



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration  
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Board of Industrial Trades  
Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2021**

The District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades held its May monthly meeting by teleconference on February 16, 2021.

Chair, Brian Cooper, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. EST.

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Brian Cooper, Chair (Elevator Contractor), Courtney Braxton (Asbestos Supervisor), Shawn Ellis (Class One, Steam Engineer), Richard Jackson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Tanya Lewis (Master Electrician), Constantin Rodousakis (Master Electrician), Michael Johnson (Master Plumber/Gasfitter), Alvin Venson (Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic), Alex Lemu (Class One, Steam Engineer)

Staff Members: Cynthia Briggs (Program Manager), Jennifer Champagne (Board Administrator), Nicole McClendon (Program Coordinator)

Legal Counsel: Marc Neilson (Legal Counsel)

Members of the Public: Jeff Reiss (DCRA, Chief of Inspections), Richard Murphy (Local 26), John McKensie (Public), Daco Nolen, Felicia Savage (J.W. Didado), Angelo Ellison, Barbara Magnolia (Magnolia Plumbing), Richard Murphy (Local 26), Vanessa Careiro (Program Manager), Garrett Whitescarver (Chief Building Official),

**Agenda Item: Acceptance of Minutes:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member, Michael Johnson, and properly seconded by Board member, Tanya Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:**

- The Board shared with public member, Angelo Ellison, that in accordance with Title III, Section 312 of the "[COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, "the Act"](#)", professional or occupational licenses that expire during the declared public health emergency are considered valid. As noted on the [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://dcra.dc.gov) page under the section listed Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, once the public health emergency is over, licensees will have 45 days to renew a license and renewal notices will be sent at that time.  
Please see the Board's website at: <https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1423461>.
- Richard Murphy (Local 26), Felicia Savage (J.W. Didado) and Barbara Magnolia (Magnolia Plumbing) wanted clarification on the proposed continuing education



requirements for electricians.

- Board administrator, Jennifer Champagne, will follow up with public member Barbara Magnolia (Magnolia Plumbing) regarding reciprocity applications for electricians.

**Agenda Item: Old Business:**

- The Board met with legal counsel (Marc Neilson) and it was determined that the Board does not need legal legislation or regulations to add a continuing education requirement. The Board will provide notice of new continuing education requirements. Electrical licenses expire November 30<sup>th</sup> of odd-numbered years.

**Agenda Item: New Business:**

- Notification regarding the electrical reciprocity agreements between the District of Columbia and the Maryland Board of Master Electricians and the Virginia Board of Contractors was sent February 8. The direct link to the announcement is located at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2bdc934>

**Recommendations:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Michael Johnson and seconded by Tanya Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to create an electrician reciprocity agreement with the West Virginia Division of Labor.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Board member Michael Johnson and seconded by Tanya Lewis the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:56 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cooper, Chair

Date:

Recorder: Jennifer C. Champagne, Board Administrator