

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

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

This month's meeting convened at 10:44 a.m. Mr. Vincent Cooley, Electrical Supervising Electrical Inspector was present at the meeting, and Dave Bell, BSEED Director, was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Preuss made a motion to approve the agenda. The Agenda will be adjusted to accommodate Mr. Bell to avoid delay in his Departmental duties. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Mr. Preuss made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Proposed Mentoring Program:** Mr. Bell was invited to this month's Board meeting to discuss BSEED's proposed mentoring program. Mr. Bell stated the Mayor's Office is working on providing opportunities for citizens and wants each City Department to contribute to this goal. Mr. Bell spoke with Glenn Davis and Robert Deberardino of the Construction Division regarding their Division making a concerted effort on outreach to students regarding a possible career as a tradesperson and in turn help increase school enrollment, especially in *Randolph Technical* this year.

Mr. Bell met with the mayor's office, who will bring a consultant on board to help create this initiative for the city. Mr. Bell stated he was waiting for feedback regarding the consultant before moving forward.

The concept is to have a team of inspectors representing each trade go on a tour of high schools, discuss their specific trade in a meeting with the students, and offer mentorship on a periodic basis, perhaps once a month, to check in and work with those students until



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**Proposed Mentoring Program (cont.):** graduation. Mr. Bell welcomed the board to come with the inspectors on the school tour and speak to the students as well. He also expressed concerns regarding students who graduate from high school, but do not matriculate to college. If the students are not attending college, what are they doing? The goal is to get at least one student into the skilled trades every year. Mr. Bell stated his commitment to this program in conjunction with the Mayor's office. Once Mr. Bell gets more direction from the mayor, he will then come back and notify the board on the program's progress. In the interim, if the Board comes up with suggestions for the program, Mr. Bell stated to please notify him directly.

Mr. Bell asked the board if there were any questions or concerns. Mr. Preuss commented that the work outlook is robust and will continue. How are the department staffing levels, and with a large demographic retiring in approximately five years, will the department bring in more people? Mr. Bell stated in BSEED's current budget, there is an allowance to hire three more tradespeople to handle the demand, including another electrical inspector. As the need increases, the department needs to step up its ability to handle the demand. After thanking the board for its service, Mr. Bell exited the meeting.

Mr. Litt made a motion to send Mr. Bell a letter of gratitude for attending the meeting and discussing the mentorship program. Unanimous decision. **Motion carried.**

**Gregory Bradley Re: Journeyman Exam:** Mr. Bradley has come to the board to discuss taking the Journeyman examination. Mr. Bradley has not completed the required apprentice training program credit hours as stipulated by the board in the minutes of April 18, 2013, and also stated in a letter to Mr. Bradley from the board dated April 24, 2013. So far Mr. Bradley has participated in a two-credit class with Macomb Community College and a Journeyman prep course.

The Board deliberated and a motion was made by Mr. Litt:

- Mr. Bradley must complete and show proof of successful completion of his course with Macomb Community College: *Construction Wiring-Residential*
- He will then be able to sit for the Journeyman exam.
- If he fails the exam, Mr. Bradley would then be required to take a board approved comprehensive code and/or theory course and show successful completion of said course, before an examination may be re-scheduled.

Motion carried, but did not pass unanimously: 4 yeas, 1 nay Mr. Bradley will be sent a letter stating the above requirements.



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**Recommendation of change in Apprentice Registration Expiration to 12/31:**  
This was determined to be a departmental issue.

**City of Detroit Electrical Inspectors sitting for City of Detroit Exams: conflict of interest?** Currently, there is an electrical inspector that is a City resident who wants to take the Master exam. Can the City administer the test?

Historically, BSEED considered this situation a conflict of interest. Mr. McAlister stated when he was an electrical supervisor, he wanted to test for his Master's License, but had to be take the exam at the state so there wouldn't be any perception of impropriety. After Board deliberation, this was determined to be a departmental issue. The Board recommended that Mr. Cooley contact his supervisor for further council.

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS APPROVED:**

Bradley, Gregory  
Hall, Joshua  
Lewis, Darryl  
Moore, Erwin  
Watkins, Donisha

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED:**

Fouché, Salahuddin-No proof of an approved Apprentice training program.

**APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:**

Gatewood, James: Denied for Journeyman exam; no Apprentice Registrations or proof of an approved Apprentice training program.

Wilcox, Brooke: Denied for Journeyman exam; no Apprentice Registrations or proof of an approved Apprentice training program.

**JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

None

**MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

None

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS**

Due to time constraints, applications will be tabled to the March meeting.

**FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR**

None



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**FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN'S LICENSE**

None

**FIRE ALARM APPRENTICE**

None

**SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE**

None

**SIGN SPECIALIST LICENSE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Board By-Laws:** In the absence of Mr. Brown, this will be tabled to the March meeting.
- **2015 Michigan Residential Code-Arc Fault Letter:** With no further movement made, Mr. Litt made a motion to coalesce with groups that have a concern via a letter from the board, and try to repeal this change. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CORRECTIONS**

None

**ACTING CHAIRMAN LITT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 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 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marian Swint* 

Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners