

Meeting Minutes May 5, 2022

The Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners met on Thursday, May 5th, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland. The following members were in attendance: William Baldwin, Member; and Victor Shepard, Member. Also, present were William A. Mackey, Director; Bryan Foreman, Chief Code Enforcement Officer; Mike O'Neil, Code Enforcement Officer; and Beth Grieb, Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The Board approved the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- The Board decided it would be beneficial to review the minutes electronically via e-mail in order to post a draft on the webpage; however, minutes can only be adopted by a quorum of the Board at a regular meeting.
- Mr. Les Moorhouse, who has a restricted residential license, has requested a letter of good standing as a journeyman. Mr. Bryan Foreman e-mailed Ms. Robin Bailey at the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing (MD DLLR) regarding the letter. Ms. Bailey responded via e-mail that Senate Bill 604 and House Bill 1285 have not been signed by the Governor yet to provide an answer. The Board agreed with staff that a letter from the County may not be helpful since the law has not been signed by the Governor.
- Discussion ensued regarding the restricted residential exam. The restricted residential exam is less involved than a master electrician exam. Additional questions arose about whether one had to be working under a master electrician in order to take the restricted residential licensure exam. The Board noted that SB 604 and HB 1285 when finalized could provide guidance on journeyman and/or restricted residential electrician licenses. Master electricians would certify the number of years that their employee has worked for them, not the County. Currently, there are 12 restricted residential electricians that are licensed by Kent County.
- The Board members requested that any letters issued be e-mailed to them individually for review; however, in order to be approved by the Board, a vote would need to be taken at a regular meeting.
- The Board anticipates that the County's involvement will be for registrations only. Additional discussion items included how electricians on the Eastern Shore can receive education on-line and whether all Counties will have uniform requirements for electricians.
- The website link (<u>https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/elec/</u>) for the Maryland Department of Labor, Maryland State Board of Electricians is the principal resource for licensing updates.



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 9:15 a.m.

D. Michael Usilton, Chair

Beth Grieb, Clerk

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