

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING
STATE OF ARKANSAS**

IN RE: CHARLES GOODMAN – WAIVER REQUEST

ORDER

This matter came before the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas on Tuesday January 17, 2023. The petitioner, Charles Goodman seeks approval for the electrical apprenticeship license. Mr. Goodman is currently ineligible due to a prior felony conviction. The Board of Electrical Examiners has authority to waive disqualification of a license based on a criminal conviction if the Board decides that the applicant meets requirements listed in the Ark. Code Annotated § 17-3-102(b)(2). Mr. Goodman did appear before the Board via zoom for the hearing.

FINDING OF FACT:

1. The petitioner (“Goodman”) is requesting approval from the Board to obtain his electrical apprenticeship license. Due to his prior felony conviction from March 2009, he is ineligible.
2. Goodman did appear before the Board via zoom.
3. Staff reviewed documents and recommended the Board hear from Mr. Goodman based on letters of recommendation and the status of probation.
4. Goodman testified at the hearing that he is currently on probation and will be until March 2024. He testified that he is currently working for Chase Hall and has been for approximately 7 months.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The Board has authority to waive disqualification of a license based on a criminal conviction pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-102(b)(1).
2. A basis upon which a waiver may be granted includes without limitation:
 - a. The age at which the offense was committed;

- b. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
 - c. The length of time since the offense was committed;
 - d. Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;
 - e. Employment references since the offense was committed;
 - f. Character references since the offense was committed;
 - g. Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and
 - h. Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health and safety of the public. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-102(b)(2).
3. The Board was informed of the nature of the criminal conviction and the fact that Goodman's probation is scheduled to expire in March 2024.
4. The Board heard open testimony from Mr. Goodman, in addition to reviewing his letter of recommendation.

THEREFORE, the Board grant's Charles Goodman's waiver request to obtain an electrical apprenticeship license.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD

Charlotte Bradley
Charlotte Bradley, Chair

1-18-2023
Date

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