

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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AUGUST 8, 2014

The Regular Meeting of August 8, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:33 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Ronald Bish, Contractor
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
David Munsill, Journeyman

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

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

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Others Present: Shahriar Saadat, MSA
Paul Hermann, MSA
Robert Woytowich

Ken Duff, Connecticut Department of Labor
Paul Costello, JATC 90
Radoslaw Sredinicki, East Coast Electric
Anthony Jackson, 4 Season Electrical
Ray Kuhn, Daven Electric
Lisa Stevens, IEC New England
Thomas Laino, Dome Industries

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 8:33 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of July 11, 2014.

The Board voted to table further action on the approval of these minutes until their next Regular Meeting scheduled for September 12, 2014 at which time there may be a quorum of the members present at the July 8, 2014 meeting to vote on their acceptance. Such a quorum is not present at today’s meeting. Mr. Vallieres noted that the date of the meeting on the first page needs to be changed to July 11, 2014.

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.

Mr. Maloney gave the Board a report which covers the time period August 7, 2011 through August 7, 2014. The Board thanked the Department for this information and voted to accept this information for the record. (Soter/Silva) In addition, Mr. Vallieres, on behalf of the Board, requested that the Department provide the Board with a Complaint report providing them with an ongoing list of all open, closed, and dismissed complaints pertaining to this Board dating from January 1, 2014 through the present time and that this report be updated and presented to the Board at each of their subsequent meetings. Mr. Vallieres referenced the Board’s authority in asking for this per **Statute Section 21a-8. (Formerly Sec. 19-171g). Department’s and commissioner’s powers and duties re boards and commissions.**

Mr. Kuzmich also advised the Board that he communicated their previous action pertaining to the respondent associated with closed Complaint Case Number 2013-587 which was requested by Mr. Bish at a previous meeting. In review, Mr. Vallieres noted that the same individual appears again on a complaint report given to the Board earlier

in association with Complaint Case Number 2013-626. Mr. Vallieres reviewed the details of the past complaint which concerned an individual using another individual's electrical license and misrepresenting himself as an electrician. The most recent complaint again involves the same individual and very similar details. Although this individual is no longer licensed and therefore beyond the Board's jurisdiction, the Board believes that the Department should take it upon themselves to bring charges against this individual relating to misrepresentation due to the blatant and egregious attempt by this individual to again commit the same crime. As such, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Department that they personally pursue charges against the respondent in association with any other appropriate State Agency such as the State's Attorney's Office. The Board also asked that the Department report back to the Board at their next meeting on the status of their request.

Mr. Kuzmich advised that Mr. Bish can contact Mr. Maloney directly by telephone or e-mail regarding the Board's previous action and he will advise him of what the Department can and cannot do in this matter.

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

(A) Appearance before the Board by Mr. Radoslaw Sredinicki concerning the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Application for Examination for Mr. Karol Zielinski. Mr. Vallieres reviewed this matter for the Board noting that Mr. Zielinski's application for licensing was sponsored by Mr. Sredinicki's company and that Mr. Zielinski had completed his on-the-job training hours required for his apprenticeship well in advance of the Department of Labor being notified of the same by his employer. Mr. Sredinicki never notified the Department of Labor as required to inform them of his employee's completion of the apprenticeship requirements. Mr. Zielinski informed the Board that he had asked his employer several times to send this letter only to be told that he would take care of the matter when, in fact, it was never done.

Mr. Sredinicki informed the Board that he did send this letter to the Department of Consumer Protection. This letter was never received by the Department or the Board. Since that time, Mr. Sredinicki noted that he sent Mr. Zielinski's apprenticeship completion letter to the Department of Labor.

The Board's main concern was the amount of time which passed between when Mr. Zielinski's completed his on-the-job training hours and when the letter was sent by Mr. Sredinicki. Mr. Vallieres explained the rules of the apprenticeship program and the obligations assigned to the employer in this relationship. In conclusion, the Board asked that Mr. Sredinicki forward a copy of the letter sent to the Department of Labor to Mr. Kuzmich to be presented to the Board at their next regular meeting scheduled for September 12, 2014.

6. Request to Appear before the Board;

No one scheduled to appear 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 Board's 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) **Jackson, Anthony A.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied for the E-1 Contractor License Examination and changed his application type to the E-2 Journeyperson Examination per the Board's recommendation at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for the E-2 License Examination. (Soter/Silva)

(2) **Kuhn, Raymond S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied for the E-2 Journeyperson License Examination and changed his application type to a C-6 per the Board's recommendation at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for the C-6 License Examination. (Soter/Yusza)

(3) **Laino, Thomas** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied for the C-5 Contractor License Examination and changed his application type to a T-2 per the Board's recommendation at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for the T-2 License Examination. (Soter/Yusza)

(4) **Pare, Raymond R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this 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), except as otherwise noted, 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)

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters:

- (1) **Ashwell, Benjamin C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (2) **Brady, Tyler R.** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (3) **Burciaga, Virjihio D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (4) **Cruz, Jonathan V.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Cutter, Joseph W.** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Fellows, Douglas R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Gregor, III, John M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Hurney, Evan P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Laufer, Erik C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Michaud, Oliva B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Mingione, Maxwell S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(13) **Re, Thomas D.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(14) **Richmond, Ryan M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(15) **Rogers, Christopher B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(16) **Udike, Kathryn L.** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(17) **Vallera, Joseph C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(18) **Watt, III, Claude E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(19) **Williams, Mark A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(20) **Wiggins, Robert B.** – 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 September 12, 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 Journey person license types. (Soter/Yusza)

(1) **Foster, Donald S.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(3) **McCusker, Liam F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application for the E-2 Journeyperson License Examination. (Soter/Silva)

(4) **Roseberry, Michael R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Schneider, Kenneth W.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Trudel, Scott K.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

A. **Hermann, Paul J.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Hermann changed the license examination type he is applying for from a C-5 to a C-6 at the Board's July 11, 2014 meeting per the Board's recommendation. The Board voted to table his application because it is incomplete as it stands. The application is missing official transcripts of applicant's related classroom instruction and written documentation of his completed on-the-job training hours.

The applicant changed the license examination type he is applying for from a C-6 to a T-2 at the Board's recommendation at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Silva)

B. **Saadat, Shahriar** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed the license examination type he is applying for from a C-5 to a C-6 at the Board's July 11, 2014 meeting per the Board's recommendation. The Board voted unanimously to deny the application based upon a lack of the required on-the-job training hours. The Board noted the related classroom instruction hours component of his application has been satisfied.

Upon review of additional documentation provided by the applicant at today's meeting, 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 reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

No items were discussed.

21. New Business:

(A) E-Mail from Mr. Peter Childree dated August 5, 2014 concerning complaint made against Continuing Education Provider Connecticut Electrical Training Center; for the Board's information. After a thorough review and discussion of this e-mail by all Board members, they voted, unanimously, to take no action in this matter. (Soter/Silva) It was decided that the issue at hand is a matter to be settled between the appropriate parties, not for the Board to decide, and out of their jurisdiction.

(B) Discussion concerning development of the Occupational Trades Application for Continuing Education Providers for Electricians for the 2015 License Renewal Year. Mr. Vallieres presented the Board with a draft of the “Application for Occupational Trades for Continuing Education for Electricians for the 2015 License Rnewal Year”. After a detailed presentation of this material to the Board by Mr. Vallieres and thorough review and discussion of the same by the Board, they voted unanimously to approve the documentation as presented. (Soter/Yusza)

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 10:14 AM. (Soter/Silva) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2014 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (Vallieres/Gavin-Kuhn)

Respectfully Submitted,

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