

Electrical Examiners Board (Tuesday, March 7, 2023)

1. Call to Order

A. Call to order of the Electrical Examiners Board

Meeting called to order by Don Haskin, Chairman 5:55 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Don Haskin, Chairman

Ronald Phetteplace, Member

Robert Spence, Member

Ron Derby, Member

Dale Abell, Member

Staff Present

Amber Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management

Betty Nickerson, Sr. Administrative Coordinator, Land Use and Growth Management

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Ron Derby, second by Ronald Phetteplace.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ronald Phetteplace, Ron Derby, Donald Haskin, Robert Spence, Dale Abell

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Update status of new 2023 Electrical Code books

2023 NEC books were received and copies given to all Electrical Examiners Board members, Amber Harding, Permits Manager and the County Attorney's Office. The Handbook which includes the 2023 NEC Code will be located in the Sr. Administrative Coordinators office on the book shelf for access to all.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: A. Rules and Regulations draft

Edit Rules and Regulations for the Board of Electrical Examiners for St. Mary's County Maryland. Amber Harding, Permits Manager to start presentation of draft for website updates. Updates include incorrect spellings, word changes, deleting paragraphs and adding sentences. Amber brought up to the board that she did not know how far the Board of Electrical Examiners wanted to go at this stage in the process because of the proposed changes that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County may reinstate the registration for St. Mary's County.

The Electrical Board proceeded to make the following changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Electrical Examiners for St. Mary's County Maryland:

Update email address for the Board of Electrical Examiners

2. PURPOSE OF THE BOARD: B. Remove the word Master

4. JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD: Replace own with owned

5. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD: Remove St. Mary's County

6. LICENSES: Remove paragraph A. and 1.

7. DEFINITIONS: D. Replace Board of Electrical Examiners with Maryland Board of Electricians.

8. ENFORCEMENT: Replace Electrical Examiners Board with Board of Electrical Examiners. Replace enforcement with interpretation.

9. QUALIFICATION FOR EXAMINATION APPLICATION: A. remove St. Mary's County Master

10. EXAMINATION: Remove Master and add Homeowners 70%. D. Replace most recent published edition with MUELEC INC.(Maryland Uniform Electrical License Examination Committee) approved test. Remove paragraph D. 1.

11. LICENSES: Remove A.

12. HOMEOWNERS: E. Add "or install Solar Panels" (reason for addition of Solar Panels is SMECO only work with licensed electricians).

13. FEES: remove Master D. Remove Master

14. ISSUANCES OF LICENSE: Remove Master and Licensed Master from all paragraphs. D. Delete all of D.

15. RECIPROCAL: Remove number 15 completely.

16. RULES AND REGULATIONS: F. Remove completely G. Remove all content J. remove the word "contracted"

L. Remove all content N. O. P. S. Remove the word "Master"

18. REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE: replace license with registration

At the conclusion of the updated information, Amber will make minor updates to the St. Mary's County Government website/Electrical Board within a few weeks, then will update approved changes once a final determination of registration is established. The website will be updated July 1, 2023 when the existing Rules and Regulations expire.

A review of the final copy of the most recent updates and July 1, 2023 update will be added to the April 4, 2023 Agenda

Discussion B. State Board of Electricians Business Meeting Minutes November 29, 2022 MUELEC Review

Reviewed Maryland State Board of Electricians minutes:

Don Haskin, Chairman has a Maryland License and had the discussion of the few remaining St. Mary's County Licensee's who do not have a state license. Amber Harding, Permits Manager is working with one and has helped one of the county licensee's who do not have a state license. She has contacted John Bull, Executive Director of Mechanical Board Licensing of Maryland Department of Labor, Maryland is still testing with the 2017 NEC Code. Don Haskin, Chairman has submitted the questions that were asked by MUELEC. MUELEC has completed the questions from submittee's. MUELEC has sent responses to PSI (Maryland testing facility) and the Maryland State Board of Electricians.

Discussion: C. County Commissioners Registration letter and Electrical Ordinance

Discussion: Discussed the draft letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to include in the letter registration fees. Amber Harding, Permits Manager to provide a letter head for the Electrical Board to submit to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County recommendations for the Electrical Ordinance.

Members of the Electrical Board would like to know the process forward to proceed with a Commissioners of St. Mary's County Public Hearing.

Discussed on what the other counties in Maryland do with their electrical license registration.

Dale Abell: The counties that he uses does not have a license like St. Mary's County but registration is required. Mr. Abell was asked if he knew if those other counties were going to do away with the registration and he believed they are not. Other counties have an Electrical Board and will continue to discipline electricians who have infractions that are brought to the board. Calvert County does bring infractions to their Electrical Board but this may pose difficult for St. Mary's County Electrical Board due to MDIA advising the St. Mary's County Electrical Board know of any infractions. Don Haskin, Chairman stated that MDIA has in the past provided infractions to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Ron Derby asked to what kind of information needs to be provided with the letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County? For example a list of arguments to keep the registration? Does it have to be all encompassing? Will the St. Mary's County Commissioners reject or consider the recommendations? At the St. Mary's County Commissioners public hearing on November 16, 2021 presented by Bill Hunt Director of Land Use and Growth Management to repeal and reenact the St. Mary's County Electrical Code Ordinance. Don Haskin, Chairman was present but did not speak. The St. Mary's County Commissioners approved the ordinance to repeal and reenact the St. Mary's County Electrical Codes Ordinance and authorized the Commissioner President Randy Guy to sign any related documents at the November 30, 2021. A suggestion was made to inquire how many counties in Maryland has a their own registration. Don Haskin, Chairman will contact MUELEC and ask if they know how many counties in Maryland have a registration. Amber Harding, Permits Manager will contact John Houser for discussion and direction on the public hearing process and how to proceed.

7. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn by Donald Haskin

Motion Robert Spence 2nd Don Haskin

Adjourn Board of Electrical Examiners Meeting 6:31 PM

Motion by Robert Spence, second by Donald Haskin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ronald Phetteplace, Ron Derby, Donald Haskin, Robert Spence, Dale Abell