

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

JUNE 9, 2017

The Regular Meeting of June 9, 2017 was held in the Department of Consumer Protection - North Building, Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

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

Members Absent: David Munsill, Unlimited Journeyman

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
Paulette Annon, Staff Attorney, Department of Consumer
Protection

Others Present: Michelle H. Seagull, Commissioner, Department of
Consumer Protection
Paul Femia, Apprenticeship Division, Department of Labor
Todd Berch, Director of Apprenticeship Training, Department of
Labor
Christopher Deni
Thomas Giuliano
Paul Costello, IBEW - JATC 90

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1. Call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings: April 7, 2017.

The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Soter)

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

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

Mr. John Neumon introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Neumon is the Department's Investigation Division Director. He addressed particular questions from the Board regarding specific complaints listed on the report that was given to them at today's meeting. Mr. Vallieres stated that in some instances, based upon the nature of some particular complaints, he believes that the Board should be directly involved in the investigation because of their technical expertise in the matter.

Ms. Paulette Annon was introduced to the Board. Ms. Annon is a newly hired Staff Attorney and has been assigned to this Board. She gave them an overview of her professional and educational background. Ms. Annon will be responsible for bringing any complaints before the Board in the future. The Board welcomed her and looks forward to working with her in the future.

5. Applications for Board Review;

(1) **Giuliano, Thomas J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant scheduled to appear in person at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to forward applicant's application to the Department of Labor for their comparative analysis of related instruction and on the job training. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(2) **Geleski, Edward M.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application as being incomplete. (Soter/Bish) The Board will consider his application for an E-2 Unlimited Journeyman but not as an E-1 Unlimited Contractor provided that he supplies documented proof of his 720 hours of related instruction and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training as required for the E-2 license type. In addition, he must first hold the E-2 license type for two years before applying for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor type. The Board offered him the opportunity to appear before them at their next regular meeting scheduled for August 11, 2017. His application will be returned by mail.

6. Request for Reinstatement;

(A) Chris Deni; E-2 Electrical Unlimited Journeyman; license expired September 30, 2005. The Board previously tabled this application at their April 7, 2017 meeting and required the applicant to come before them at today's meeting. The applicant appeared and, after discussion, the Board denied his application for reinstatement of his E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License. The Board then voted, unanimously, to approve the applicant to retest for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's license subject to his completion (and receipt by the Department) of his OSHA 30 Certification. (Bish/Soter)

(B) Nicholas J. Wilson, E-2 Electrical Unlimited Journeyman; license expired September 30, 2013. The Board tabled this application at their April 7, 2017 meeting and required the applicant to come before them at today's meeting. The Applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested. As such, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application for the reinstatement of his E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License. (Soter)

7. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms for Continuing Education Courses. The Board reviewed all licensee comments concerning the continuing education courses.

8. Old Business:

(A) Discussion concerning Statute Section 21a-4 and reinstatement of lapsed licenses. The Department provided the Board with the statutes and legislative history detailing the timeframe for the reinstatement of lapsed licenses. It was confirmed that license's lapsed over two years from the date of expiration shall have their licenses reinstated only upon complying with the requirements of Section 20-335. The Board thanked the Department for this information.

(B) E-Mail dated March 9, 2017 from John W. Yusza concerning CASIA NTS Training Program acceptance.

Mr. Yusza explained to the Board that this program's related classroom instruction hours were approved in the past by the Department of Labor. Since that time, the program's approval has been retracted and the required classroom hours have changed leaving the current status of the training program deficient in the number of hours required. This has created problems for apprentices who started with one education standard and now must abide by a different standard in order to graduate.

Mr. Vallieres, speaking on behalf of the Board, understands Mr. Yusza's issue. However, he stated that the Board must follow the course outline and number of required hours of related instruction as currently in effect by the Department of Labor. He also offered to assist Mr. Yusza in any way he can. Mr. Yusza thanked all for their time and effort and will move forward in making his course curriculum compliant in both subject matter and number of hours required.

(C) Discussion with Mr. Todd Berch, Apprenticeship Manager, with the Connecticut Department of Labor, concerning the Comparative Analysis of Related Instruction and On the Job Training Process as it pertains to occupational license examination applications. Mr. Berch was present at today's meeting. The Board received a copy of the Request for Comparative Analysis of Related Instruction and on-the-job training document. They acknowledged receipt of this document.

9. New Business:

(A) "Proposed Legislation" - Substitute Senate Bill No. 826 – An Act Making Changes to Department of Consumer Protection Statutes. The Board acknowledged receipt of this document.

(B) Mr. Vallieres will begin work on the Board's 2017-2018 Application for Continuing Education Providers for the electrical profession. He will bring this documentation to the Board's next meeting for their review and discussion.

10. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM. (Soter)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Upcoming Electrical Board Meeting Dates:

August 25, 2017
October 13, 2017
December 8, 2017

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