

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

MARCH 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of March 13, 2015 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:34 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

Members Absent: Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
David Munsill, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

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

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

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Others Present:

Jesus Cruz, Premium Electric
Joshua Miner, Mercier Electric
Jason Montville, Mercier Electric
James Morzillo, HI-CFO Electric
Robert Woytowich
Jason Lopes, Griffin Electric
David M. Coelho
Joe Corvais, Baldwin Electric
Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor
Andrew Laufman, ACE

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 the February 13, 2015.

Mr. Vallieres noted amendments he wished to make to the draft minutes submitted to the Board for review. The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended below. (Halloran/Soter) It is noted that Mr. Bish abstained from the vote because he was not present at the February 13, 2015 meeting.

Page three (3), paragraph two (2) is amended to read as follows:

“In response to questions from Mr. Vallieres on behalf of the Board, it was stated that Eversource is hiring private contractors and training them in meter replacement work noting that the company’s primary objection to hiring Connecticut licensed electricians to perform this work is the additional cost. Mr. Vallieres stated that he objects to the reference in Eversource’s documentation that states “*Meter installing is similar to “plugging in” a toaster*”. He noted that in his opinion, this is an inaccurate analogy and cited the many safety concerns associated with doing this type of work.”

Page three (3), paragraph five (5) is amended to read as follows:

“Mr. Martin thanked the Board for their time and will check with other company associates and get back to the Board.”

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.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Trade Practices report. (Soter/Faith Gavin-Kuhn) Mr. Vallieres noted after the vote that he is pleased with the content of this report.

5. 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) **Covais, Jr., Joseph D.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table this application based upon insufficient documentation of the required on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **Cruz, Jesus B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the application subject to receipt by the Department of documentation submitted by the applicant of completion of the OSHA 30 certification. (Halloran/Soter) Upon receipt of this material, the Department is authorized by the Board to approve the applicant for testing with their test vendor.

The Board also noted that the applicant's employer's letterhead does not indicate the E-1 license holder's license number as required by statute.

(3) **George, Daniel M.** – 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.

(4) **Laufman, Andrew S.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the application subject to receipt by the Department of documentation submitted by the applicant of completion of the OSHA 30 certification. (Halloran/Bish) Upon receipt of this material, the Department is authorized by the Board to approve the applicant for testing with their test vendor.

(5) **Lopes, Jason A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the application subject to receipt by the Department of documentation submitted by the applicant of completion of the OSHA 30 certification. (Soter/Bish) Upon receipt of this material, the Department is authorized by the Board to approve the applicant for testing with their test vendor.

(6) **Maily, James M.** – 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.

(7) **Miner, Joshua F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the application subject to receipt by the Department of documentation submitted by the applicant of completion of the OSHA 30 certification. (Soter/Bish) Upon receipt of this material, the Department is authorized by the Board to approve the applicant for testing with their test vendor.

(8) **Montville, Jason S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the application subject to receipt by the Department of documentation submitted by the applicant of completion of the OSHA 30 certification. (Halloran/Bish) Upon receipt of this material, the Department is authorized by the Board to approve the applicant for testing with their test vendor.

(9) **Morzillo, James C.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table this application pending complete documentation of applicant's on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

5A. 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/Halloran)

- (1) **Bibuljica, Anis** – 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (2) **Boczar, Daniel J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (3) **Byrd, Aaron L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (4) **Catellano, James J.** – 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (5) **Carrillo, Henry J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Charles, Gregory** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Cicalo, Joseph M.** – 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (8) **Conway, Harrison M.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Crumb, Jr., David B.** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Cusano, Christopher M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (11) **Cyr, Christopher L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **DeFilippo, Jr., Antonio** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Geidel, Jonathan 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (14) **Gibbs, Daniel D.** – 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (15) **Goss, Jr., Robert A.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Graziano, Gary J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Grieger, Gregory W.** – 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (18) **Hazen, John W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Maiorino, Joseph A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Mendez, Wendy M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Noonan, III, Robert J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (22) **O'Brien, Jr., Robert L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **O'Donnell, Patrick M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (24) **Peck, Kyle J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (25) **Roberts, Ebron J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (26) **Russo, Jr., Robert G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (27) **Sabia, Frank A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (28) **Scarpati, Nicholas J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (29) **Scicolone, David J.** – 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 New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (30) **Sessa, Justin K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (31) **Smith, Kevin A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (32) **Underwood, Royal E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (33) **Wallace, John A.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (34) **White, William 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 them at their April 10, 2015 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. (Soter/Bish)

- (1) **Biley, Jr., Ivan I.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

- (2) **Delli Carpini, James M.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Collins, William L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (4) **DeJesus, Sandry** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (5) **Haskell, Ronald D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (6) **Limauro, Nicholas C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (7) **Lulu, Christopher R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (8) **Oliver, Kyle R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (9) **Patterson, David M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (10) **Post, Danny** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (11) **Sheldon, Rodney A.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

- (1) **Coelho, David M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied for the E-1 license examination and changed his application type at the Board Meeting on February 13, 2015 to an E-2 license examination type after a discussion with the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application on the basis of a lack of the required on-the-job training hours.

The Board reviewed new documentation submitted by the applicant at today's meeting. The majority of this material illustrates experience in storm restoration work and not the variety of electrical work required for the unlimited journey person's license. Mr. Halloran suggested to Mr. Coelho that he consider changing his application type to the

L-2 Unlimited Journeyperson for high-voltage line work which the Board would approve. The applicant declined this offer.

Mr. Coelho stated to the Board in the past that he would not actually be performing the work of an E-2 Journeyperson and wanted the license more for his credentials as a Trade School teacher. The Board acknowledged this but stated that the E-2 license type gives the licensee the ability to perform unlimited electrical work under supervision of an E-1 going forward. Further, they noted that they are charged with following the statutes and regulations in the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare. As such, the Board voted, unanimously to deny this application based upon insufficient evidence of the required on-the-job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)

7. 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) E-Mail from Mr. Robert Boender, Electrical Inspector/Building Official, City of Stamford, dated February 25, 2015, concerning Continuing Education for Electricians; for the Board's discussion. The Board discussed this item at length and noted that continuing education offering cannot be offered with other offerings in accordance with the Board's regulations. This e-mail references an entity that appears to be doing this against the Board's regulations. This provider is not listed as an approved provider and the e-mail suggests that his offering is approved by the Connecticut Electrical Board. After significant discussion, the Board requires that a representative from State Wide Inspection Services, Inc. and other appropriate personnel come before them at their April 10, 2016 Regular Meeting.

(C) Statute Section 21a-8 (8) Department's and commissioner's powers and duties re boards and commissions; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(D) Raised Bill No. 6808 - An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes; for the Board's information. Ms. Gavin-Kuhn cited a recent United States Supreme Court Ruling in conjunction with this proposed legislation; in particular how this ruling would affect the cease and desist aspect of this proposed Bill. She noted that this Supreme Court Ruling is being looked at together with this Bill since the court ruling is very broad and goes through each Federal District. Mr. Vallieres had involvement in the development of this legislation last year and stated that the cease and desist aspect was something not everyone was in favor of including himself. He cited a hypothetical example illustrating his position.

(E) Correspondence regarding use of DCP State Seal as a part of displaying License Number; for the Board's information. Mr. Bish questioned whether or not a contractor is allowed to display on his trucks and office stationary the consumer protection decal. Mr. Bish believes they should not be permitted because it can be misconstrued by consumers as an advanced level of licensure/certification. Mr. Hurlburt will further investigate this matter.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM. (Soter/Halloran) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2015 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