

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**JANUARY 13, 2012**

The meeting of January 13, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman  
Ronald Bish, Contractor  
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member  
Frank Halloran, Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Eric B. Collett, Public Member  
Sandy Marino, Public Member  
David Munsill, Journeyman  
Mario Tolla, Public Member

**Member Vacancy:** Two (Journeyman & Contractor)

**DCP Staff Present:** Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,  
License and Applications Specialist  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

**General Public:** Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor  
Kevin Olsewski  
Kent Bartlett  
Robert Woytowich  
Robert T. Nuzzi, State Electrical Inspector  
Robert Nilaud  
Paul Costello  
Peter Hadlock  
David D. Benedetto, Northeast Utilities  
Dwayne D. Gagne  
Jason Duford

Juan Rivera  
Kevin White  
Bryan Greene

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1. 8:30 AM Call to order; Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

*A. Review Minutes of Meeting of December 9, 2011; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. (Bish/Yusza)*

3. Report from Trade Practice Division; there was no report received by the Board for this meeting. Mr. Halloran noted that even if there are no new cases to report, the Board still wishes to have a report that states the same. Mr. Kuzmich noted that the Trade Practices

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;

No scheduled appearances.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

No scheduled appearances.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today;

A. Mr. Robert Woytowich addressed the Board noting that the Department's former Commissioner met with the various Board members in 2009 along with the Director of the Trade Practices Division concerning the lack of timely investigations of complaints and cases submitted to the Department by the Board. Mr. Woytowich noted that the Commissioner, at that time, stated that all cases up to that point were basically forgiven

and that cases submitted from that time forward would be investigated by the Department.

Mr. Woytowich is submitting a Freedom of Information Request to the Board today concerning a status update on the complaints concerning all the individuals refereed to Trade Practices from 2009 forward. In addition, he is also asking for a transcript of all the meeting minutes from 2009 as they pertain to a specific list of items which he has submitted to the Board at today's meeting which was given to the Chairman by Mr. Woytowich. The Board voted, unanimously, to have this material forwarded to the Commissioner with a cover letter from Mr. Vallieres.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination:

- A. **Bartlett, Kent R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed work history from his past employers. (Soter/Bish)*
  
- B. **Briglia, Michael** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Briglia was not present at this meeting.
  
- C. **Brown, Michael W.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Brown was not present at this meeting.
  
- D. **Delio, Raymond P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Delio was not present at this meeting.
  
- E. **Duford, Jason A.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed work history from his past employer(s). (Halloran/Soter)*
  
- F. **Gagne, Dwayne D.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed work history from his past employer(s). (Gavin-Kuhn/Bish)*
  
- G. **Greene, Bryan L.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the L-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman's Examination based upon his lack of registered on-the-job training. (Halloran/Soter)*

H. **Hadlock, Peter J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type to an E-2 at the advice of the Board. *The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's Examination based upon his lack of related classroom instruction. (Soter/Halloran)*

I. **Kondratowicz, Jordon T.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kondratowicz was not present at this meeting.

J. **Krueger, Marc G.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Krueger was not present at this meeting.

K. **Merriman, Jr., Patrick K.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Merriman was not present at this meeting.

L. **Niland, Robert F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After discussion with the Board, Mr. Niland decided to withdraw his application.

M. **Olszewski, Kevin M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)*

N. **Rivera, Juan E.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's Examination based upon his lack of a notarized and detailed breakdown of his on-the-job training from his past employers in addition to an evaluation of his related classroom instruction by a qualified educator. (Soter/Halloran)*

O. **Viroja, Uday D.** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Viroja was not present at this meeting.

P. **White, Kevin J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. *The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his work history from his past employers and transcripts of his related classroom instruction. (Soter/Halloran)*

7A. First Review of Application(s) for Licensure Examination – Applicants Not Appearing

*The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including additions) to appear before the Board for their review of their applications to test for their respective license types. Mr. Kuzmich will e-mail the Board Meeting Date information*

*in addition to the information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journey person license types.*

- (1) **Audet, John T.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-02-11)
- (2) **Barton, Scott F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-14-11)
- (3) **Bonini, Joseph R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training (12-08-11)
- (4) **Borges, Marco A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-22-11)
- (5) **Bouchard, Dennis M.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-22-11)
- (6) **Caldwell, III, John N.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11)
- (7) **Caslander, Todd M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-03-11)
- (8) **Ciak, Geoffrey P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-08-11)
- (9) **Johnson, Calvin D.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-19-11)
- (10) **Leone, Gerald L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-23-11)
- (11) **Longston, Everett C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-16-11)
- (12) **Lopez, Anthony R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-03-11)
- (13) **Martin, James M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-27-11)
- (14) **McBreairty, Rory A.** - C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11)

- (15) **Signore, Andrew J.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11)
- (16) **Sylvester, Mark J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11)
- (17) **Tenesaca, Silvio R.** – E-1 applicant seeking waiver of the required time for being licensed as Journey person. (12-16-11)
- (18) **Townsend, James E.** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-02-11)

The below listed applications voted on to the Agenda at the Meeting by the Board:

- (1) **Casey, Paul M.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **King, Dennis J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Torres, Jr., Robert L.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

*The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including additions) to sit for their respective examinations on the basis of a Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor.*

- (1) **Buteau, Daniel P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-15-11)
- (2) **Chmura, Pawel M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-10-11)
- (3) **Doty, David** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-17-11)
- (4) **Garrity, Tyler E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-15-11)
- (5) **Hutman, Jason M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-17-11)

- (6) **Itwara, Khemraj** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Janucik, Christopher** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-16-11)
- (8) **Kardok, Michael R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-16-11)
- (9) **Orejuela, Leonardo F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-16-11)
- (10) **Rivera, Haiverty R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-27-11)
- (11) **Rubino, Alfonso** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-10-11)
- (12) **Stearns, Jr., Alan L.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-16-11)
- (13) **Steinle, Gunnar** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-17-11)
- (14) **Till, Brendan M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-12-11)
- (15) **Trafford, Daniel F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-15-11)
- (16) **Veronesi, John H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-16-11)

The below listed applications voted on to the Agenda at the Meeting by the Board:

- (1) **Clement, III, Harry R.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of holding the Connecticut E-2 license for at least two (2) years. (01-04-12)
- (2) **Dovale, Nelson P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-04-12)
- (3) **Fontaine, Shawn E.** - -1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of holding the Connecticut E-2 license for at least two (2) years. (01-04-12)

- (4) **Ireton, Ryan P.** - -1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of holding the Connecticut E-2 license for at least two (2) years. (12-23-12)
- (5) **Otis, Christopher S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-03-12)
- (6) **Rich, Victor Sean B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-04-12)
- (7) **Zichichi, Vincent P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-03-12)

8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person: none before the Board today.

9. Request for Renewal of License: None

10. Request for Reinstatement: none before the Board today.

11. Request for Reconsideration: None

12. Request to Suspend: None

13. Proposed Settlements and /or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders: None

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance: None

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice: None

16. Request to Revise: None

17. Request to Reopen: None

18. Review of Examination Results: None

Electrical:

TV & Radio:



## 19. Review of Correspondence:

A. Letter to Commissioner William M. Rubenstein dated November 15, 2011 from Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro concerning Mr. Ronald Albaitis; for the Board's information. The Board took no action on this agenda item and asked the Department to refer the Commissioner to previous State Court Ruling on this matter.

B. Connecticut Occupational Trades Examination Statistics Summary for the Period of 01-01-11 through 11-30-11; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information.

C. Portion Pass Report - Connecticut Occupational Trades - Test Date Period 01-01-11 through 11-30-11; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information.

D. Letter from Mr. Frank Bartolomeo dated December 14, 2011, E-1 license holder in Connecticut asking for waiver of continuing education; the letter asks the Board to consider his State of Florida continuing education courses he has taken to maintain his various Florida licenses. It was noted that this same request was made last year and denied. *After brief discussion, the Board denied his request. (Soter/Gavin Kuhn).*

E. Mr. Vallieres noted that the Department may submit minor technical changes to the Statutes. He addressed one in particular which deals with license reinstatements and increases the reinstatement time from one year to two years. The Department believes this proposal is fair to the tradesperson and will help all parties involved and streamline the reinstatement process.

Mr. Vallieres stated that he believes the change should include a hardship clause which extended time can be applied if the Board determines the matter qualifies. This proposed change in the law was forwarded to the Chairman among other proposals for 2012 as proposed by the Department. After much extended discussion, it was decided that the Board will submit a letter from their Chairman Mr. Vallieres to the Department's Legislative Liaison suggesting that the language be modified as follows;

*"..licensee who has failed to renew such license for a period of over one year from the date of expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only upon compliance with the requirements of Section 20-333 or shows to the appropriate Board that a hardship exists during the year renewal period."*

Mr. Vallieres will also amend the language to address the continuing education requisite. *As such the Board voted, unanimously, to authorize their Chairman to submit in writing to the Department of Consumer Protection their proposed amendments to Section 20-335 of the Statutes as discussed at today's meeting and noted herein. (Soter/Bish)*

Mr. Bish raised the issue of continuing education relative to the new 4 year requirement as it applies to licenses delinquent in their continuing education. Mr. Soter believes the licensee should be responsible to arrange with a provider to provide the required number of hours needed and not simply repeat a 4 hour program multiple times

## 20. Old Business:

A. Mr. Dave Benedetto from Northeast Utilities; as requested by the Board. Mr. Benedetto addressed the Board concerning Northeast Utilities and the Generlink product. He stated that this product is not new in the market and that the device is an electronic transfer switch which plugs into a residential meter socket and is designed to go between the their meter and the customer's meter socket and allow for connection to a generator to provide temporary power to the customer in situations when there is power outage. The product has been in existence for about fifteen years and initially, Northeast Utilities was not in favor of the product because of its lack of a physical break in electrical service.

Recently, Northeast Utilities, as a result of recent storms, revisited this product as a way of providing their customers a safe way to run their generators and not be concerned with back feeds. A pilot program was initiated whereby the customers would apply for this product through Northeast Utilities and with their permission, purchase this unit from Generlink and arrange for installation of the same through Northeast Utilities. The product manufacturer does not sell directly to the consumer.

Mr. Benedetto stated that Northeast Utilities was being accused of controlling the market installation of this product by some electricians in the private sector. This was not their intention. As a result, the company now allows Northeast Utilities - approved electricians to install this product in accordance with their requirements. N/E Utilities does want to maintain where these devices go because this involves their source of revenue. In meetings with the State Electrical Inspector and other State Utility companies to establish statewide standards and to discuss whether building permits will be required or not. Mr. Vallieres and the rest of the Board fully support the permit requirement.

Mr. Bish is very concerned about consumers who may try to establish temporary power after storm outages with the potential of live service still in place due to the lack of a physical disconnect.

The Board thanked Mr. Benedetto for his presentation to them today and asked they be kept up to date on the progress of this issue as well as being included in any future meeting with the State Department of Public Safety and the State Electrical Inspector.

21. New Business:

A. Mr. Bob Nuzzi, State Electrical Inspector; to address the Board. Mr. Nuzzi gave the Board copies of courses he has taken as a part of his continuing education requisite as a part of his job and is here today representing all the Electrical Inspectors in the State. He recently was informed that the Plumbing Board agreed to waive the mechanical inspectors DCP CE requirements for their plumbing licenses and substitute the courses taken by them to maintain their State Inspector licenses. He is asking this Board to exempt the State Electrical Inspectors from having to take the DCP CE courses to maintain their electrical licenses and accept their courses CE courses taken to maintain their State licenses similar to what the Plumbing Board has done.

Mr. Vallieres confirmed with the Plumbing Board that they agreed to do this subject to their review of the State Building Inspectors course outline. Mr. Vallieres reminded all that the Public Safety CE Courses are governed by different laws which include free instruction to all of the public and not just the Building Officials. At this point, Mr. Vallieres is not convinced that the Plumbing Board has, in fact, provided this exemption based upon records of their recent meetings.

*The Board agreed to table Mr. Nuzzi's request to provide the Board more time to further research and review of the State Inspector's course curriculum and to establish whether or not there really is an exemption for the Plumbing Inspectors. Mr. Vallieres will personally contact the Plumbing Board for further information. (Halloran/Soter)*

22. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings: none before the Board today.

23. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision: none before the Board today.

24. Final Decisions Pending Signature: none before the Board today.

25. Adjournment:

*The meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM. (Soter/Bish) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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