

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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MARCH 9, 2012

The meeting of March 9, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:31 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
Sandy Marino, Public Member
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Mario Tolla, Public Member

Member Vacancy: Three (Journeyman, Contractor, & Public Member)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,
License and Applications Specialist
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

General Public: Michael Schmerl
Jodi Powers
Jonathan Bidlack
Fred M. Mekkelsen
Robert Woytowich
James Morris
Paul Mena
Jesse T. Green
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Stephen Kurtz
Joel C. Correll
Jeffrey Henley
Everett Longston
Joseph Bonini

Andy Pellegrini
Eric Horsa
Kevin White
Richard Mallet
Ralph Gulla
Duane Burke

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1. 8:30 AM Call to order; Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of February 10, 2012; Mr. Vallieres noted Agenda Item 2(A) for today's meeting shall be corrected to read "...minutes of February 10, 2012." *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. (Soter/Halloran)*

3. Report from Trade Practice Division;

(A) Mr. Richard Maloney addressed the Board regarding his Division Status. He noted that he presently has two occupational inspectors and one secretary. The Department receives approximately 400 cases per year out of which approximately one hundred are electrical complaints. Mr. Maloney described the general nature of most of this Board's complaints. It was noted that his Department is very shorthanded. He also noted that his Department is trying to focus on the more important safety issues for the consumer which involves more field inspections.

Mr. Soter asked Mr. Maloney what happens to contractors that are sent from this Board to Trade Practices with sworn affidavits that state that the applicants before the Board have worked for them. In response, the Department has to interview each contractor to determine where the applicants did in fact work. It is found often that many applicants are less than truthful in telling who they worked for in the past.

Mr. Halloran stated that in the future this Board will try to send the aggregated complaints in an effort to help the Department close these cases. The Board wants to do their part to assist the Department in protecting the consumer. The Board also wants the Department to have their investigators out in the field as much as possible. Mr. Halloran thanked Mr. Maloney for providing the Board with copies of the closed cases they asked for previously and that the paperwork clearly demonstrates the diligent effort the Department makes in settling these matters which pleases him and the rest of the Board.

In conclusion, Mr. Maloney asked the Board that he would like them to consider an Occupational Contract which would help the Department in determining the scope of work the consumer has paid for and aid them in resolving complaints. The form of contract currently being used for home improvement was suggested as a base to develop the Occupational Contract. The Board was very pleased with their discussion with Mr. Maloney and thanked him for coming to the Board meeting today

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;

No scheduled appearances.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

No scheduled appearances.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today;

A. 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 Boards 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.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination: applicant(s) appearing in person.

(1) **Bellantoni, Thomas** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-30-11) Mr. Bellantoni was not present at today's meeting therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Bidlack, Jonathan R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-09-12) The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending proof of his Related Classroom Instruction and receipt of a detailed work history from his past employers. (Soter/Halloran)

(3) **Burke, Duane S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (08-12-11) The Board voted unanimously to his application pending proof of his related classroom instruction and receipt of a detailed work history from his past employers. (Halloran/Soter)

(4) **Correll, Joel** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Yusza)

(5) **Green, Jesse** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12) The applicant withdrew his application at today's meeting.

(6) **Henley, Jeffrey L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-13-11) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of Related Classroom Instruction and a detailed breakdown of your on-the job training. (Halloran/Soter)

(7) **Kurtz, Stephan** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12) The applicant withdrew his application at today's meeting.

(8) **Mallet, Richard J.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-16-12) The applicant withdrew his application at today's meeting.

(9) **Mathewson, Jared S.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-30-11) Mr. Mathewson was not present at today's meeting therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(10) **Mena, Paul** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12) The applicant withdrew his application at today's meeting.

(11) **Marra, John A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-16-11) Mr. Marra was not present at today's meeting therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(12) **Mekkelsen, IV, Fred M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-09-12) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)

(13) **Morris, James A.** - L-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-01-12) The applicant withdrew his application at today's meeting.

(14) **Pellegrini, Andrew D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction. (Soter/Bish)

(15) **Powers, Jodi L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-03-12) The Board voted unanimously to approve her application. (Bish/Soter)

(16) **Schmerl, Michael** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny his application based upon not holding a PV-2 Journeyperson's License for the requisite two years. (Soter/Halloran)

(17) **Longston, Everett C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant requested at today's meeting that he be added to the agenda for consideration by the Board. Mr. Longston was scheduled to appear before the Board on February 10, 2012 but was not present. The applicant withdrew his application at today's meeting.

7A. First Review of Application(s) for Licensure Examination - Applicants Not Appearing

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including additions) 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.

(1) **Betke, Scott M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-17-12)

(2) **Blancato, Sebastian V.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-13-12)

- (3) **Bray, Jr., Alan B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-04-12)
- (4) **Bryan, Jeffrey W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-04-12)
- (5) **Byrnes, Gregory W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-27-12)
- (6) **Cappucia, Domenico** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-11-12)
- (7) **Campagna, William A.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-10-12)
- (8) **Casey, Bryan D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-21-12)
- (9) **Dicanio, Mark** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-04-12)
- (10) **DiVita, Raymond R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-07-12)
- (11) **Evankow, Nicholas A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-07-12)
- (12) **Gagnon, Nicholas J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-16-12)
- (13) **Holdridge, Jr., James F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-07-12)
- (14) **Hull, Kyle W.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-13-12)
- (15) **Maddox, Ryan B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-09-12)
- (16) **Mastergeorge, Daniel L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-18-12)
- (17) **Matava, David A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-10-12)

- (18) **Mauke, Christopher H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-18-12)
- (19) **Merrill, Michael T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-15-12)
- (20) **Miller, Craig A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-06-12)
- (21) **Neumann, Roy A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-21-12)
- (22) **Oechsler, James J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-18-12)
- (23) **Silva, Michael A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-21-12)
- (24) **Tomsheck, Peter C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-18-12)
- (25) **Urquidi, Thomas J.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (02-06-12)

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their April 13, 2012 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types. Mr. Kuzmich will mail the Board Meeting Date information in addition to the information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journeyman license types.

- (1) **Andreichik, Andrei** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-07-11)
- (2) **Babic, Jr., Ivan** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-03-12)
- (3) **Borress, Joseph J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-02-12)
- (4) **Chaffee, Todd A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-17-12)

- (5) **Cuttell, Darryl H.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-08-12)
- (6) **Gardner, Sean H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-17-12)
- (7) **Picard, Charles J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-10-12)
- (8) **Whitcomb, Vincent R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-17-12)

8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person: none before the Board today.

A.) **Bonini, Joseph R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on February 10, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of completion of the Related Classroom Instruction and On-The Job Training.

After a review of the documentation presented to the Board by the applicant, they voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of completion of On-The Job Training with a registered apprenticeship program. (Soter/Bish)

B.) **Horsa, Eric P.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on April 8, 2011, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required 360 hours of related classroom instruction as it pertains to the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyperson License type.

After a review of the documentation presented to the Board by the applicant, they voted unanimously to approve his application to sit for the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyperson's Examination. (Soter/Bish)

C.) **White, Kevin J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on January 13, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his work history from his past employers and transcripts of his related classroom instruction.

After a review of the documentation submitted to them by the applicant, the Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of an Official High School Transcript. (Halloran/Soter)

9. Request for Renewal of License: None

10. Request for Reinstatement:

(A) **Gulla, Ralph J.** - E-1 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. The Board voted unanimously to deny the reinstatement of his lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. The Board cited the time his license has been lapsed relative to the statutory directive for their ruling. The applicant was advised to refer to the instructions for registering with the State's Test Administrator available on the Department's website as it pertains to Electrical Licensing. (Soter/Bish)

(B) **Kamerica, Jr., Michael M.** - E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. Mr. Kamerica was not present at today's meeting therefore, the Board took no action on his request.

11. Request for Reconsideration: None

12. Request to Suspend: None

13. Proposed Settlements and /or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders: None

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance: None

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice: None

16. Request to Revise: None

17. Request to Reopen: None

18. Review of Examination Results: None

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

19. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and Information. The Board acknowledged this information and reviewed the forms in general.

(B) Connecticut Occupational Trades Passed/ Tested Results for E-1 and E-2 License Types - Test Date Range 07-01-11 through 12/30/11; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this material and reviewed the correspondence.

(C) "An Act To Encourage Enrollment in High School Electrical Education Programs from the 125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session - 2012"; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this material and reviewed the correspondence.

20. Old Business:

Mr. Vallieres made reference to Mr. Bob Nuzzi's recent appearance before the Board regarding continuing education for State Electrical Inspectors. Mr. Vallieres stated that spoke with Plumbing Board Chairman and confirmed, as this Board's minutes show, that Plumbing Inspectors are not exempt from having to comply with continuing education to maintain their license issued by the Department of Consumer Protection.

Mr. Vallieres responded on behalf of this Board to an e-mail he received from Mr. Robert Nuzzi on February 21, 2012 requesting a response from the Board as to the status of the exemption for CEU classes for electrical inspectors so that he can forward the information to his managers. Mr. Vallieres stated that the Board discussed this matter on March 9, 2012 and decided that they would not grant such exemption for electrical inspectors and that they would be required to take the prescribed CEU class for renewal of their electrical license.

The Board also agreed that should Mr. Nuzzi's Department want to submit a curriculum as per this Board's requirements when CEU curriculums are submitted for review, the Board would certainly entertain and review that submittal. Mr. Vallieres referred Mr. Nuzzi to the Department of Consumer Protection's website for curriculum outlines and application dates.

21. New Business:

(A) Mr. Vallieres addressed a letter received by the Board at today's meeting from Mr. Vincent J. Pietrorazio dated February 29, 2012. The letter concerns Mr. Pietrorazio's request for the Board to consider a waiver of the two (2) year Journey person tenure as a prerequisite for candidacy for the E-1 license. Mr. Vallieres noted that this information came in late to the Board. Mr. Vallieres stated that this individual shall be asked to come before the Board at their next regular meeting scheduled for April 13, 2012.

(B) Review of closed complaints from the Trade Practices Division asked for by the Board at their last meeting; for review and comment.

Mr. Bish noted that some of the correspondence reviewed from electrical contractors did not have the license numbers on the letterhead. Some contractors did not respond to the Department's request for information. Mr. Vallieres stated that the Board will select more cases from Trade Practice's next report for their review. He also asked that the Board be forwarded the report for today's meeting

22. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings: none before the Board today.

23. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision: none before the Board today.

24. Final Decisions Pending Signature: none before the Board today.

25. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM. (Soter/Marino) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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