

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2024 MEETING**

ATTENDEES

Chris Kleppinger	Brent Garner
Don Ewing	Patrick Thomas
Tim Fluharty	Chuck Callahan
Bob Jump	

Grace Davis

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Chris Kleppinger.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Change of Contractor policy

Board Vacancy

NEW BUSINESS

Began discussions with Draft Change of Contractor policy.

Property owners/Homeowners are not allowed to perform electrical work per the Maryland State Electrical Code.

There is currently no language in the Electrical Code concerning permits. Currently the code only states that the work must be inspected and MDIA notifies the Permits Office that the inspection was complete (pass or fail).

Fees for electrical inspections and permits were discussed by the group.

Brent Garner, Talbot County Building Official and Permits and Inspections Manager, spoke about the need for electrical permits.

Some discussion continued about the use of the permitting portal to obtain electrical permits.

Chris Kleppinger, Chairman of the Electrical Board, proposed that the Board should be the governing body enforcing permits and the Electrical Code.

Patrick Thomas, Talbot County Attorney, asked if the change of contractor issue could be solved with a policy instead of writing it into the Code. Conversation continued back and forth between Mr. Thomas and the Board members.

Draft discussions will continue at next meeting. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Garner, and Mr. Callahan then exited the meeting room.

Bob Jump, Board Secretary, and Chris Kleppinger began a discussion about how and when emergency repairs would be permitted as well as other types of electrical projects.

Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved by all.

The Board began reviewing registration applications. One of the limited license applicants (Mr. Shapiro) did not have enough information to approve their license and it was determined that he would need to take the Limited test or provide a license from a reciprocating county. Mr. David Shaw had also submitted an application for a limited license renewal but his license had been expired for some time. It was decided that his license would be renewed once he had paid the renewal plus late fees for the present year and the renewal years he missed. A call will be made to Mr. Shaw with the amount he owes after the Board meeting.

The Limited License application will be revised so that applicants can indicate if they are requesting a test for a license in Talbot County.

Early renewals will be charged the total amount for the license or registration.

Grace Davis, minute's recorder for the Board, will follow up with Rosalind Parker, Administrative Assistant, Permits and Inspections, concerning Mr. Shapiro's license application.

List of Employees will continue to include only employees working in Talbot County at the time of application.

Tim Fluharty, Electrical Board Vice Chairman, made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Bob Jump. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Next meeting will take place on April 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room 1.

