which the student may choose (i.e. carpentry, brick laying, heating and cooling, and electrical) *Access for All* will run the adult education program. Mr. McAlister asked Mr. Preuss if a syllabus or course outline for the adult education program be provided to the board when available. The adult program is 13 weeks, which will end as spring is starting, which coincides with the beginning of the construction season, and a higher availability of jobs.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS(CONT.)

Mr. Tarif Kumasi of *Skills & Trade Preparatory High School* (see August 2017 Minutes) has a meeting scheduled for December 15th to finalize rental space for his school, and will start the administrative process in January 2018, so that he may begin his program in the fall of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Gary Polulak, Director, *Detroit EIT Local 58*, will be retiring in two months, and Mr. Jason Dahl will become the new Director. Mr. McAlister suggested having a board meeting at the EIT to officially meet Mr. Dahl.
- Mr. Preuss stated that a gentleman reached out to him to lodge a complaint regarding inaccuracies in the City of Detroit Journeyman exam. The examinee alleges that when he took the exam he brought this issue to the proctor, and the proctor acknowledged that there were inaccuracies in the exam. Mr. Cooley stated this is the first he has heard of this issue. Mr. McAlister stated that the examinee would have to bring this issue to the Department first, because the examination is administered by the Department. Mr. Brown stated there needs to be more specifics provided by the examinee as to the inaccuracies. The secretary stated the examinee would have to put his concern in writing to the Department, and then the issue could move forward. Mr. Litt made a motion that Mr. Preuss give Ms. Swint the name of the examinee, and the examinee be informed that the issue will have to be put in writing to the Department. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Capers inquired about the Skill Trades Competition. Does the City still send individuals namely inspectors, to help mentor in the competition? Currently, the answer is unknown. Mr. McAlister stated this would be another avenue for the board to get involved regarding mentorship.

Out of Town Contractors/Marathon: Effectively there have been issues with out of town contractors at the Marathon plant. Currently, Marathon has hired a contractor from Texas, *C2C Technical Services*. They have registered in Detroit, however, initially the Master had his own State of Michigan Electrical Contractor's License at the time of Registration. *C2C* alleges the Master withdrew from his company, and is now solely attached to their company. Also at issue, the electricians working *C2C* are Journeyman from all over the country, which poses a problem, because Michigan does not have reciprocity with any other state, and therefore, these electricians are not licensed to perform any electrical work in the State.



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PUBLIC COMMENT(CONT.)

Also at hand, the state has changed its licensing policy in which the Electrical Contracting Company's name is no longer identified on the Contractor's License, nor does the Master's License reflect the Electrical Contracting Company he or she is attached to.

How can there be verification that the Master is only attached to one company as stipulated by *PA 407*? The State's position is that they license people not companies. Mr. Preuss stated the Supreme Court defines companies as people and therefore, have the same rights as such. Mr. McAlister stated that the Board should reflect on this issue, and table the discussion for a future meeting.

Public Act 407 of 2016: Mr. Cooley had a discussion with Glenn Davis regarding the City including *PA 407* in the City codification. Mr. Cooley stated that Glenn Davis commented that once the state adopted *PA 407*, it automatically took precedence over *PA 217*, and should be currently enacted in the City of Detroit with the exception of *Article 7*.

CORRECTIONS

None

ACTING CHAIRMAN MCALISTER

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at *DTE Energy*, 2000 Second, Detroit, MI 48226.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Swint

Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners