



Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

The Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners met on Thursday, October 6th, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland. The following members were in attendance: D. Michael Usilton, Chair; William Baldwin, Member; Victor Shepard, Member; and Craig Busick, Inspector, Middle Department Inspection Agency. Also, present were William A. Mackey, Director; Bryan Foreman, Chief Code Enforcement Officer; Mike O'Neil, Code Enforcement Officer; Beth Grieb, Office Manager; 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 May 5, 2022 meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Discussion ensued regarding the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing (MD DLLR) waiver of examination for Journeyman electricians, which is available only until December 31, 2022.

The website link (<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/cgi-bin/ElectronicLicensing/ME/MEJourney1.cgi>) contains the Original Journey License Reciprocal/Waiver of Examination Application. The Board agreed they need to spread the word to those who hold the Limited, Restricted Residential, and Master Electrician licenses. At the Board's request, an email will be sent to all electricians registered with Kent County, and copies of an informational flyer will be available at Capital Electric.

The Board discussed the Journeyman license examination waiver. A member of the Board noted that the Journeyman applicants must apply online, pay the \$15 fee to register, then the Master electrician sends an email to the Maryland State Board of Electricians with the documentation to obtain the license. The Board member stated that the Original Journey License Reciprocity or Waiver process takes a few weeks to be completed. Then, the Journeyman receives a licensure card that is posted online for 10 days for retrieval and printing by the applicant.

A member of the staff noted that the Restricted Residential electrician licenses registered with Kent County will expire in June 2023. The Board agreed that the Restricted Residential electricians need to be informed that although their registration expires in June 2023, their Restricted Residential electrical license will no longer be valid beyond December 31. Restricted Residential electricians need to complete the Journeyman examination waiver by December 31. After December 31, the State of Maryland will only recognize the Journeyman, Master, and Apprentice licenses. Electricians who have seven years of work experience are eligible to take the Master electrician license exam. A second staff member informed the Board that after December 31, only Master electricians will be registering with Kent County. Journeyman electricians will work under a Master electrician, and no longer register separately. Furthermore, Master electricians must fill out the application for electrical inspection and list the Journeyman as the electrician.

It was noted that the Master electricians are listed on building permit applications. The Permit Specialist verifies that the electrician is registered with Kent County as a Master electrician. If he or she is not registered, staff notifies the permit applicant. On another note, there is no longer a homeowner's electrical license.

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 9:10 a.m.

D. Michael Usilton, Chair

Campbell Safian, Clerk

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