

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

There was no quorum for the Regular Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2017. Therefore, the Board met informally in Hearing Room J, Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Members Present: Ronald Bish, Unlimited Contractor
Laurence A. Vallieres, Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Robert Woytowich, Unlimited Journeyman

Members Absent: Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
David Munsill, Unlimited Journeyman
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Unlimited Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

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

DCP Board Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, License and Applications Specialist,
Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Division Director, Department of
Consumer Protection
John Neumon, Division Director, Department of
Consumer Protection

Others Present: Jonathan A. Harris, Commissioner, Department of
Consumer Protection
Michelle Seagull, Deputy, Commissioner, Department of
Consumer Protection
Keri Lamontagne, Department of Labor
Matt Markham, Solar City
Jonathan Carver, JJJ Electric
Lucas Papantoniou, AVA Electrical

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1. Call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:54 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 14, 2016.

The Board postponed action on this item due to a lack of a quorum. This item will be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda for review and approval.

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

4. DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the **DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review by the Board.**

The Department gave the Board a list of current complaints as obtained from their database. Commissioner Harris welcomed the Board to the Department's new offices. He also informed them that Ted Doolittle has accepted a position in the Office of the Healthcare Advocate and has left the Department of Consumer Protection. Commissioner Harris stated that John Neumon, Frauds Director, has agreed to oversee the investigative units that were within Mr. Doolittle's division. Mr. Neumon was introduced to the Board by both Commissioner Harris and Deputy Commissioner Seagull. The Commissioner also stated that the Department is seeking a new staff replacement attorney specifically for enforcement.

5. Applications to be acted on by the Board at today's meeting; applicants have requested to appear before the Board;

(1) **Carver, Jonathan W.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant completed the C-6 apprenticeship program and tested once for the license but failed and is before the Board today for consideration to sit for the E-2 Journeyman examination. There was no quorum, therefore, the Board did not formally vote on the application. The applicant was advised by the Board that he needs to acquire additional solar related instruction; two classes for a total of 30-36 hours. He also needs notarized statements from past and present employers as to dates and duties of employment to be considered for out-of-state work credit. Upon completion of these requirements, the Board will again review his application.

(2) **Markham, Matthew T.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. There was no quorum, therefore, the Board did not formally vote on the application. The applicant was advised by the Board that they need a formal evaluation of his related instruction as compared to that for the E-2

Journey person's license. In addition, the Board explained their requirement for a Connecticut Journey person's license to be held for two years prior to applying for the E-1 license examination. Further, they will reconsider the application if the applicant changes the application type from an E-1 to an E-2 otherwise it will be most likely be denied. Applicant will be e-mailed contact information as it relates to his related instruction evaluation.

(3) **Papantoniou, Lucas J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. There was no quorum, therefore, the Board did not formally vote on the application. The applicant was advised by the Board that they need proof of his related instruction as compared to that for the E-2 Journey person's license and OSHA 30 certification. In addition, the Board explained their requirement for a Connecticut Journey person's license to be held for two years prior to applying for the E-1 license examination. Further, they will reconsider the application if the applicant changes the application type from an E-1 to an E-2 and interpret his acquired on-the-job training hours otherwise it will be most likely be denied. Applicant will be e-mailed contact information as it relates to his related instruction evaluation.

The following application was added to today's meeting agenda:

(4) **Jonathan T. Okolita** – PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Upon their review, the Board noted that the applicant needs official transcripts of his related instruction. In addition, he needs to provide notarized statements from past and present employers as to dates and duties of his employment to substantiate his on-the-job-training hours. The applicant will be sent correspondence from the Department indicating the Board's comments.

6. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms for Continuing Education Course.

The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

7. Old Business:

(A) 2017 Continuing Education Submittal from NAT PRO Electrical Seminars, Inc.
Mr. Vallieres reviewed the re-submission from Nat Pro by Mr. Stan Kwake for becoming a Continued Education Provider for Electrical 2017 prior to today's meeting and found his Student Handbook to be in order. He approved him at that time. Mr. Kwake was notified of his approval. Since there is no quorum today, this item will be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda for their review and approval.

8. New Business:

(A) Continuing Education Reciprocity Agreement dated December 29, 2016 from Mr. Robert T. Ferguson, Esq., Executive Director, Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians. The Board discussed this document and draft response presented to them from Department Director Richard M. Hurlburt. In general, the Board agrees with Mr. Hurlburt's draft response which states that, at present, any Massachusetts Continuing Education provider can simply apply to be approved in Connecticut. There have been no problems found with past providers from Massachusetts since the original inception of P.A. 02-142 effective June 14, 2002. Therefore, there is no necessity to have such agreement. This item will be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda for further discussion.

(B) Board member Ron Bish noted several issues he found with some current continuing education providers. In particular, one provider is requiring the applicant provide his/her birthdate on the class application form. Another provider is offering "combination" classes for Connecticut and New York licensees. The Department and Board will pursue these concerns.

(C) The Board discussed the legislative change concerning reinstatement periods for lapsed licenses.

(D) Mr. Vallieres noted that he sits on the Hiring Ratio Relief Investigations Committee in association with apprenticeship programs and workforce needs. He stated that there are new hiring ratio proposals to be raised in the near future

(E) Mr. Vallieres requested the Board consider an additional meeting next month since there was no quorum today. The Department will try to set Friday, March 10, 2017 as the date with the same time and location as their other meetings.

9. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Upcoming Electrical Board Meeting Dates:

April 7, 2017

June 9, 2017

August 11, 2017

October 13, 2017

December 8, 2017

Meetings take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Building, Hearing Room J, Hartford, CT 06103 beginning at 8:30 AM.