



Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023

The Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners met on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland. The following members were in attendance: Victor Shepard, Acting Chair, and William Baldwin, Member. Also, present were William A. Mackey, Director; Bryan Foreman, Chief Code Enforcement Officer; Mike O'Neil, Code Enforcement Officer; and Campbell Safian, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting on October 6, 2022.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Discussion ensued regarding Kent County's membership with the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination Committee, Inc. (MUELEC). The Board members and staff agreed to continue Kent County's membership with MUELEC, as it will help to keep the County informed of future changes to electrical licensing laws made by the State.

The Board discussed the Code of Public Local Laws of Kent County, Chapter 192, Part 2, Article III. A staff member suggested that Article III be updated to state that PSI provides the electrical examinations. A second member of the staff noted that Article III, Subsection 192-32.A, needs to be amended to remove the sentence "No member shall serve successive terms." "Said Board shall meet at least once each month" in Subsection 192-32.C, should be amended to read "Said Board shall meet as needed." Subsection 192-33 "License Requirements" should be changed to "Registration Requirements." The Board and staff members agreed to change the Board's name to the "Board of Electricians" because Kent County no longer administers exams.

A member of the Board asked for verification that the State and County are not permitting homeowners to perform their own electrical work, if it requires the expertise of a Master Electrician. The staff members replied in the affirmative.

A member of the Board enquired about local and online training courses for apprentice electricians. A staff member suggested the Electrician Certification with Chesapeake College. A second staff member volunteered to contact the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing (MD DLLR) to enquire about training programs for apprentice electricians that are online or located on the Eastern Shore.

Lastly, the Board discussed the State of Maryland training requirement for public entities subject to the Open Meetings Act. Each public entity must designate at least one member to receive training on the requirements of the Act. Each of the planning-related Boards and Committees in Kent County are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Victor Shepard, Acting Chair

Campbell Safian, Clerk

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