

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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OCTOBER 12, 2012

The meeting of October 12, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:28 AM in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Ronald Bish, Contractor
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman

Members Absent: Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Sandy Marino, Public Member
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Member Vacancy: Four (Journeyman, Contractor, & Two (2) Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA, Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer Protection

General Public: R. Woytowich
John Boos
Jeff Glanstein
John McCaffrey
David Carpenter
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Stephen Wallace
Paul Costello
Silvio Tenesaca

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1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on "silent"). Chairman Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:28 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of September 14, 2012. After a thorough view by the Board, the minutes were approved as submitted. (Halloran/Bish)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board.

At the request of the Board, Mr. Richard Maloney, Director of the Department's Trade Practices Division, addressed the Board concerning complaints. He gave the Board a year-end status report regarding complaints noting the the Department had received a total of 340 electrical complaints; 244 of which were related to the continuing education audit conducted by the Department. The Department had 96 complaints which include various types of complaints including many site visits. Currently, the Department has three investigators working on 49 open cases.

Mr. Maloney invited communication from the Board at any time if any Member feels that need more information or clarification on any issue they may have. He also noted that the Department has hired another Manager to take over some of his Division's duties which will now provide him with more time to attend to the various Board issues. Mr. Bish, on behalf of the Board, offered their help in any way that they can to Mr. Maloney and his investigators. Mr. Maloney will further pursue their offer and get back to them if he has any tasks they can do to assist him and his Division.

Mr. Halloran stated to Mr. Maloney that the Board will meet 15 times next year and stands at the ready. Mr. Vallieres noted that he believes the Board can be of assistance in many ways to free up more time for the investigators to do their job. Mr. Maloney agrees and is very willing to work with the Board. He also noted that the severity of electrical complaints is often only determined after a significant amount of time is invested by the Department. The Department tries to use their very limited resources in the most efficient way possible so as to organize their efforts in proportion to the severity of the complaint.

Mr. Soter cited the Board's frustration with the many cases they have uncovered concerning unregistered employee's working for electrical contractors who know that they are supposed to be registered with the Department of Labor and their employees registered in their program as apprentices. Mr. Soter noted that the penalties for this

type of violation must be severe enough to be taken seriously by the Contactors. A nominal fee can be written off by many offenders as the cost of doing business and continue on with their illegal practices

The Board thanked Mr. Maloney and his Division for their time and effort and for his appearance before the Board today. Mr. Vallieres stated that he will reach out to Mr. Maloney and his Division, on behalf of the Board, to see if some of his cases can be transferred over to the Board and to offer some suggestions relative to providing more detail on the complaint reports.

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

None before the Board today.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

None before the Board today.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None before the Board today.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination: applicant(s) appearing in person.

Mr. Vallieres advised all in attendance at today's meeting of the Board general rules and guidelines as they apply to applicants appearing before them for consideration to sit for their respective license examinations. He made reference to the document sent to all applicants by the Department which details specific information the Board is expecting from the applicants in support of their equivalent experience and training in addition to other more general information.

In addition, Mr. Vallieres also made reference to the Boards Outline for Journeypersons which gives the specific hours for related classroom instruction including course curriculums and the required on-the-job training hours for each license type.

(1) **Boos, John G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **Ford, Jeffrey A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Ford was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(3) **Glanstein, Jeff.** – 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 License Examination on the basis of a lack of Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Illescas, Silvio R. T.** – E-1 applicant seeking waiver of time required to hold E-2 Journeyman’s license to qualify for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor’s Examination. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor’s License Examination. The Board determined that he did not present an adequate hardship for their consideration to waive the remaining time left for the candidate to qualify to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor’s License Examination. (Halloran/Bish)

(5) **McCaffrey, John H.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed the license type he is applying for from E-1 Unlimited Contractor to an E-2 Unlimited Journeyman Type at the suggestion of the Board at today’s meeting. Subsequently, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman’s License Examination on the basis of a lack of Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Bish)

(6) **McNeil, Steven.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. McNeil was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

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

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters: the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to sit for their respective examinations on the basis of a Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor or other Board-Approved Agency. (Soter/Bish)

(1) **Albee, Steven E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Bonesse, Giovanni** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Brangi, Michael B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (4) **Burdick, Matthew A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Catucci, Gary L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Chaves, Nuno A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Clark, Patrick J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (8) **Coraizaca, Fafael H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Feeney, Collin K.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Frankfurter, David H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (11) **Garro, Christopher E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (12) **Johnston, Christopher** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (13) **Jones, Eric R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter
- (14) **Lawrence, Jared K.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Mather, James T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **McGlinchey, Ryan E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

(17) **Mitchell, Michael A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(18) **Murray, Ryan A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(19) **O'Connor, Patrick K.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(20) **Padilla, Jr., Michael J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(21) **Smith, Rondell L.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(22) **Sturgeon, Christopher R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(23) **Tondalo, Rocco T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(24) **Weber, James J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training: the Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their November 9, 2012 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types unless as otherwise noted. Mr. Kuzmich will mail back their original applications in addition to Board Meeting Date information and information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journey person license types.
(Soter/Bish)

(1) **Beaton, John R.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Beaton, Michael J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Beltis, Brian W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Boyer, Jr., Francis S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(5) **Camara, Christopher** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Giannitti, Anthony G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Kidd, LeRoy E.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **Macpherson, Brian K.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Tamay, Wilson P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person;

(1) **Wallace, Stephen R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held September 14, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending notarized official transcripts of his Related Classroom Instruction Curriculum. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **Carpenter, David J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held July 13, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his on-the-job training including notarized statements from his past employers as to dates and duties of employment. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Bish/Halloran)

9. Request for Renewal of License; none before the Board today.

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

11. Request for Reconsideration; none before the Board today.

12. Request to Suspend; none before the Board today.

13. Proposed Settlements and/or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none before the Board today.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance; none before the Board today.

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice; none before the Board today.

16. Request to Revise; none before the Board today.

17. Request to Reopen; none before the Board today.

18. Review of Examination Results; none before the Board today.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

19. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(B) Assurance of Voluntary Compliance; Docket No. 2012-624; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

The document was provided to the Commissioner by the Respondent, Mr. Pat J. DiBaise. The Respondent holds electrical, plumbing, heating, and sheet metal licenses issued by the Department of Consumer Protection. The Document alleges that the Respondent illegally transferred the electrical, plumbing, and heating licenses to another individual and failed to complete continuing education for the renewal of the plumbing and electrical licenses required by Statute.

The Document states that the Respondent's electrical, plumbing, heating, and sheet metal licenses shall be null and void whether by expiration of cancellation upon acceptance and execution of this document by the Commissioner. The Respondent further agrees that all such licenses shall never be renewed.

(C) 2013 Legislative Suggestion concerning Homeowner Exemptions from Licensing Requirements; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(D) Statutory Excerpt concerning "Plug and Play" relative to Solar Panel installations; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(E) PSI Electrical Certification Candidate Information Bulletin – California Division of Apprenticeship Standards; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

No items were discussed.

21. New Business:

(A) Mr. Vallieres e-mailed the Board on October 2, 2012 the proposed meeting dates for the calendar year 2013. He also gave the Board a calendar graphic with meeting dates denoted. He added two additional dates (March 29th and August 30th) in addition to the monthly meetings in order to comply with the legal mandate of a 28-day review period. The Board voted unanimously to approve the dates as submitted. (Halloran/Soter)

The 2013 Calendar Year Electrical Work Examining Board Meeting dates are as listed below:

January 11, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
February 8, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
March 8, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
March 29, 2013	Application Reviews Only
April 12, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
May 10, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
June 7, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
July 5, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
August 2, 2013	Regular Agenda including application reviews
August 30, 2013	Application Reviews Only
September 13, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
October 11, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
November 8, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews
December 6, 2013	Regular agenda including application reviews

Mr. Kuzmich will confirm the approval of these dates by the Commissioner and confirm the meeting location at the Board's November 9, 2012 Regular Meeting.

(B) The Board set Friday, October 26, 2012 at 9:00 AM as the date the Board will meet to review the 2013 Continuing Education Curriculum submitted by all providers. It was noted that the deadline date for submission of this material is October 15, 2012. Mr. Kuzmich will e-mail the Board Members the Room Number for the meeting later today or early next week.

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 10:19 AM. (Bish/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist