

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2024 MEETING**

ATTENDEES

Chris Kleppinger	Brent Garner
Don Ewing	Patrick Thomas
Tim Fluharty	Brennan Tarleton
Bob Jump	

Grace Davis

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

OLD BUSINESS

Section 56 Code Changes

Change of Contractor policy

Board Vacancy

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from March meeting were read and approved by all.

Patrick Thomas, Esquire for Talbot County, had emailed a draft of changes to Chapter 56 (the Talbot County Electrical Code) and the Board began reviewing the draft.

State Law says that only Master Electricians can obtain permits for electrical work; homeowners are not listed in the exceptions in the State law therefore the County cannot issue a permit or license for electrical work to homeowners/property owners.

Patrick said he will put the draft (Section 56) in the form of a bill and get it on the council agenda, which could be introduced in May and then be finalized by the end of June. Patrick will confirm when it is on the council agenda. The Board can expect an email of the changes made in today's meeting.

Bob, Don, Tim, and Chris began discussing the Board vacancy and possible candidates. Must be a Talbot County resident.

The question was asked of Patrick if an inspector on the Board would be a conflict of interest. It was determined that it would be, since the inspector would essentially be his own boss.

Tim Fluharty made a phone call to a potential candidate, Russell Miles.

The Board will put together a policy for change of contractor.

There was some conversation about the current Energy Code.

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 2:05pm.

Next meeting will take place on May 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room 1.