



DATE: November 17, 2016

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

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
  - Board Mentorship Program
  - Question of Removal of Licensing in the City of Detroit
  - Review of State of Michigan approved courses for re-examination
  - Review of Board Accommodation Request form
4. Applications for Review and Approval
5. Correspondence
6. Unfinished Business
  - Board By-Laws
  - 2015 *MRC* Arc Fault Letter & Glenn Davis' Revision
7. New Business
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Cc: Mr. Vincent Cooley, Supervising Electrical Inspector



MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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

The meeting convened at 10:57 a.m. This month's meeting took place at the City of Detroit Public Lighting Department, 1340 Third Street, Second floor Conference Room, Detroit, MI 48226.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Litt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Litt to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016. Unanimous Decision. **Motion Carried.**

**BOARD HEARINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Proposed Mentoring Program:** The secretary will have the solicitation letter for the Board to review at the next meeting. Mr. Preuss reported that a press release has come out regarding the City's workforce agency, *Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation* (DESC). They are preparing to launch a new program to train residents for careers in construction and skilled trade fields.

For more information please see: <http://www.descmiworks.com/detroit-prepares-to-launch-new-construction-jobs-training-program/>

**Keeping City of Detroit Licenses:** An article: *How Detroit can liberate its 'extreme rebels'* by Jarrett Skorup & Jacob Weaver has brought the question from Administration as to: Does the City need its own skilled trade licensing?

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The Chairman offered some electrical licensing history: In the late 90's, one of the City of Detroit mayoral candidates, as part of their platform, stated that Detroit would keep its electrical licensing, which the City did, and the state mandated the city would have to follow the state's guidelines.

The chairman stated that he does not see any duplication in electrical licensing. Either you receive a license through the City of Detroit, City of Grand Rapids, or the State, and there aren't any additional requirements to take another exam if you perform work elsewhere in the state. The Electrical Contractor Registration requirement is not uncommon throughout the state. It gives the local community a way of supervising the electrical contractor while performing work in that municipality. The only duplication that may be seen, is the issue of the Certificate of Fitness issued through the City of Detroit Fire Marshal Department. Electrical contractors feel that if they already possess a Fire Alarm Contractor's License or Electrical Contractor's License, this certificate is not needed.

Mr. Brown stated that the Board should prepare arguments in case the question comes before the Board.

Mr. Preuss stated that a previous electrical inspector, John McFeely, was adamant that the City of Detroit be the gold standard. With Detroit being the largest city and heavily industrialized, it was in the City's best interest to have its' own sovereignty in regards to licensing and enforcement, and be above politically driven agendas. Politics should not drive the safety of our citizens.

Mr. Taylor made a motion: Keep the electrical examinations in place with an added focus to use them as a prerequisite for mentorship programs in the City, as well as, ensure Detroiters are treated fairly in the licensing process.

Mr. Preuss questioned Mr. Taylor on the aspects of implementation. Mr. Taylor stated that in terms of a mentorship program that the Board has previously discussed, it is implemented in a way that would be for Detroit residents, and would require city licensure. **Motion Carried.**

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS APPROVED:**

Anderson, Tyrone

Campbell, Peter

Pierson, Lana

Boles, Robert

Doku, Jonas

Williams, David

Catledge, Mario

Miller IV, John

Wilson, Franklin



**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

**APPRENTICE REGISTRATION APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED:**

Covington, Miochi-Approved Documentation of work hours not submitted

**APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:**

None

**MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

None

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS**

American Electrical Contractors	Registration
Capitol Electric LLC.	Registration
CCK Electric LLC.	Registration
DTE Energy	Updated Master Electrician
Expo Technologies	Registration
Jon Jackson Electrical	Registration
M.R. Construction	Registration

**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**

- **Matthew Adams: Re-Review of Journeyman examination results:**  
Mr. Adams took the Journeyman exam and failed twice (March 9, 2016 and July 13, 2016) and now has a one year wait, plus proof of having attended a Board approved course in electrical theory and/or code. Mr. Adams called the Electrical Division and asked for his exams to be re-reviewed. The Chairman re-reviewed both exams and confirmed that Mr. Adams scored as originally asserted. Mr. Adams will be notified of the Chairman's findings in writing.

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2016UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT.)

- **Board By-Laws-** Last month Mr. Brown was asked to prepare documentation to present regarding by-laws. Mr. Brown took the by-laws from another City Board and began to modify them to be consistent with *Ordinance 604-H*. After discussion, Mr. Brown will continue his modifications and will focus on procedural aspects and concerns that are not addressed by the ordinance.
- **2015 Michigan Residential Code-Arc Fault Letter:** The Board is still waiting for the revision from Glenn Davis. Should the Board proceed without his revision? After discussion, Mr. Litt made a motion: The Board should send the letter without Glenn Davis' revision in lack of his response of our request to expedite his answer, we feel obligated to move forward. **Motion lost after debate.** Mr. Taylor made a motion: Send Glenn Davis a notice that this matter will be an Agenda item and the Board formerly requests his presence at the next scheduled meeting. The Board will be obligated to move further if his input is not received in pursuant of the Agenda item. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Proposed Apprentice Forum:** Should the Board have another Apprentice forum in 2017? Mr. Preuss made a motion: The Board should present another outreach session with a target date of March 2017 to current and future electrical workers and contractors. **Motion Carried.**
- **Detroit Auto Show:** Due to the Board meeting being held around the Auto Show, the January 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be held at DTE Energy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRECTIONS

None

ACTING CHAIRMAN MCALISTER

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 418 Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marian Swint*

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Secretary, Board of Electrical Examiners