

*S T A T E O F C O N N E C T I C U T*  
*DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION*

*ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD*  
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State of Connecticut  
Department of Consumer Protection  
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The meeting of January 14, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:30 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  
Roger L. Johnson, Jr., Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
Raymond A. Turri, Contractor  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Eric B. Collett, Public Member  
Sandy Marino, Public Member  
David Munsill, Journeyman  
Mario Tolla, Public Member

**Member Vacancy:** None

**DCP Staff Present:** Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,  
License and Applications Specialist

**General Public:** Steven Wydler  
Stephen Meade  
William Gallaher  
Michael Trahan  
Jason Ross

Angel Perez  
Curtis Grullon  
Paul Costello  
Ronald J. Albaitis  
Keri Lamontagne,

Department of Labor  
Labor/Apprenticeship  
Training

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1. 8:30 AM Call to order; Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of December 10, 2010; *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Johnson)*

3. Report from Trade Practice Division; Mr. Kuzmich distributed this report to the Board at the meeting since it was received subsequent to the mailing of the Board's meeting package.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request; no individuals.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

A. Mr. Michael Trahan, Executive Director, Solar Connecticut, Inc. regarding discussion of the photo-voltaic (PV) license type; Mr. Trahan introduced himself to the Board and explained his job and the nature of the company he works for. He is before the Board today regarding a letter dated 12-10-10 from the State Building Official's Office to all Municipal Building Officials having to do with the clarification of the PV-1 license type.

He believes that there is a misunderstanding on the part of the Building Officials regarding the license types required to pull building permits on photo-voltaic installations. Mr. Trahan introduced Mr. Jason Ross from Ross Solar, an active installer of photo-voltaic systems to speak with the Board. Mr. Ross holds the PV-1 license.

Mr. Ross noted that since the release of this letter, he is unable to get permits for approximately eight jobs his company has applied for due to confusion, he claims, on the part of the Building Officials because of this letter. He gave the Board a history of the jobs his company has done in the past all over Connecticut and a summary of his educational background. He is now unsure of the future regarding the ability of his company to get the required permits.

Mr. Turri asked Mr. Ross to explain the confusion he references regarding the Building Officials and photo-voltaic installations. Mr. Ross stated that law previously had read that with his license type, he was able to pull all the necessary permits. He stated that recently, this Board has taken it upon themselves to redefine the law nearly six years after this license type was introduced.

Mr. Turri asked Mr. Ross to explain where he believes his work responsibility begins and ends with his PV-1 license. The discussion now focused on the end PV installations and the integration of the PV System with the existing power system of the home or business. Mr. Vallieres explained that the PV license is a limited license type and as such does not allow the license holder to tie into the existing home or business. The letter issued by the State Building Inspector was simply a clarification given to her by this Board and not a redefinition of the law. Mr. Ross believes the Board misconstrued two lines of the law that has now led to confusion in the industry.

Mr. Johnson reinforced the fact that this Board did not reinterpret the law nor change any wording in the Statutes. The Board clarified only what was already written and make it clear that PV work did involve work with various voltages. He suggested that the Mr. Ross's company might contact the Department or the State Building Official's Office in the cases where they were denied permits. Mr. Johnson also made it clear that any E-2 license holder employed by Mr. Ross can only do work limited to Mr. Ross's PV-1 license because he is not under the direct employ of an E-1 license holder.

In conclusion, Mr. Trahan asks the Board if the PV-1 can still obtain the permit necessary for his work because in the past, that was the case. Mr. Vallieres stated that the Board does not regulate the permit process. He noted that a contactor license type is required in this State to pull a permit. Depending on the extent of the system, a PV-1 license type may suffice but if the system has to be tied into other equipment within the facility, than an E-1 license holder needs to take out a permit for that portion of the work.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today; None.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination:

A. Robbins, Debra L. – E-1 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Ms. Robbins was not present at today’s meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on her application.

B. Dituri, Giovanni – E-1 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Dituri notified the Department prior to today’s meeting asking that he be rescheduled for another date noting that he was still gathering information for the Board to review. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

C. Grullon, Curtis N. - E2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to table this application based upon lack of the required on-the-job training hours required. Further, based upon the documentation they reviewed at the meeting, the Board determined that the applicant’s related classroom instruction is not equivalent to that required in Connecticut. (Halloran/Soter)

D. Gustafson, Mark A. – T-1 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Gustafson notified the Department prior to today’s meeting asking that he be rescheduled for another date noting that he was unable to find someone to cover him at work. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

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

A. Albaitis, Ronald J. – E-2 applicant seeking re-consideration of his equivalent experience and training; Attorney David V. DeRosa notified the Department prior to today’s meeting asking that his client, Mr. Ronald J. Albaitis’s, application be continued to the Board’s February 4, 2011 meeting. As such, the Board postponed further action on this application.

B. Meade, Stephen M. – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted, unanimously, to deny his application based upon lack of the required related classroom instruction and lack of a certification of completion of a registered State Apprenticeship program. (Soter/Turri)

C. Perez, Angel L. – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required on-the-job training hours noting that he is approximately 2,500 hours short of the required 8,000 hours. (Turri/Bish)

9. Applicant(s) for Licensure Appearing in Person:

A. Gallaher, William E. – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit for the license examination on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Vallieres noted that the applicant, Mr. William E. Gallaher, is seeking approval to sit for the E-1 license examination. The applicant noted that he has no transcripts of formal schooling instead thirty years of experience and a Master Electrician's license from the city of Poughkeepsie, New York for the last twelve years. It was noted that the applicant has no documented schooling and only code courses he has taken over the last fifteen years. Mr. Gallaher's training came from his father and from the people he worked for the last thirty years.

*Mr. Halloran made a motion to deny this application which was seconded by Mr. Soter based upon a lack of related instruction transcripts. As such, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (Halloran/Soter)*

Mr. Gallaher questioned the possibility of applying for an E-2 license. Mr. Vallieres noted that he would still have to maintain an E-2 license for at least two years to qualify for the E-1 license and the related instruction transcripts will still be required for the E-2 license type.

10. Request for Renewal of License: None

11. Request for Reinstatement:

A. Leahy, Jamie E. – E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (9/30/2009) without retesting; *the Board voted unanimously to deny the reinstatement of his lapsed license and require that Mr. Leahy reapply and retake the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.*

B. Shaw, Tod A. – E-1 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (9/30/2009) without retesting; *Mr. Shaw was not present at today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.*

C. Wydler, Steve D. – E-1 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09/30/2008); *the Board voted, unanimously, to deny the reinstatement of Mr. Wydler's lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.*

12. Request for Reconsideration; none.

13. Request to Suspend; none.

14. Proposed Settlements and /or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

15. Notice of Continuance; none

16. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss without Prejudice; none.

17. Request to revise; none.

18. Request to Reopen; none.

19. Review of Examination Results; none.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

20. Review of Correspondence;

A. Letter to Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector, dated November 30, 2010 from Richard E. Maloney and Richard M. Hurlburt from the Department of Consumer Protection; for the Board's information.

B. Letter to Municipal Building Officials, dated December 10, 2010, from Lisa R. Humble, State Building Inspector; for the Board's information.

21. Old Business; none.

22. New Business; none.

23. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings; none.

24. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision; none.

25. Final Decisions Pending Signature; none.

26. Adjournment;

*The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM. (Halloran/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2011 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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