

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

JULY 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of July 10, 2015 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

Members Absent: David Munsill, Journeyman

Member Vacancies: One (1) Non-Union Contractor
One (1) Union Unlimited Journeyman
Three (3) Public Members

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

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Prior to the start of today's meeting, Board Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres, on behalf of the Board, gave a heartfelt acknowledgement of the recent passing of Board Member Frank Halloran. Mr. Vallieres spoke of Mr. Halloran's dedication to his profession and to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Connecticut. In addition to his professional affiliation with Mr. Halloran, Mr. Vallieres noted that he will be missed a friend as well.

Public Board Member Ms. Faith Gavin-Kuhn cited Mr. Halloran's willingness to explain the details of the electrical profession to her in the course of discussion of the technical aspects of applications being reviewed for which she was very appreciative.

Mr. Vallieres read aloud to the Board an official document presented to the Halloran family from State of Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy which offers the State's official appreciation of Mr. Halloran's duties on the Board and dedication to his profession and the people of Connecticut. The document also offers sincere sympathies, on behalf of the State of Connecticut, to Mr. Halloran's family.

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Others Present:

- Steven A. Kacoyannakis
- Kenneth Martone
- Frank Pirtslo
- Mike Viens, Encore Fire
- John Valente, Valente Electric
- Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor
- Jonathan Rivera, Griffin Electric
- Jared Botteron, Wachter, Inc.

1. 8:30 AM call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of the *June 19, 2015*.

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

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

4. DCP Trade Practices Division Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review by the Board.

Mr. Kuzmich noted that he did not receive a report from the Trade Practices Division. Mr. Vallieres noted that he will e-mail the appropriate Department personnel in an effort to receive these reports on a monthly basis, as mandated by State Statute.

5. Request to Appear before the Board;

1. **Mikhaylichenko, Denis** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to table this application at their meeting held July 11, 2014. The application indicates that the applicant is short approximately 150 hours of related classroom instruction. Although requesting to be on the Board's Agenda for today's meeting, the applicant was not present at this meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

2. **Rivera, Jonathan M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this applicant for his respective examination type at their meeting held June 19, 2015 subject to receipt by the Department of certified proof of completion of an additional 200 hours of on-the-job training and OSHA Certification. Upon review of the additional documentation submitted to the Board at today's meeting, the Board tabled this application subject to receipt by the Department of the applicant's OSHA 30 Certification. (Bish/Soter) Upon receipt of this documentation, the Department is authorized by the Board to approve the applicant for his test with the testing company.

3 **Viens, Michael R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application at their meeting held May 8, 2015 based upon it being incomplete. The applicant changed his application type from E-2 to C-6 at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon not having the required related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Yusza)

6. 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) **Dziadosz, Jaroslaw** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.
- (2) **Funaro, Raymond J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.
- (3) **Kacoyannakis, Stephen A.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from E-1 to E-2 at today’s meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table this application based upon not having the required related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Bish) The applicant noted to the Board that he is currently working with the Department of Education regarding the deficiencies in his related classroom instruction. Applicant noted to the Board that his appointment with them today was already scheduled prior to his knowledge of not having the required classroom instruction hours.
- (4) **Martone, Kenneth G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application at today’s meeting pending a written evaluation of his related classroom instruction by the Department of Education and OSHA 30 Certification. (Bish/Soter)
- (5) **Oram, Cody E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.
- (6) **Ritchie, Jeremiah S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.
- (7) **Rowse, William R.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.
- (8) **Valente, John** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from E-1 to E-2 at today’s meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table this application based upon a further formal evaluation of his related classroom instruction by the Department of Education and notarized documentation of his on-the-job training hours. (Soter/Yusza)

The Board voted to add the following application to today's meeting agenda:

(9) **Botteron, Jared W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application at their meeting held July 10, 2015 pending official verification of his related classroom instruction hours and OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Bish) The Board noted that applicant's on-the-job training hours are compliant but the documentation of the same needs to be notarized.

6A. 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. (Bish/Soter)

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters:

(1) **Ackerson, William K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Denino, Brian** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **DePalma, Eric S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Drenckhahn, Christian J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Hall, Steven L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Hoffman, Kyle A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(7) **Morgan, Kyle L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(8) **Morys, Marcin** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(10) **Todd, Matthew R.** - 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 August 7, 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. (Bish/Soter)

(1) **Albert, Jason M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Berg, Rudolph J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Orlins, Richard C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Washer, Jeffrey E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Wingard, II, David J.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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) Content Areas - Part II - 2014 NEC Code Changes - Chapters 1-3 (3 Hours Instructional Time) as required for 2016 Electrical Continuing Education for electricians in Connecticut. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) E-Mail from Mr. Pasquale Ciarleglio dated June 29, 2015 concerning Penn Foster Career School; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres noted that this e-mail alerts the Board that the Penn Foster Career School is approved but only for the workforce development instruction program. The school offers two programs; one of which is not approved.

The Board appreciates this warning and thanked Mr. Ciarleglio for his efforts in notifying the Board in this matter.

8. New Business:

1. Subject of reciprocity as pertains to electrical licensing in Connecticut.

1.(A) E-Mail from Francis Boyer received June 13, 2015 regarding reciprocity of Electrical Licenses.

Mr. Vallieres cited the e-mail response previously forwarded to Mr. Boyer from Division Director Richard Hurlburt. Speaking on behalf of the Board, Mr. Vallieres agrees with and supports the information given to this applicant. Mr. Vallieres stated that the Statute states that reciprocity may be given with the advice and consent of the appropriate examining Board. He further noted that the Electrical Work Examining Board has never provided their consent in this matter.

Mr. Hurlburt further explained that this Board has had discussions on this topic in the past with a primary issue being the number classroom instruction hours and course content requirements of Connecticut not being the same when compared to other jurisdictions.

9. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM. (Soter/Silva) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 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