

MINUTES

UTAH ELECTRICIAN LICENSING BOARD

January 20, 2022

Electronic Meeting

CONVENED: 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:10 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Stephen Duncombe
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

John Simonsen, Chairperson
Justin May
David Alger
Mike Hartwell
Justin Parker
Steve Woodman
Sean Conlon

Guests:

Brian Vermouth, Cache Valley Electric
Carl Brailsford, UETA
Ken Adams, IEC of Utah
Mike Lanoue, UETA
Cindy Hansen, SLCC
Tim Miller, UB Tech
Christine Haal
Cliff Carron-Campbell, Mountainland Tech

DOPL Staff Present:

Bobby Main, Investigations Supervisor
Lisa Lynn, Compliance Specialist
Boyce Barnes, Continuing Education
Jenna Mayne, Testing Program Manager
Ashley Beyer, Outreach Coordinator
Kimberley Lesh, Administrative Secretary

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes
Time: 2:51

Mr. Alger made a motion to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigation Update
Time: 3:27

Mr. Main provided an update on investigations. Items noted with no action taken.

Continuing Education Update
Time: 8:01

Ms. Corak reviewed the continuing education update provided by Mr. Barnes on the continuing education courses that have been approved since the last meeting. Item noted with no action taken.

Compliance Update
Time: 8:34

Ms. Lynn provided the Board with a compliance update. There are currently 35 electricians on probation. 7 electricians are still missing employer reports for this month. There are also two pending notices of agency action to revoke licenses of two electricians for failure to comply with the terms of probation. Item noted with no action taken.

DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS:

Electrician Education Fund/Media Campaign:
Time: 10:11

Ms. Beyer, DOPL Outreach Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Board on the strategic marketing and outreach plan she is doing with money from the Electrician Education Fund and in conjunction with the Plumbers and their education fund. Ms. Beyer is going to repurpose some television commercials from previous years for a PSA campaign on the importance of hiring licensed professionals. Ms. Beyer will also be working with a production company to create videos on the licensure process for electricians that will be available on the DOPL website and YouTube. Ms. Beyer is anticipating launching the media portion of the campaign in April-May 2022. After those commercials are paid for, it will give Ms. Beyer a better idea of how much money is left for the informational videos on licensure. The Board discussed several possible topics for the information videos. Item noted with no action taken.

Testing/Exams Update
Time: 27:01

The Board reviewed the results of examinations taken since the last meeting. Ms. Mayne reminded board members that they can review a session of a practical exam they just need to send Ms. Mayne an email, and she will set that up. Item noted with no action taken.

Master Theory and
Master Code Exams
Time: 31:28

The Board revisited this discussion from the previous month's meeting regarding eliminating the master and residential master electrician written exams. Ms. Mayne explained that there is only a nine percent difference

between the journeyman and master electrician exams. The board has two options, they can add questions to the master exams related to proper electrical layout and supervision of apprentices, or they can create a Utah specific law and rule exam for all master electricians including those coming in by endorsement. Subject areas would include Utah law and rule, OSHA, work safety health, Utah NEC amendments, and scope of practice. The Board determined that there needs to be an exam for master applicants and it needs to be different from the journeyman electrician exams. Rather than make a motion today to eliminate the current master electrician code and theory exams, the Board directed Ms. Mayne to form an ad hoc committee to determine the content areas for a state specific master electrician law and rule exam. Prov Exam will then write the questions. Once a state specific exam is created, the Board will then make the motion to eliminate the master electrician code and theory exams and replace it with the state specific law and rule exam. Several board members volunteered to serve on the committee, as did representatives of several schools. Ms. Mayne will begin the process of setting up an ad hoc committee to decide the content areas of the exam.

Current Pending Legislation:

Time: 59:52

Carl Brailsford, UETA, wanted to make the Board aware of a couple pieces of pending legislation that could be impactful. First, S.B. 16 that creates a new committee for sunset review of licenses, and perform reviews of licensure requirements, at certain intervals, or at the request of legislators. There is some concern about the composition of the committee. Second, there is S.B. 43, that modifies the endorsement provision in Utah Code 58-1. Mr. Duncombe advised the Board that they do have the ability to opine on pending legislation. Item noted with no action taken.

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date: 03/17/2022

X *John Simonsen*
Electrician Licensing Board Chairperson

Date: 03/17/2022

X *Stephen Duncombe*
Bureau Manager, Division of
Occupational & Professional Licensing