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Ottawa Building
Upper Level, Conf Room 2
611 W. Ottawa St.
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MINUTES

February 18, 2016
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ernest Harju
Mr. Joe Gillespie
Mr. Corey Hannahs
Mr. Dave Williams
Mr. Alan Kuipers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Thomas Erdman, Chair
Mr. Dave Vallier
Mr. Paul Lemley
Mr. Mike Deprez
Mr. Rich Miller

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Mr. Dean Austin, Chief, Electrical Division
Ms. Angela Sanderson, Electrical Division Secretary
Mr. Keith Lambert, Deputy Director, BCC
Mr. Irvin Poke, Director, BCC

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gary James Pryor, Applicant
David Wellington, Applicant
David Fashbough, Business Manager for IBEW local 498
Dave Flint, U of M
Mr. Dave Filipiak, Representing MSU & Sky Electric
Mr. Craig Meyers, MSU

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1. **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chairperson, Ernest Harju. Roll was taken and it was determined a quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Vice Chair, Board member Hariju asked for a motion to Strike Item #6 from the Agenda, as the issue is still under investigation.

Board member Hannahs moved to approve the agenda with the striking of Item #6, Board member Gillespie seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Board member Hannahs moved to recommend approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Board member Gillispie. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Applicants Appearing Before the Board:**

A. **Gary James Pryor, Journeyman Electrician Examination - Document E-16-001.**

Mr. Gary James Pryor was present. Staff presented findings and recommendations. After some discussion, Board member Hannahs, agreed with the laws and recommendation of staff and moved to require more documentation, to meet the statute, in order for Mr. Pryor to sit for the journeyman examination, motion seconded by Board member Kuipers. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. **David R. Wellington, Journeyman Electrician Examination - Document E-16-002**

Mr. David R. Wellington was present. Staff presented findings and recommendations. After some discussion, Board member Kuipers agreed with the laws and recommendation and moved to require more documentation (recommended notarized documentation of hours from IBEW) in order for Mr. Wellington to sit for the journeyman examination, motion seconded by Board member Hannahs. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Unfinished Business** – Board Member Williams raised concerns about draft minutes from previous meeting (May 21, 2015, Page 5 Item 7), wherein there was a board member discussion on an upcoming public hearing to eliminate arc fault circuit protection for one and two family dwellings and the desire to submit a resolution to the board for consideration. Board member Williams asked if Mr. Poke had discussed the board's recommendation to have a resolution for the board to keep arc fault with legal counsel as he had mentioned he would. Mr. Poke said he had not, and if they board wanted information regarding that Public Hearing, the Chair needs to request it.

6. **New Business** – None.

7. **Discuss PSI Process** – Mr. Irvin Poke, Bureau of Construction Codes Director, discussed with the board the change in the exam testing facilitation from the State of Michigan to PSI. He explained how this change has sped up the process for individuals to be able to take the exam and obtain their license. He also said that the State of Michigan, Electrical Division is still approving the exam applications and that the statutes and requirements have remained this same; only the facility where the exam is taken has changed and the payment process for the exam. He also said that the contents of the exams themselves have remained the same. He explained to the Board that the applicants know before they leave the testing site if they have passed the exam, and if they fail, they get a break down of which category they failed in a detailed analysis.. He explained the process of how the Electrical Division is providing the applicant information to PSI in the way of a spreadsheet that is emailed to them once a week. The Electrical Division is also printing a report of scores on the exams taken once a week and then emailing a license application to the passers only.

Board member Hannahs asked if the applicant can go back and review previous answers at the end of the test.

Mr. Poke wasn't sure and said he would check into it.

Board discussion ensued on what is allowed to be brought into the examination by applicants, and when the 2014 Code will be implemented into the examinations.

8. **Discuss Accela Implementation** - Mr. Poke and Mr. Dean Austin, Electrical Division Chief, discussed with the Board the change to the Accela system for online licensing and permitting.
9. **Discuss Board/Commission Roles & Responsibilities** – Mr. Keith Lambert, Bureau of Construction Codes Deputy Director, went over the executive reorganization order that he provided to the members.

Board member Kuipers asked Mr. Lambert to define “recommendation” in this circumstance.

Mr. Lambert answered that ultimately, it's the Department's (LARA) decision. As the board they are either supporting or not supporting that decision. If the LARA Department Director does not support the recommendation of the Board, he would basically be overturning the recommendation.

Austin – as department we do not have to support recommendation of the board – LARA Director can always overrule.

10. **2016 Electrical Board Meeting Schedule** – schedule was handed out to board members.
11. **Public Comment**

Mr. Craig Meyers, MSU, asked how he should log his hours if he is working for two separate contractors.

Electrical Division Chief, Dean Austin, answered that he would need to submit one application with two letters. He said that he needs to be a registered apprentice and be enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program; one of the two contractors he works for would need to sign for that.

Dave Flint, U of M, said he would like to see a more open format in the EAB meetings in the future in accordance with AG Schuette's Open Meetings Act. He said they should not be having to sign in for meetings per the open meetings act recommendations. He went on to read part of the Act. He recommended one meeting per year be held in the Upper Peninsula and also one in the Lower Peninsula in order for the most public to be able to attend. He said that signing in and having to be identified for attendance at meetings is in violation of the Open Meetings Act. He also recommended that there be three new nominations to the Electrical Administrative Board; one from a university or college, one from a medical care facility, and one from K-12 schools.

Mr. Dave Filipiak, Representing MSU & Sky Electric (separately), said this meeting was the most informative meeting in the last 3-4 years. Then speaking from the point of view of Sky Electric, he referenced House Bill 4813 regarding 3-1 ratio. He said he does not support it personally, and is hoping the EAB will be asked about it.

Board member Williams asked if the board can provide an opinion on purposed legislation.

Mr. Poke said that any position that the Department (LARA) takes has to be vetted by the LARA ~~Director's~~ Executive office. He said he can make a recommendation to the Office of Policy and Regulation, and that will be taken into consideration, but in the end, it is the decision of the Department on what their position will be. He said that whatever position the Department makes, that's the position he has to take in the hearing. He said that an individual can represent themselves, but cannot go to a committee meeting on legislation and represent the board or any other association.

Board member Williams asked why the Legislative report did not make it on the agenda for this meeting.

Mr. Lambert answered that although they do need to inform the board when acts pass that effect the board's operations, they must first inform all organizations it will effect. He said they must wait until it is passed as an act to discuss the matter at a board meeting. He said that legislation is available online to all citizens in Michigan.

David Fashbough, Business Manager for IBEW local 498, said he agreed with Filipaik's views and concerns about 3-1 ratio issue. He relayed in more detail to the Board how he felt about this issue.

Board Member Hariju spoke to the apprentices in the room about the importance of documentation of their hours.

12. **Next Meeting** – May 19, 2016
 13. **Adjournment** – 11:00 a.m. Board member Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Board member Hannahs. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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Thomas Erdman, Chair

Date