

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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APRIL 12, 2013

The Regular Meeting of April 12, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:31 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
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Sandy Marino, Public Member

Member Vacancy: Three (Contractor (non-Union), & Two Public Members)

DCP Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, Dept. of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Dept. of Consumer Protection

Others Present: Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of labor

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Thomas Rizer, Rizer Electrical
Michael Dalpe, Griffin Electric
Robert Woytowich
Richard Drach, Conergy
Filiberto DiGiannantonio
Paul Prior

1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on silent”).

Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:31AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of March 8, 2013.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. It is noted that Ms. Gavin-Kuhn, Mr. David Munsill, and Mr. John Yusza abstained from the vote because they were not present at the March 8, 2013 Board Meeting.
(Halloran/Soter)

3. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were additional requests from anyone present at today’s meeting.

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

Mr. Vallieres noted that the report consists of mainly continuing education issues. He noted that the respondents were issued Assurances of Voluntary Compliance and a \$250.00 fine. Mr. Vallieres note that there was talk that the fine would be increased to \$500.00 but to everyone’s knowledge to date; this change has not been implemented.

5. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request:

(A) Appearance before the Board by Mr. Paul J. Prior, Jr. of Priority Electric, Inc. concerning the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman’s Application for Examination for Mr. Joshua D. Smith.

Mr. Vallieres stated the reason the Board asked Mr. Prior relates to the Boards interview of his former employee Joshua Smith. The Boards concern was that Mr. Smith was never registered with the Department of Labor nor did he have a license at the time he was working for Mr. Prior. Mr. Smith indicated that he was at that time doing electrical work which makes Mr. Prior in potential violation of the law. Mr. Vallieres also stated

that Mr. Prior has a past history with the Department relating to a similar issue as recent as 2012. Mr. Vallieres also noted that at this point in time, there is no formal legal proceeding in place and the Board simply wants to informally discuss this matter with Mr. Prior.

Mr. Prior noted that Mr. Smith was hired as an equipment room attendant at the Connecticut Exposition Center. After showing interest in the electrical field, he indicated that he wished to become a Journeyman and get registered with the Department of Labor. Mr. Prior stated that at this point, attendance became an issue with Mr. Smith and does not wish to elaborate any further in the context of this informal discussion. Mr. Smith worked approximately six months for Mr. Prior.

The Board wanted to assure that Mr. Prior understands the requirement for apprenticeship registration for new employees doing electrical work since this has been such a common occurrence with many of their past applicants. Mr. Prior assured the Board that his company has never been out of ratio. He also brought to the Board's attention the need for E-1 license holders to be educated regarding the time an employee completes his apprenticeship and has not yet passed the examination. He believes that most contractors are not aware of the law in this area.

Mr. Soter stated that education on electrical general law is in continuing education printed handouts and the seminars taken by the E-1 license holders. Ms. Gavin-Kuhn agrees with Mr. Prior's suggestion that the Department making a more diligent effort to educate contractors in this area and very much appreciates his suggestion to the Board. Mr. Hurlburt and Ms. Lamontagne clarified the law and the Department's position regarding the apprenticeship issue. Ms. Lamontagne state that apprentices have seven months to take and pass the test from the date of their apprenticeship completion letter otherwise they are terminated from the Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Hurlburt agreed but also stated that the Department will not cite the apprentice for any violations at this point provide that the apprentice has an Apprentice Permit issued under Section 20-334a of the Statutes. He further noted that the Statutes state that any apprentice permit issued under section 20-334a to an applicant who fails three licensure examinations in any one-year period shall remain in effect if such applicant applies for and takes the first licensure examination given by the department following the one-year period from the date of such applicant's third and last unsuccessful licensure examination. Otherwise, such permit shall be revoked as of the date of the first examination given by the Department following expiration of such one-year period.

The Board understands Mr. Prior's suggestion and acknowledges that it has validity and will take the same under advisement and perhaps try to incorporate this information to a greater extent into the continuing education curriculum. They also acknowledge that ultimately, the responsibility of registering apprentices falls upon the contractor.

Mr. Vallieres on behalf of the Board thanked Mr. Prior for his time in speaking with the Board today and noted that their conversation was beneficial and appreciate his comments made regarding Mr. Smith.

6. Request to Appear before the Board; no one scheduled 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) **Dalpe, Michael B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the application of Mr. Dalpe for the E-2 license examination. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **DiGiannantonio, Filiberto C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to table his application pending receipt of official documentation describing his work experience. (Bish/Soter)

(3) **Drach, Richard C.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to deny his application based upon not holding a Connecticut Journeyperson's License (E-2) for the required two year period. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Rizer, II, Thomas W.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Halloran/Munsill)

(5) **Handler, Darren** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Applicant changed his application type from an E-1 type to an E-2 Type at the suggestion of the Board at the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Halloran)

7(A). 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 additions) 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/Yusza)

- (1) **Alban, Milton P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (2) **Burkey, Bryan E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (3) **Carroll, Neil T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (4) **Chevere, Luis** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Colon, Victor L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Cooley, Peter S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Desautels, Nichols P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Doulakis, Michael S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Dufrane, Kyle M.** -C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Giovino, Michael J.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Gordon, Jonathan P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (12) **Keskula, Justin M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Kuniej, Piotr** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Ladd, Kevin T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Marchese, Brendan P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **McCallum, Garrett M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **McDermott, Kevin F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Misaiko, Steven J.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (18) **Morissette, Eric M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Nagorski, Przemyslaw** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Smead, Jr., Steven W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Sokol, Justin A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (22) **Staats, Eric R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (23) **Sweetland, Christopher G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (24) **Worshovfsky, Adam** - 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 additions) to appear before the Board at their May 10, 2013 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types. 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/Yusza)

- (1) **Berg, Rudolph J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **Bradley, Lonnie J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Carney, Jeffrey M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (4) **DeCaro, Giovanni S.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (5) **Feldman, Kurt N.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (6) **Gelinas, Michael J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (7) **Gilman, Jason** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (8) **Gualtieri, Nicholas D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (9) **Hyde, Jeffrey A.** - T-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (10) **Pistorino, Anthony M.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (11) **Ragozzine, Kemmeth D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (12) **Ruggieri, Joseph A.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(13) **Stoddard, Ryan W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(14) **Vadasz, Dennis** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

Other:

(1) **Doherty, James P.** – E-1 applicant seeking the Board’s consideration to waive the required two-year period for holding an E-2 Journeyman’s License. Mr. Dougherty communicated to the Board by e-mail sent to Mr. Kuzmich on March 26, 2013.

His correspondence included other electrical license he currently holds, wage and tax statements, and school transcripts. He stated that he has been active in all aspects of the electrical field and asks the Board to consider allowing him to sit for the E-1 Contractor License Examination without first having accrued two (2) years’ time holding his E-2 License. He also asked the Board to consider the current economy noting that his customers are more important than ever and need to be to service them no matter where they are located.

After reviewing the correspondence accompanying Mr. Dougherty’s Application, the Board found no evidence of a bona fide hardship. Therefore, they voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dougherty’s Application for the E-1 Contractor Examination on the basis of not holding the E-2 Journeyman’s License for the requisite two year period.
(Halloran/Soter)

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

No Applicants were scheduled before the Board today.

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 acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same. Board Members conducted a thorough review of the evaluation reports from the licensees.

(B) E-Mail from Mr. Larry Vallieres, sent March 18, 2013, concerning Generlink Product and Permits; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

No items were discussed.

21. New Business:

No items were discussed

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. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:275 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2013 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