

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of October 11, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:30 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:** Sandy Marino, Public Member  
David Munsill, Journeyman  
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman

**Member Vacancies:** One (1) Non-Union Contractor  
Two (2) Public Members

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

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**Others Present:** Erik Alvarez  
Michael Valovich, Mercury Solar Systems

Ryan Stone  
Jon Dougherty, AMTECK  
Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor  
David Satterfield  
Alan Nicol, Nicol Electric  
Josh Carr, Holzner Electric

**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 8:30 AM.

**2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

A. Review minutes of meetings of October 11, 2013.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted.  
(Soter/Bish)

**3. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:**

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

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

No report was submitted for this meeting.

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

No one was scheduled before the Board today.

**6. Request to Appear before the Board;**

No one was 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) **Benevento, III, Vincent J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Carr, Josh L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After an extensive interview, the Board determined that the applicant must complete his apprenticeship program for the E-2 license type for which he is currently enrolled. In addition, Mr. Carr stated that he was not re-enrolled in the State's Apprenticeship Program by his former employer, Premium Electric Corporation (from Danbury, Connecticut) after returning to work for them subsequent to his prior layoff from this same company. The time period in question is December of 2010 through January 13, 2011 as determined by the applicant's Payroll Voucher Register Report included with his application before the Board today.

The Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Carr's application for the E-2 License Type on the basis of not completing the State Apprenticeship Program in which he is currently enrolled. (Halloran/Bish) In addition, the Board also voted, unanimously, to refer the applicants' former employer, Premium Electric Corporation, to the Department's Trade Practices Division for possible use of unlicensed/unregistered individuals performing electrical work. (Soter/Bish)

(3) **Dougherty, Jonathan B.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Vallieres confirmed Mr. Dougherty's understanding of the Board's policy regarding his application for a Contractor's license. Mr. Haloran explained, in detail, the Board's policy on out-of-State applicant's applying for a Contractor's license without first holding a Journeypersons license in Connecticut for two years. Mr. Dougherty explained his business intentions to the Board to which the Board gave him several options on how he can conduct business with a Journeypersons license and affiliating with an E-1 Contractor license holder.

After consideration of the Board's explanation, Mr. Dougherty decided to change his application type from an E-1 license to an E-2 license type. He further explained in detail his related classroom instruction in response to Mr. Vallieres questions. At first a motion to table this application was considered by the Board based upon receipt of further documentation of his related classroom instruction. The question was asked regarding the amount of required related classroom instruction hours Mr. Dougherty obtained in his base State of Kentucky. Five hundred seventy eight hours was required in Kentucky at the time the applicant got his Journeyperson's license. After more discussion, the Board voted to conditionally approve Mr. Dougherty's application subject to receipt of official verification from the State of Kentucky which

verifies the applicant's related classroom instruction hours required in the State of Kentucky. The Board agreed that the difference between the seven hundred twenty hours of related classroom instruction required in Connecticut and the five hundred seventy eight hours of related classroom instruction required in Kentucky is adequately demonstrated in the documentation provided to the Board today. In addition, for the record, Mr. Vallieres noted that this applicant has appeared before the Board as required and therefore the Board's conditional approval of this application subject to receipt of additional documentation by the Department on the Board's behalf is not a departure from their standard protocol. (Halloran/Yusza)

(4) **Meikle, Joseph A.** – T-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(5) **Mejia, Erik A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction. (Soter/Yusza)

(6) **Miller, III, Fred P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(7) **Morzillo, James C.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(8) **Nicol, Alan P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)

(9) **Satterfield, David A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board tabled his application pending receipt of detail of his related classroom instruction and on-the-job training. The Board determined that he is currently deficient in these areas. (Soter/Yusza)

(10) **Stone, Ryan W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board tabled his application pending receipt of a letter from his current employer confirming his employment hours with the same in the State of Connecticut. Mr. Stone asked that his application be placed on the Board's Agenda for their next Regular Meeting scheduled for December 6, 2013. (Soter/Yusza)

(11) **Valovich, Michael** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Valovich has not been enrolled in an Apprenticeship Program nor has his current employer from New York State ever registered him with

the Connecticut Department of Labor. He completed his related classroom construction at Lincoln Technical Institute. Mr. Valovich cited the jobs he worked on installing solar panels some of which were in Connecticut including a school in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Board noted to the applicant that both he and his employer are working illegally in Connecticut and explained the details of such to him.

Mr. Soter first motioned to deny his application based upon the lack of registered on-the-job training. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bish and carried unanimously. Mr. Valovich tried to explain the reasons why he and his employer never completed his enrollment in Connecticut and asked the Board for help in getting him registered. Mr. Vallieres suggested that Mr. Valovich speak with Ms. Lamontagne from the Department of Labor present at this meeting. Mr. Halloran first motioned that Mr. Anthony Coschigano, III, Connecticut E-1 License Holder and co-founder SVP-Construction, Mercury Solar Systems be sent a letter asking him to appear before the Board for discussion concerning working with unlicensed and unregistered employees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soter and carried unanimously.

Ms. Gavin-Kuhn asked the Board to advise Mr. Valovich on how is to proceed regarding his work. Mr. Vallieres advised the applicant that he can no longer work on any projects in Connecticut unless he is a registered apprentice with the Department of Labor. Further, Mr. Valovich's employer must also be registered with the Department of Labor as Mr. Valovich's sponsor. In addition, Mr. Soter advised the applicant in detail on the experience he needs to proceed for his E-2 license and for the PV-2 license

(12) **Yerks, III, Donald F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant 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 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/Bish)

(1) **Arnold, James W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

- (3) **Bober, Steve J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (4) **Chaplinsky, Anthony T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Chelioudakis, Kostas S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Cruz-Santana, Jr., Samuel** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Cupp, Cale B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Cycenas, Zachari J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **DeFilippo, Gino P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **DeJesus, Ramon A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **DePercio, Jr., Dana R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Domacinovic, Nikola** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Fecteau, III, John K.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Fisher, Kevin S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Fredrick, Barry A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Howell, Rodney** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Khan, Michael A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (18) **Lambert, Jason R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Lamont, Denver A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Morel, Jeffrey D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Oberson, James F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (22) **Pagnucco, Jennifer** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **Pelletier, Brian R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (24) **Robledo, David** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (25) **Rogers, Ralph L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (26) **Tamay, Wilson P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (27) **Valli, Christopher R.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (28) **Vollenweider, Jesse J.** - L-6 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, except as otherwise noted, (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their December 6, 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/Gavin-Kuhn)

- (1) **Gjinaj, Pal** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **Kan, Deniz M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **London, Clayton A.**– E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (4) **Nelson, Michael K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (5) **Rayburn, Christopher D.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (6) **Shaffer, Matthew J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (7) **Stofka, Daniel M.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (8) **Williams, Robert P.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

**8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person;** none 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) Electrical Massachusetts License Types Low Voltage; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Department of Consumer Protection 2014 Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council Meetings; 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 no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

## 26. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2013 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (Halloran/Soter)*

Respectfully Submitted,

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