

**Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board
Virtual Monthly Meeting**

- Date & Time:** February 24, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.
- Location:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing 1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 872 2788 8293
- Present:** Board Members Thomas Jackson, Thomas Nash, Chris Peone, Scott McCarthy, John Parete, Dominick Ferrante, and Board Chair Jeanne Walsh
- Excused:** James Sass, Terri Munoz-Weaver
- Other Attendees:** Carolyn Detweiler, BOCES; Nick LaPiana, Central Hudson; Donald Quesnell, DPW Dep. Comm; Kathy Jansen, Secretary to DPW Commissioner; Dawn Wiacek, ELB Administrative Staff, Christie Oliveri, DPW Paralegal, and Jodi Corsa DPW.

Board Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Tom Jackson introduced to the board a new staff member that will be administrative staff to the board.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Meeting

Motion By: John Parete
Motion Seconded By: Scott McCarthy
Number in favor: All
Abstentions: 1 (Jeanne Walsh)
Disposition: Motion carried

BOCES Agreement Update – Scheduling of Exams

It was noted that the agreement is fully executed. Once there are enough applicants accepted needing to take the exam, the board may reach out to BOCES to schedule the testing.

Status of Recommended Revisions to Licensing Law

The Clerk of the Legislature has received the board's proposal for revisions to the Local Law and is moving forward. It was noted that there would be a resolution sponsored by Legislator John Parete, who is also secretary to the board, with a public hearing to be scheduled at the April session.

Board Chair Walsh asked the administrative staff to send a memo to the board members to see who would be available to attend the public hearing to answer questions.

It was also suggested that once the public hearing date is available, a letter be sent to municipalities to advise them of the hearing and encourage them to attend so their questions may be addressed.

New Business

The timing of issuing licenses, possible scheduling of a meeting with municipalities to review the law, and planning when municipal enforcement will begin was discussed.

The board was provided an administrative services update and a recommendation to add a cover sheet checklist to the application to help applicants include correct items and fee amounts with their completed application.

Concern of how an application is provided, should there be an easier way to access the website and encourage municipalities to provide the link on their webpage was discussed.

Chair Walsh asked support staff to add wording details for the Certificate of Insurance to the webpage.

Old Business

None.

Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Particular Persons

Motion By: Scott McCarthy

Motion Seconded By: John Parete

TIME: 3:23 pm

Chair Walsh indicated that for the purposes of administering the zoom call that support staff Don Quesnell and Dawn Wiacek attend, with no recording or note taking. Recommended actions to be taken following the session.

Motion to Return Back to ELB Meeting

Motion By: John Parete

Motion Seconded By: Jean Walsh

TIME: 3:40

Motion to Approve 8 of the 10 Applicants for a Grandfather Master Electricians License Contingent Licensing Fee and Proof of Insurances be Submitted to the Electrical Licensing Board

Motion By: Jeanne Walsh

Motion Seconded By: Scott McCarthy

Number in favor: All

Abstentions: 1 (Chris Peone)

Disposition: Motion carried

1. James Sass Jr
2. Chris Peone
3. Matthew LeFevre
4. Dave Puliam

5. Timothy Berlinghoff
6. Nicholas Tiano
7. Shawn Cummings
8. John Giaimo, Jr.

The board clarified that Jim Sass is to be notified whenever there are at least 10 complete applications ready for review and to confirm with him that the checklist includes all items needed for a complete application.

It was asked that during application review meetings that there be discussion on the homeowner's exemption and a clarification outline of what wording should be included. The matter will be added to the March agenda for the board.

The March agenda will also begin discussion of the public hearing to be scheduled in April to be sure the board is clear on the amendments proposed in order to prepare for questions.

Motion to Adjourn with the March Meeting to Follow the Same Timetable

Motion By: John Parete

Motion Seconded By: Scott McCarthy

TIME: 3:50