

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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JUNE 8, 2012

The meeting of June 8, 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

General Public: Robert Woytowich
Jose DeJesus
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Jeffrey Laroche
Richard Stewart
Timothy Robisheaux
Graham Allen
Eric Streib
John Teti
John Domenici
William Poreda
Rafael Triana
Matthew Tomis

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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 May 11, 2012. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as written. (Halloran/Soter)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board. The Board reviewed the report and asked that it contain more detail. The report only listed complaints received and complaints closed with no further information.

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

(A) Mr. Matthew A. Tomis; the Electrical Work Examining Board has requested that he appear before them relative to the application of Mr. Brian W. McCorry. The Board, at their meeting held on May 11, 2012, voted unanimously to deny Mr. McCorry's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of registered on-the job training hours.

The Board confirmed that Mr. Tomis currently holds an E-1 license type in Connecticut. Mr. Vallieres also confirmed that Mr. McCorry is currently employed by him and still remains unregistered. Mr. Tomis stated that he has not registered his employer with the Department of Labor because he received the letter to appear before the Board today and has questions regarding the status of Mr. McCorry's hours. Mr. Vallieres confirmed that Mr. McCorry's unregistered hours do not count as a part of his training and are permanently lost.

Mr. Halloran further explained to Mr. Tomis that he is also before the Board today because his employee asked the Board to participate in further illegal activity by accepting his unregistered time. Mr. Soter added that he is bothered by the fact that despite clear directive from the Board, Mr. McCorry has still not registered with the Department of Labor and now has worked and additional approximately 160 additional illegal hours.

After extensive discussion including possibly suspending Mr. Tomis's license, the motion was made by Mr. Bish and seconded by Mr. Soter to require that Mr. Tomis submit proof to the Board that Mr. McCorry is registered with the Department of Labor prior to the Board's June 29, 2012 Special Meeting or otherwise face additional action by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

No requests received for this meeting.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None presented at this meeting.

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) **Allen, Graham D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **Andrade, Ricardo A.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received a call from the applicant informing him that he wished to reschedule his appearance before the Board to their next Regular Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2012. As such, the Board took no action on this application.

(3) **Cavanaugh, Brendan M.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore the Board took no action on this application.

(4) **DeJesus, Jose A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of official verification from the Connecticut Department of Labor of his Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Yusza)

(5) **Domenici, John** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the recommendation of the Board the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an E-2. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of official transcripts of his Related Classroom Instruction. (Halloran/Bish)

(6) **Gizzi, Nicholas G.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received an e-mail from the applicant on June 4, 2012 stating that he will not be able to attend today's meeting due to some unexpected travel. He asked to be advised of the next Board Meeting time and date. As such, the Board took no action on this application.

(7) **Larochelle, Jeffrey A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Larochelle stated that he completed an apprenticeship program with ADT while registered with the State of Massachusetts in 1994. He has completed some related classroom instruction and Technical Careers Institute (TCI) and the Gould Institute (Electrical 1 Program) but the course was never completed due to travel requirements of his job at that time.

Mr. Larochelle stated that he is currently doing work in Connecticut in conjunction with the company's newly opened Office in Enfield, Connecticut. Mr. Halloran made first motion to deny this application based upon a lack of the required hours of schooling required for the L-6 license type and a more detailed work history. Mr. Soter seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Soter also stated that Mr. Larochelle is not allowed to work in Connecticut without being registered as an Apprentice in Connecticut. Both he and his employer face penalties which include fines if he continues to work and gets caught.

Under a separate motion, Mr. Soter referred Mr. Larochelle's, employer Edward System Technologies, to the Department's Trade Practices Division for having unregistered Apprentices or Journeypersons working in this State. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yusza and carried unanimously. Mr. Vallieres also added that should the applicant reapply, his employment verification letters must be notarized.

(8) **Leonardo, Delvin** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore the Board took no action on this application.

- (9) **Moore, Michael A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received an e-mail from the applicant on June 7, 2012 stating that his application is not ready and therefore, will not be attending today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.
- (10) **Nageswaran, Gajeethan** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore the Board took no action on this application.
- (11) **Northup, Ryan S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received an e-mail from the applicant on June 6, 2012 stating that his application is not ready and asked to be rescheduled to the Board's July 13, 2012 Regular Meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.
- (12) **O'Kelly, Matthew D.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore the Board took no action on this application.
- (13) **Poreda, William C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Bish/Gavin-Kuhn)
- (14) **Ragozzine, Kenneth O.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting, therefore the Board took no action on this application.
- (15) **Robisheaux, Timothy P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the recommendation of the Board the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an E-2. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)
- (16) **Skladzien, Jr., Joseph** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore the Board took no action on this application.
- (17) **Stewart, Richard W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board 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 related classroom instruction. (Soter/Bish)
- (18) **Streib, Eric S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

(19) **Teti, John A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the recommendation of the Board the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an E-2. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

(20) **Triana, Rafael** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the recommendation of the Board the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an E-2. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of updated notarized letters from his past employers and a detailed breakdown of your work experience. (Soter/Halloran)

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) **Baker, Ryan D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(3) **Bigelow, Ryan G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Buckley, Thomas J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Budnik, Benjamin P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Daniels, Nathan J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(7) **Dobkowski, Matthew M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(8) **Duff, Daniel P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (9) **Ellis, II, James D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Garosshen, Matthew B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Gillotti, Michael C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Glover, Shawn M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Haggett, III, Hiram E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Howard, Brian** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Hing, Christopher C.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Humphrey, Tobey** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Kerski, Kyle D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (18) **LaPietra, Anthony A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Linster, Matthew J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **MacKinnon, John J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Mann, Mark R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (22) **Martinez, Emanuel** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **McKay, Michael** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (24) **Mizger, III, Alex L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (25) **Parker, Daniel J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (26) **Payne, George A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (27) **Prisco, Paul A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (28) **Reyes, Franklin J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (29) **Richard, Tobia J.** – L-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (30) **Rodriguez, Michael** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (31) **Romano, Peter T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (32) **Rosado, Travis K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (33) **Silva, Daniel P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (34) **Spina, Joseph V.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (35) **Stanevich, Brian T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (36) **Tobin, Timothy B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (37) **Tuardzik, Michael A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (38) **Waleski, Justin T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(39) **White, Jerome C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(40) **Witherly, Jesse R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(41) **Young, Lance M.** – 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 July 13, 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 Journey person license types.

(1) **Bolton, Hervin S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Dean, James J.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Durrant, Valrid D.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Hartnett, Steve M.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Howard, Kemonte J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Kovalcek, Jr., Frank J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval to retest.

(7) **Lage, Ivo** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **Morehouse, Kenneth A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Moura, Craig C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(10) **Oram, Cody E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(11) **Pasquerella, David C.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(12) **Ruotolo, Nicholas M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(13) **Sanders, Christopher** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(14) **Smith, Anthony J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(15) **Smith, Thomas J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(16) **Sylvestre, Glenn T.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(17) **Vaulton, Barry D.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(18) **Vieweg, Keith R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(19) **Walsh, Robert N.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(20) **Williams, John E.** - 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.

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

10. Request for Reinstatement; none before the Board today.

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) Substitute House Bill No. 5394 - "An Act Concerning Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Alarms in Residential Buildings"; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Connecticut Department of Labor Media Release dated May 15, 2012; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

21. New Business:

(A) Update from Mr. David D. Benedetto with Northeast Utilities regarding their process for installation of the Generlink device; Mr. Benedetto is scheduled to address the Board today.

Mr. Benedetto along with Mr. Steve Osuch also from Northeast Utilities (NU) Metering Staff introduced themselves to the Board and reminded the Board that they requested an update from his company once the information was available. Mr. Benedetto stated that in response from the private sector, NU is now allowing approved private contractors to install the Generlink product. This product is a meter collar device which accommodates the connection of a portable generator and is currently the only device of this type NU has investigated. Reference is made to www.generlink.com, the company's website for more detailed information. The approval process developed by NU meets their goal of being able to monitor the product and control distribution of the same to assure the public's health, safety, and welfare.

NU, at the suggestion of the Board, has now developed a program, in draft form, called the **Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy** which was explained in detail to them by Mr. Osuch. He explained that the program was developed in conjunction with other Utility Companies and Municipalities and was given a generic name to accommodate future manufacturers of this product without making major changes to the policy. The device will be barrel locked for security reasons. Mr. Bish had questions regarding transferring the transfer device from a fallen system to a newly installed system such as in the case of storm damage. He also had questions regarding compatibility issues of various sockets the device may be transferred onto. In response, Mr. Benedetto stated the NU will make every effort to remove the device in a timely manner in consideration of the emergency situation.

Security issues were discussed concerning the purchase of the product and the system that the manufacturer has in place to ensure that purchases are made by only approved entities. Anomalies with this system are inevitable and to be expected and will be dealt with as necessary.

In conclusion, Mr. Vallieres asked that the Board have adequate time to review this policy and make comment. He noted that he would also like the opportunity to speak with local Building Officials regarding the permit process for the installation of this product since the original electrical service installation will be altered. Mr. Vallieres complimented Northeast Utilities on the excellent job they have done in developing this draft. Mr. Benedetto confirmed with Board that Northeast Utilities will place this program on hold until the Board has made their review and comment. The Board recognizes the urgency of getting this program in place and, as such, will take up this discussion at their next Special Board Meeting scheduled for June 29, 2012.

(B) Mr. Vallieres reminded the Board that their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2012 and is designated as a Special Meeting with a limited agenda primarily to address newly received applications for licensure by examination in accordance newly passed legislation.

Mr. Vallieres asked the Board to also place on this agenda the items listed below. The Board agreed.

- Matter concerning Mr. Matthew A. Tomis, E-1 License Holder No. 122282 and the Apprenticeship Status of his employee Mr. Brian W. McCorry.
- Continuation of discussion concerning Northeast Utilities Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy.
- Discussion concerning the 2012-2013 Continuing Education Curriculum for Electricians.

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 12:11 AM. (Bish/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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