**STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 28, 2025

**TIME:** 10:17 a.m.

**PLACE:** 100 South Charles Street Tower 1

 2nd floor Cherry Hill Conference Room

 Baltimore, MD 21201

 Via Google Meet Video and Teleconference + 321-465-5183; PIN: 457 489 090#

**MEMBERS** **PRESENT:** Chet Brown, Chairman

 Francis Harrison, Vice Chairman

 Steven Petri Sr., Industry Member

 Walter “David” Irvin, Industry Member

 Donald Steinman, Industry Member

**MEMBERS** **ABSENT:** Greg Kaderabek, Vice Chairman

 John Peterson, Industry Member

**STAFF** **PRESENT:** John Dove, Commissioner, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

 Sarah Mcdermott, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Occupational and

 Professional Licensing

Charles Marquette, Executive Director

Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General

 LaKissha Thornton, Administrative Officer I II

 Tashera Savage, Administrative Officer I

**OTHERS** **PRESENT:** Felicia Savage

 Trey Stokley

**CALL TO ORDER:**

After a roll call to establish a quorum, Chairman Brown called the Business Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Electricians to Order at 10:17 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve November 26, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Irvin, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Petri reported the findings of the Complaint Committee as follows:

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| **Closed Complaint** | **Under Investigation** | **Sent for A.G. Pre-Charge** | **Criminally Charged** |
| 24-007 | Closed | Closed | Closed |
|  | 25-0020 |  |  |
|  | 24-0028 |  |  |
| 24-0029 | Closed  | Closed | Closed |
| 24-0030 | Closed  | Closed | Closed |

Upon a motion by Mr. Steinman, and a second by Mr. Harris, the Board voted unanimously, to approve the Complaint Committee’s report.

**APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Brown reported that as of January 28, 2025, 20 master applications have been reviewed. Out of the reviewed applications 9 were accepted, 2 were denied and 11 applicants are pending.

Chairman Brown has also informed the board that PSI has updated its application process from paper forms to digital formats. Chairman Brown has requested a copy of the new digital application to be made available for review so that applicants can be aware of the documents and information need for processing and approval for examination. Executive Director Charles Marquette has agreed to communicate with PSI to obtain this document.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Mr. Steinman, the Board voted unanimously to approve Chairman Brown’s report.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REPORT**

Mr. Steinman indicated that no applications were submitted do there was no report necessary.

**EXAM CHALLENGES REPORT**

No exam challenges were submitted; no report was offered.

**VOICE/DATA/VIDEO COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Voice Data Video Committee has determined that voice data and video services, as well as other local services, are covered under the existing language of Md. Ann. Code, Bus. Occ. & Prof. §6-101(k) defining the provision of electrical services. After seeking input from counsel and engaging in discussions and research, concerns were raised about local jurisdictions issuing registrations for electrical services beyond apprentices, journeymen, journey persons, and master electricians. The Committee considered potential conflicts with other provisions of the law, including § 6-103, and made recommendations regarding the addition of voice data video technicians as electricians, without the development of an additional license classification.

Counsel Kinstler advised that this effort would still require a legislative amendment, and it would also have to be publicized that voice/data/video technicians would have to apply for an electrician license. Further details and explanation of how to move forward will be discussed in future meetings between the Voice Data Video Committee, the Executive Director, and the Commissioner.

**REVIEW OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LICENSE TOTALS**

PSI exams submitted the following statistical summaries for the month of November 2024:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Exam Type** |  **Tested** | **Passed** | **Failed** | **Pass Rate %** |
| Master Electrician | 44 | 12 | 32 | 27% |
| Journeyman Electrician | 21 | 5 | 16 | 24% |
| Total | 65 | 17 | 48 | 26% |

PSI exams submitted the following statistical summaries for the month of December 2024:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Exam Type** |  **Tested** | **Passed** | **Failed** | **Pass Rate %** |
| Master Electrician | 61 | 17 | 44 | 28% |
| Journeyman Electrician | 31 | 8 | 23 | 26% |
| Total | 92 | 25 | 67 | 27% |

Ms. Thornton reported that since January 2024, 736 candidates were tested, 197 passed, 539 failed, for a pass rate of 27%. Since the inception of the exam, 8,264 candidates were tested, 2,367 passed, 5,897 failed, for a pass rate of 29%.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Steinman requested information about apprenticeship opportunities as well as details on the procedure for obtaining an electrical apprentice license.

**OLD BUSINESS**

New Executive Director

Charles Marquette introduced himself to the Board as the new Executive Director of the Mechanical Licensing Unit. After describing his professional background and history, including with the MD Labor, he expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity to work with Board members. Department staff, abd the public.

Comment from Guest

Member of the public, Trey Stokley, addressed concerns over Board compliance with statutory responsibilities. Mr. Stokely was advised to provide Director Marquette with concerns in writing for the Board to consider.

Onsite Wastewater

Director Marquette was informed about Mr. Harris’s Onsite Wastewater Presentation (that identifies potential deficiencies in the installation of onsite wastewater systems) and his interest in having it sent to local jurisdictions. Commissioner Dove informed the Board that he had added this matter to his agenda for discussion with the Secretary of Labor at an upcoming meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to be discussed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Marquette has informed the Board that he and Commissioner Dove are working to have all PSI license examinations available in Spanish and will update the Board about the progress of implementing this.

**COUNSEL’S REPORT**

Counsel did not offer a report.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chairman Brown did not offer a report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not convene in a closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Irvin, and unanimously carried by the Board at 11:05 a.m.

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**Charles Marquette, Executive Director Date**

**Mechanical Boards**

**As voted and approved by the Board on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**