

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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MARCH 14, 2014

The Regular Meeting of March 14, 2014 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
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
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: Robert Woytowich
Patrick Perugini
John Owczarzak, Tech. Systems

Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor
Paul Sicard, Paul Sicard Electric
Matt Shaffer, Horizon Solutions
Christopher S. Ringer, Poehlman Electric
Wayne Anderson, Ciceat American Electric
Jason Briggs, American Electrical Testing
Adrian Mishtal, Home Security Solutions, LLC
Jeffrey R. Cote, Acres Co., Inc.
Rick Moody, Voice New England
Michael Douglas, Voice New England
Ed Hennessy, Circuit Wizard
James Hennessey, MSA Systems
Michael Malone, Professional Electrical Cont.
Ericka Lowe, Northeast 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 January 10, 2014.

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

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today.

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

The Board reviewed this Report, in detail, which covers the time period between March 4, 2011 through March 4, 2014 and thanked the Department for this update

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

No one scheduled before the Board today.

6. Request to Appear before the Board;

(A) Mr. Adrain Y. Mishtal appearing before the Board today concerning Electrical Licensing Requirements. Mr. Mishtal has previously appeared before the Board on September 13, 2013. Mr. Mishtal stated to the Board that he has encountered several

situations in the course of his alarm installation business that he is asking for the Board's advice today. The first question involved an accessory plug and play alarm keypad which the customer can install themselves which can either be battery operated or powered by a plug-in transformer which connects to the keypad. The Board advised that a license is not required for this work.

His second question involves additional electrical work requested by customers of the electricians his alarm company uses for alarm installation such as additional outlets in various locations in their houses. The question is should the additional work be run through his company or direct between the electrician and the customer. The Board advised that, in their opinion, it is always cleaner that this type of accessory work be done outside his alarm contract and be between the customer and electrician.

Mr. Mishtal also asked about requests from customers for additional battery operated wireless smoke or heat detectors to an existing alarm system. He was advised by the State Building Official noted that the existing house does not need to be brought up to current code standards as a result of the installation of additional wireless detection devices. Mr. Mishtal noted that the detectors his company provides produces a greater sound level because they utilize the existing systems speakers versus the type that can be purchased at a home improvement center which do not. The Board advised that this type of works also does not require a license.

His last question involved insurance limits for the electricians he hires. The Board advised that insurance requirements are outside the Board's jurisdiction and therefore not a licensing issue. However, as an aside, the Board noted that they should carry insurance. Mr. Mishtal had other questions involving the sources he uses to locate electricians and their qualifications to do the work of his alarm system installation company. Mr. Vallieres and Mr. Soter explained the details of the electrical license types allowed to offer services and to do the installation work. The Board thanked Mr. Mishtal for his due diligence by coming to them to ensure that his business operates in accordance with the law.

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) **Alequin-Melo, Anthony** – 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.

(2) **Anderson, Wayne A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(3) **Briggs, Jason A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn) The Board requires from the applicant official certificate of apprenticeship completion from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Labor which certifies the applicant's related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours. In addition the Board requires notarized statements from his past and present employers as to dates and duties of employment.

(4) **Chelo, Colin J.** – C-6 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) **Ciaccio, William** – 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.

(6) **Douglas, Michael T.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn) The applicant changed application type from a C-6 to a T-2 at the recommendation of the Board. The Board requires notarized statements from the applicant's past and present employers as to dates and duties of employment. In addition, they also require a detailed description of his related classroom instruction courses and comparison of the same, by a qualified educator/provider, to the course curriculum required for his license type by the Connecticut Department of Labor.

(7) **Cote, Jeffrey R.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application. (Soter/Yusza) The applicant changed his license application type from an E-1 to an E-2 per their recommendation. The Board noted that his related classroom instruction requisite was not satisfied. They also suggested the applicant pursue credit for his Military duties and get OSHA 10 certified.

(8) **Hennessey, James A.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn) The applicant changed application type from a C-5 to a C-6 at the recommendation of the Board. The Board requires notarized statements from his past and present employers as to dates and duties of employment. In addition, they require a detailed description of his related classroom instruction courses and comparison of the same, by a qualified educator/provider, to the course curriculum required for his license type by the Connecticut Department of Labor.

(9) **Lowe, Ericka L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was present at today's regular meeting. She requested to be rescheduled to a future date in order to acquire additional documentation to complete her application. As such, the Board took no action on her application at today's meeting.

(10) **Malone, Michael P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application. (Soter/Bish) The Board requires the applicant to provide them with a Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certifying the applicant's related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours.

(11) **Owczarzak, John E.** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed application type from an L-5 to an L-6 type at the recommendation of the Board. As such, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(12) **Perugini, Patrick F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application due to the lack of apprenticeship completion. (Soter/Bish)

(13) **Pollack, Roy S.** – C-6 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.

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

(15) **Sicard, Paul J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed application type from an E-1 to an E-2 type at the recommendation of the Board. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application. (Soter/Yusza) The Board requires the applicant to provide a Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certifying applicant's related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours.

(16) **Streater, Curtis J.** - C-5 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.

(17) **Wilk, Edward G.** - L-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.

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. (Bish/Gavin-Kuhn)

(1) **Estrada, Adolfo M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Fontaine, Harley D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Godin, Jr., Jeffrey P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Gorman, Paul M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Linden, Christopher D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Morehouse, Robert T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(7) **Riiska, David J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(8) **Rivera, Carlos M.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (9) **Rivera, Ramon** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Sanford, Steven S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Vara, Joshua W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Vieira, Ryan C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Winograd, Yitzchal P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Woodhouse, Craig** - 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, except as otherwise noted, (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their April 11, 2014, 2014 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 Journeyman license types. (Bish/Yusza)

- (1) **Garst, Raymond S.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **Hardeman, David W.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Hooper, Matthew S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (4) **Lopes, Jason A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (5) **Munson, Shawn S.** - T-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Ragozzine, Kenneth D.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Vizcaino, Julio C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(1) **Shaffer, Matthew J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application based upon a lack of related classroom instruction at their December 6, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. The Applicant furnished the Board the required documentation and as such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Soter/Yusza)

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) State Apprenticeship Council 2014 Schedule of Regular Meetings; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Connecticut Technical High School System – Connecticut State Department of Education Electrical Apprenticeship Information Packet 2013-2014; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same.

(D) E-Mail from Mr. Ken Lomme dated February 24, 2014 concerning Electrical Licensing Requirements; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Vallieres noted Mr. Hurlburt should respond to the E-Mail since it was addressed to him. Ms. Gavin-Kuhn also recommended that Mr. Hurlburt mention in his response that the Connecticut OSHA Chapter does provide free consultation. The Board concurs that a lock-out tag-out procedure must be done by a properly licensed person because only a licensed person can prove that the tag is locked out properly. Mr. Soter added that checking for a de-energized system must be done by a licensed electrician but anybody working on the system can put their own lock on the system. He also added that companies have their own lock out tag out systems and as such, their rules must be followed.

20. Old Business:

No items were discussed.

21. New Business:

1. Mr. Vallieres noted that there are a number of Bills in this Legislative Session and asked that all Board members keep their eyes and ears open for any potential effects they may have on this Board. Mr. Vallieres also stated that he that testified as Chairman relative to S.B. 412 which deals with enforcement. His testimony is Public Record and available for any Board Member or others to hear.

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 10:58 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2014 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (Soter/Yusza)

Respectfully Submitted,

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