



State of Alabama  
**The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors**

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**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 20, 2023**

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Mr. Jeremy Atchley (Board Vice Chair presiding), Mr. Fred Moore (Board Chair), Mr. Robert Lamborne (member), Mr. Theodore Blunt (member), Mr. Shon Rogers (member) and Mr. Johnny Grimes (member), Mr. Mac McCreless (member) and Mr. Ben Freeman (new member). Board member absent was Mr. Terry Wallace. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Randy Barrows (Board Administrator), Mr. Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Jeremy Atchley, Board Vice Chair, and following roll call of the members by Mr. Warren, Mr. Warren reported that a quorum was present to conduct a review of applications and licensure activities. Mr. Warren read aloud the meeting opening statement about Robert's Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act. The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, [www.aecb.alabama.gov](http://www.aecb.alabama.gov), and the Secretary of State's website, [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov), in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Warren administered the oath of office to new Board member, Mr. Ben Freeman.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Warren reported that the meeting was limited in business to reviewing applications and licensing activities. He explained that the Legal Services Contract had been held in the Legislative Contract Review Committee and may remain in Committee for the 45-day maximum review period and would subsequently be submitted to the Governor for approval. He reported that the Board did not have the services of Legal Counsel until such time that the Legal Services Contract was approved. If held for the 45-day period, the contract was scheduled to be forwarded to the Governor on April 17, 2023. The Board voiced their dissatisfaction in the way the Committee was managing the contract and specifically Senator Elliott's oversight. The Board discussed the efficient operations of the Board, which operated with no General Fund allocations, but specifically with fees collected from licensees, and furthermore, was mandated to transfer Board funds to the General Fund when the cash balance, at the end of the fiscal year, exceed \$100,000.

**APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Barrows presented applications for the Board's approval.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Applications by Reciprocity as recommended by Mr. Barrows (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Rogers made the motion to approve the Journeyman Electrician Applications for Examination as presented by Mr. Barrows (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Rogers made the motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Applications for Examination as reviewed by the members (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows reviewed with the Board the number of applicants taking the examinations for licensure. Mr. Barrows reported that the NASCLA passing rate was low and NASCLA was considering allowing more time to take the exam. The Board discussed offering the option to applicants to take either the NASCLA exam or the Board exam, which had previously been offered. The Board discussed the type, quantity and cost of the publications recommended to prepare for the individual examinations. Mr. Warren offered to the Board members the opportunity to take the NASCLA exam as a comparative exercise.

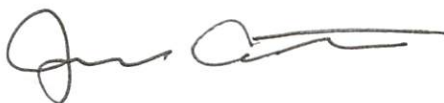
Mr. Moore made the motion that the Board offer both examinations as an option for Journeyman and Electrical Contractors applicants. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren indicated that he would communicate to PROV about the Board's decision. The Board suggested clarification be given to applicants about the reciprocity advantages comparing the two examinations and the continuation of the Business & Law exam.

Vice Chairman Atchley reminded the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was May 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Board's office.

The Board had no further business to discuss and Mr. Grimes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and having no objections from the members, Vice Chairman Atchley adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremy Atchley  
*Board Vice Chair*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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