

Meeting Minutes Construction Trades Board Caroline County, Maryland

DATE: Wednesday June 9, 2021

PLACE: Health & Public Services Building
403 S. 7th Street, 2nd Floor, Room 242
Denton, Maryland 21629

BOARD MEMBERS: Earl R. Kitchen, Jr., Chairman
Mike Mann, Vice-President
Eric Smith
Levi Hayman
Scott Holden
Glenn Orme
Chuck Dean

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Dadds, Assistant Director of Codes
Melanie Smith, Administrative Assistant to Boards
Rob Smith, First State Inspection Agency
Adam Smith, Wicomico Electrical Board

CALL TO ORDER

At 2:02 p.m., Chairman Kitchen called the meeting of the Caroline County Construction Trades Board to order.

Chairman Kitchen introduced new member, Chuck Dean, Choptank Electric, Member at Large, to the Board. Everyone welcomed him. Mr. Dean was appointed to the Board on January 1, 2020; however, this is the first meeting the Board has convened since the COVID shut down.

NEW BUSINESS

HB1262 – MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT

Chairman Kitchen explained that this bill requires that all electrical licenses and testing now be conducted at the State level. All Journeyman, Apprentices and Masters must have a State license.

Ms. Dadds had consulted the County Attorney and was advised that until the Governor signs the bill it cannot be enacted. Several Counties were concerned that the enactment date of July 1, 2021 did not allow them time to prepare for the impact it would have on Electrical Businesses in their County or to amend local legislation to accommodate the changes.

Mr. A. Smith remembers when Delaware made similar changes to their law that the grandfathering stage was the most difficult. However, it then became easier because they no longer hired help based on trust but on whether or not they had a license.

The Board agreed that the County should follow normal procedures until the Governor signs the bill and they are informed by the State Board how to proceed.