

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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MAY 11, 2012

The meeting of May 11, 2012 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
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Sandy Marino, Public Member
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: James Doherty
Michael Avery
Raymond Delio
Brian McCorry
Patrick Perugini
Johnny Lanning
Richard C. Furr, II
Robert S. Boehm
Denis Fortier, Jr.
Robert Woytowich
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Marco Borges

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1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on “silent”).

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of April 13, 2012. It was noted that Board Member David Munsill is incorrectly listed as “Journeyman”. The minutes shall be corrected and list Mr. Munsill as “Public Member”. As such, the Board the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as corrected herein. (Soter/Bish)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board. There was no report given to the Board for this meeting.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request: no one before the Board today.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board: no one before the Board today.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

(A) **Mr. Michael A. Avery;** Connecticut E-2 License holder requesting consideration of waiver of remaining time to sit for his E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor’s Examination.

Mr. Avery has held his E-2 license since April 12, 2011 and is currently unemployed. Mr. Avery noted that he has been working in the field for seven years and has worked for his father in his electrical company. He also noted that a former employer had misfiled his apprenticeship paperwork which resulted in his losing time towards getting his license. Mr. Avery cited this and the current economic climate as reasons to get into business for himself as quickly as possible. He stated that he has potential clients he can do work for that he met while doing electrical work for others but cannot proceed with this until he gets his contractor’s license.

Mr. Vallieres noted that the Board has in the past granted time waivers in hardship situations which he defined by past examples. He does not see Mr. Avery’s situation as

a true hardship but rather more the desire to move ahead on the system. The Board cited various scenario's under which Mr. Avery can currently work while waiting to complete his two year time period. The Board also cautioned Mr. Avery not to contract for electrical work illegally. As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Avery's request to waive the remaining time he has left to sit for his Contractor's Examination. (Bish/Soter)

7. 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 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.

(1) **Basta, Christian S.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Basta was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Boehm, Robert S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his related classroom instruction with cross referencing by a qualified educator to Connecticut's current Apprenticeship Course Outline for Electrical Journeypersons. (Halloran/Soter)

(3) **Borges, Marco A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon lack of evidence of the required related classroom instruction and on-the-job training hours. (Halloran/Bish)

(4) **Delio, Raymond P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval 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 the required on-the-job training hours both as they pertain to the Electrical Profession. (Halloran/Soter)

(5) **McCorry, Brian W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was registered with the Department of Labor in the past but his apprenticeship status was not renewed by his employer Matthew A.

Tomis after twelve months; an E-1 license holder. Mr. McCorry is currently employed by Mr. Tomis working in unregistered status. The applicant stated that he has approximately 2,100 hours and does not have any copies of his past registration cards. Mr. Vallieres also confirmed with the applicant that he was visited in the past by representatives of the Department of Labor at which point he and his employer would have been made aware that his apprenticeship must be renewed.

Mr. Soter made a motion to deny his application based upon a lack of registered hours and also to turn his employer, Matthew A. Tomis over to the Trade Practices Division for employing unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices. Mr. Soter also suggested to the applicant that his employer register him immediately with the Department of Labor and explained the consequences of not doing so. Mr. Munsill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board also asked Mr. Kuzmich to notify Mr. Matthew A. Tomis in writing to appear before them at their next meeting to further discuss the circumstances surrounding the application of Mr. Brian W. McCorry.

(6) **Doherty, James P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

7A. 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 add-ons) 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) **Connoy, Ryan E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Costa, Luke A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Diaz, Joseph M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Feldhouse, James E.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Garland, Gregory M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (6) **Greco, Joseph R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Hock, Christopher J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Kelsey, Michael L.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **LeVasseur, Del.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Maratta, Christopher J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Spencer, John T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Stahl, Martin R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Sztachera, Jakub M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Williams, III, Harold** - 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 (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their June 8, 2012 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 Journeyperson license types.

- (1) **Allen, Graham D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **Andrade, Ricardo A.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Cavanaugh, Brendan M.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

- (4) **DeJesus, Jose A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (5) **Gizzi, Nicholas G.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (6) **Larochelle, Jeffrey A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (7) **Leonardo, Delvin** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (8) **Moore, Michael A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (9) **Nageswaran, Gajeethan** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (10) **Northup, Ryan S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (11) **O'Kelly, Matthew D.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (12) **Poreda, William C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (13) **Ragozzine, Kenneth O.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (14) **Robisheaux, Timothy P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (15) **Skladzien, Jr., Joseph** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (16) **Stewart, Richard W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (17) **Streib, Eric S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (18) **Teti, John A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(19) **Triana, Rafael** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(A) **Lanning, Johnny E.** - E-1 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-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination on the basis of not holding a Connecticut E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's License for at least two years.

Mr. Lanning changed his application type at the meeting from an E-1 to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board. As such, the Board voted to approve Mr. Lanning for the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's Examination. (Soter/Bish)

(B) **Peralta, Francis R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on March 30, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours.

Mr. Peralta notified the Department on May 7, 2012 by e-mail and asked that his appearance before the Board be rescheduled to a date to be determined. As such, Mr. Peralta was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(C) **Perugini, Patrick F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on March 30, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours.

The Board again voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)

The Board also voted unanimously to refer Mr. Perugini's former employer, ESI Electric, LLC, New Milford, Connecticut to the Trade Practices Division for investigation for employing unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices. (Vallieres/Soter)

(D) **White, Kevin J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on March 9, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of an Official High School Transcript. The Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on April 13, 2012, voted unanimously to require that he come before them on May 11, 2012 with his

complete application package including all work related history and school related instruction. Mr. White was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

9. Request for Renewal of License; none before the Board today.

10. Request for Reinstatement;

(A) **Mr. Michael J. Coughlin;** Connecticut E-2 License holder seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-10) without retesting. Mr. Coughlin was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his request.

11. Request for Reconsideration; none before the Board today.

12. Request to Suspend; none before the Board today.

13. Proposed Settlements and/or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none before the Board today.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance; none before the Board today.

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice; none before the Board today.

16. Request to Revise; none before the Board today.

17. Request to Reopen; none before the Board today.

18. Review of Examination Results; none before the Board today.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

19. 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) Memorandum of Decision concerning Stamm Construction Co., Inc. vs. Department of Consumer Protection, State of Connecticut; Docket CV 85-0301146 S dated September 1, 1988 concerning the installation of plastic conduit piping as it pertains to Electrical Work; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) NEC Adaption by State Graphic; to be distributed at the meeting. The Board noted that this information is very useful and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

(A) Information regarding Redwood Systems Commercial Lighting Control Network; for the Board's information. This matter addresses questions received by the Department and raises the issue of whether or not the installation of LED lighting requires a license and not low voltage. The people asking the questions want to know what license category is required for this installation type. Mr. Vallieres commented that the work requires an E-1 or E-2 license regardless of the voltage based upon the fact that this is a type of lighting system. The Board is in agreement with Mr. Vallieres.

21. New Business:

(A) Mr. Vallieres noted that the Regulations have been amended to incorporate the change in the amount of continuing education hours required for electricians to reflect a minimum of four hours and no less than seven making the language consistent with the Statutes.

(B) Ms. Gavin-Kuhn spoke addressing the OSHA requirements concerning the four hour module replacing the ten hour module as it relates to plumbing and electrical work. She noted that this change is not happening because the ten hour module is implemented by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor as opposed to Connecticut OSHA. There has not been any word from the Labor Department Commissioner as to whether Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor or Connecticut OSHA develop the curriculum for the new module. Federal OSHA has been basically hands off because they do not have any requirements for a ten hour module.

The four-hour training module for electricians and plumbers became statute in 2011 (initially proposed as SB 480). However, the CT Department of Labor has not assigned either its Wage or Hour Division, or its CONN-OSHA Division to propose a new four-hour module for electricians or plumbers. Electricians and plumbers working in CT on public jobs should still take the OSHA 10 course every 5 years.

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 10:42 AM. (Soter/Yusza) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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