

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**DECEMBER 14, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of December 14, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:38 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  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Sandy Marino, Public Member  
David Munsill, Journeyman

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

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

**Others Present:** Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of labor  
Kenneth Duff, Connecticut Department of Labor

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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Gary M. Bielunis, A.G.E. Electric  
Luis Gomez, Colbert Electrical  
Chris Maulucci, Becker Electrical LLC  
Paul Costello, JATC 90  
Darryl Cuttell  
Andrew D. Pellegrini

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

Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM.

**2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

A. Review minutes of meetings of November 9, 2012 and November 30, 2012.

After a thorough review by all of these documents, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. November 9, 2012 (Bish/Soter); November 30, 2012 (Soter/Bish) It is noted that Mr. Yusza abstained from the vote on the November 30, 2012 minutes since he was not present at this meeting.

**3. Report from Trade Practice Division:** for review by the Board.

Mr. Kuzmich noted that no report was received by his Division.

**4. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request;** no one scheduled before the Board today.

**5. Request to Appear before the Board;**

(A) **Maulucci, Christopher V.** - E-2 applicant seeking to waive the mandatory two year waiting period with an E-2 license to apply for the E-1 license type on the basis of hardship. The applicant noted that he obtained his E-2 license in October 2012. He formed a business in June of 2008 with a partner who held the E-1 license and recently passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2012. The business is now owned 100% by Mr. Maulucci and is called Becker Electric, LLC. They had no employees and he now faces potential financial hardship related to keeping his business operating without a contractor’s (E-1) license type. The applicant presented the Board with documentation validating the business formation and showing his ownership. Mr. Maulucci also presented the Board with proof of his partner’s death. After more detailed discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Maulucci to sit for the E-1 Contractor’s Examination based upon a legitimate hardship. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn). The Board also

expressed their condolences to Mr. Maulucci and wished him the best with his business. It was noted that Mr. Maulucci has not yet applied for the E-1 Examination.

**6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today;** no one scheduled before the Board today.

**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) **Bielunis, Alexander** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction hours. (Soter/Bish)

(2) **Bielunis, Gary M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. In light of the information given by the Board relative to his father's application, Mr. Alexander Bielunis, Mr. Gary Bielunis requested that the Board table his application until such time as he can provide them with more documentation. As such, the Board voted unanimously to table his application. (Halloran/Yusza)

(3) **Cuttell, Darryl H.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to waive the required two year time period to hold an E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination. This decision was made based upon not having presented a true hardship for the Board's consideration to waive the required time. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Gomez, Luis E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)

(5) **Hall, John J.** - 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 his application.

(6) **McGrath, Daniel J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. McGrath notified the Department by e-mail on December 13, 2012 that he will not be able to appear before the Board today and asked to be rescheduled. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

(7) **Murphy, Sean P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction hours. (Halloran/Soter)

(8) **Parra, Brandon L.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of holding an L-6 limited license. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(9) **Richey, Christopher J.** - 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 his application.

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

(11) **Silvia, Ronald J.** - 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 his application.

#### **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 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. (Soter/Bish)

(1) **Janiak, Mark J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Piekarz, John E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

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 January 11, 2013 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 Journeyman license types. (Soter/Gavin/Kuhn)

(1) **Hughes, Neville T.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(1) **Pellegrini, Andrew D.** – 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 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. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

**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.

(B) Connecticut Business and Law and Limited Electrical Results of Exam Review Committee; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres noted that he and Mr. Bish meet with PSI on September 18, 2012 and made changes to the examinations relative to questions.

(C) 2012 Number of Continuing Education Class (licensee) entries per provider as of 11-26-2012; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres reviewed this report with the Board and made comment on the remaining individuals who have not yet taken the required continuing education and speculated that many may be exempt or have extensions due to military leave, medical hardships, etc. which may not be entered into the data.

Mr. Bish noted that Tunxis Community College appears to have provided Continuing Education to more trainees for the T-1 and T-2 license types than are license holders in the State. It was noted that Tunxis was only approved for these license types. Mr. Vallieres will e-mail Mr. Hurlburt to investigate this anomaly to be sure that the provider is not providing training for license types they have not been approved for.

(D) "Active" Connecticut Electrical License Types Counts as of 02-07-11 and 11-06-12; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres reviewed the document aloud for the Board's benefit and commented on the count for Contractor's relative to Journey person's

(E) Information pertaining to L-5, L-6, and C-6 limited license types; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres noted that he along with Mr. Yusza, Mr. Bish, Tim Mikloiche West Hartford Building Official, and Mr. Paul Costello. The Committee reviewed and changed some test questions in the interest of clarity.

(F) Department of Consumer Protection's 2013 Master Schedule for Boards, Commissions, and Council Meetings; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres asked that all Board Members mark their calendars with these dates.

**20. Old Business:**

**21. New Business:**

A. Mr. Bish questioned the Board Chair if he has heard of any Hearings in recent history relative to the Work of this Board to which his response was no. The Board, in general, questions if there were really no issues and the apparent fact that everyone appears to have been compliant.

B. Mr. Vallieres asked a question relative to the apprentice program for Photovoltaic work and the status of pending apprenticeships. Ms. Lamontagne noted that on applicant has been recently approved to take the examination. She speculated that there still may be a few pending and will check on this. It was noted that an once an apprentice has completed the program, he/she has seven months from the date on the completion letter to sit for the examination thirty days from this date to apply for the examination. Mr. Duff noted that this time frame has been extended to eight months in consideration of the recent change in the law requiring the Board to review all applicants within thirty days and the delayed that has now been accrued due to the processing time needed by the testing company.

Mr. Duff noted that out-of state apprentices from surrounding States, in accordance with State Law, must be recognized by reciprocity with Connecticut issued State Apprenticeship Cards issued by the Connecticut Department of Labor. The new Federal Law conflicts with the current State Law and would require that all out-of-State Apprentices and not just surrounding States must be recognized by the Connecticut Department of Labor with a Connecticut issued apprenticeship card to allow the individual to work in this State.

**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 9:50 AM. (Soter/Vallieres) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2013 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist