

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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MAY 10, 2013

The Regular Meeting of May 10, 2013 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
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Sandy Marino, Public Member

Member Vacancy: Three (Contractor (non-Union), & Two Public Members)

DCP Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, Dept. of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Dept. of Consumer Protection

Others Present: Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor

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Younes Ramzi, (Company Name illegible))
Kurt Feldman, Eldor Contracting
Curtis Troup, Thomas & Betts
Giovanni DeCaro, Northeast Security Systems
Guy LaMacchia, (Company Name illegible)
Jason Gilman, Lamontain Brothers
Rudolph Berg
Dennis Vadsz
Ryan Stoddard
Victor Mitchell, Tunxis Community College

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 8:31AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of April 12, 2013.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted.
(Bish/Yusza)

3. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today’s meeting.

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

Mr. Vallieres acknowledged this report as submitted on behalf of the Board and thanked the Department for the same.

5. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request: no one scheduled before the Board today.

6. Request to Appear before the Board;

(A) **LaMacchia, Guy S.** - C-5 examination applicant appearing in person with concerns regarding the C-5 Limited Electrical Contractor Examination. Mr. LaMacchia was previously before the Board on September 14, 2012. Mr. Vallieres stated that the applicant was not allowed to argue his case before the Board at his last visit because he had not completed the review process as required by Department protocol. Mr. LaMacchia described his experience with the Test Administrator the first time he attempted to review his examination on June 1, 2012 in at the Testing Center in Milford, Connecticut.

Mr. LaMacchia advised the Board of several examination questions he encountered from his own notes. Mr. Vallieres stated that the Board cannot judge the validity of the test questions in query by Mr. LaMacchia because they are transcribed by the candidate and not official. Mr. Hurlburt offered to the Board a summary of Mr LaMacchia's situation. He then stated to the Board that Mr. LaMacchia had spoken with him in the past regarding his protest of the examination. Mr. Hurlburt referred Mr. LaMacchia to the Test Vendor's printed instructions for the examination review process. Mr. Hurlburt noted that the candidate left his first attempt at test review due to his frustration with the review process itself. It was established that the candidate did not complete his review in accordance with the Board's instructions at their meeting last September of 2012. Mr. LaMacchia stated that he was unable to complete the test review in the standard amount of time allotted for this process.

Mr. LaMacchia stressed to the Board that he is not only protesting the accuracy of the test questions he got wrong but, in addition, the validity of some of the subject matter the test questions are based upon relative to the protection of the Public's health, safety, and welfare. Mr. Vallieres confirmed with the candidate that he is before the Board today protesting both issues as stated above. Mr. Vallieres acknowledged that the Board wants to deal with one issue at a time.

In conclusion, the Board and Department, in recognition of Mr. LaMacchia's complaint that he did not have enough time, will notify the Test Vendor to give Mr. LaMacchia the full day to complete the test review after which, he can then address the Board if he so wishes.

(B) **Mr. Curtis Troup;** concerning licensing requirements for the installation of Uninterruptable Power Systems. Mr. Troup stated that he is before the Board today to inquire about licensing requirements for the maintenance of uninterruptable power systems. His company manufactures and services Uninterruptable Power Systems

across all 50 States and internationally. They commission, perform inspections, and repair these systems daily for many years.

Mr. Troup noted many other companies in this business, such as Eaton POWERWARE), Schneider (APC), Liebert Emerson, and GE. His employees are Electronics Technicians and are highly trained in this specific technology. They do not perform electrical work such as installing the uninterruptable power systems. Mr. Troup stated that the State's statutory definition of electrical work is broad and defines their work as requiring an electrical license.

Mr. Troup noted they have customers asking about licensing and they are looking to obtain a limited license for Connecticut or to plead their case for an exemption. He cited Lowes as a primary client stating that they have approximately 1800 stores; all of which use his company's (Cyberex UPS) uninterruptable power systems. In addition to Lowe's, their competitors provide similar systems and services to Walmart, Target, and virtually all businesses that need uninterrupted power to support their operations. Mr. Troup's company's technicians are trained to work on these systems, and they are also trained in electrical safety to satisfy OSHA electrical worker qualifications.

Mr. Troup stated that most businesses have these critical power systems in one form or another and these systems are serviced regularly by technicians trained in this field. Further, he stated very few of these technicians are electricians or were electricians prior to working in this field. The technicians that report to him in New England come from various technical backgrounds such as the Navy Advanced Electronics units, Navy Nuclear Technicians, Electrical Engineers, or a variety other technical backgrounds. Cyberex troubleshoot electronics systems and require expertise specific to that technology.

After hearing their presentation, Mr. Vallieres stated that according to the definition of electrical work in the State Statutes, Mr. Troup's company's work does require a license. Further, he noted that there is no existing limited license category to cover the work his company does. Mr Vallieres read aloud the definition of Electrical Work as defined by the Statutes for everyone's information. Mr. Troup believes the Board has the ability to create a limited license category for his company's type of work. Mr. Vallieres stated that this Board cannot establish limited license category on their own and that such work is done through the legislature. In addition, he noted that the Board, in general, is not in favor of limited licenses.

Mr. Soter is concerned by the potential for Mr. Troup's company to branch out into other work related to the maintenance of the uninterruptable power systems and questions where his company's limited work ends or where the hypothetical limited license work would end. Mr. Troup stated that his company would not exceed the scope of their work and their good faith in doing so is defined by the fact that he is here today asking for the Board's advice while his competition is not.

Mr. Vallieres summarized the Board's view of what was presented to them today by Mr. Troup. As such, Mr. Bish motioned that the work Mr. Troup's company does, as defined by Mr. Troup at today's meeting, does require a license in the State of Connecticut. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soter. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troup stated after the vote that he believes that, in his opinion, electricians would not be qualified to do the work his technicians perform. He thanked the Board for their time.

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) **Berg, Rudolph J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon lack of related classroom instruction hours. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **Bradley, Lonnie J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

(3) **Carney, Jeffrey M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Carney was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(4) **DeCaro, Giovanni S.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending completion of his Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Halloran)

(5) **Feldman, Kurt N.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Application was changed from an E-1 to an E-2 by the Applicant at the Board Meeting at the suggestion of the Board. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(6) **Gelinas, Michael J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)

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

(8) **Gualtieri, Nicholas D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Gualtieri was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(9) **Hyde, Jeffrey A.** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Application was changed from a T-1 to a T-2 by the Applicant at the Board Meeting at the suggestion of the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Yusza)

(10) **Meadows, Michael J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Meadows was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(12) **Ragozzine, Kenneth D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval 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. (Soter/Halloran)

(13) **Ramzi, Younes** – E-2 applicant seeking approval 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. (Halloran/Soter)

(14) **Ruggieri, Joseph A.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Ruggieri was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(15) **Stoddard, Ryan W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application due to a lack of Related Classroom Instruction hours. (Soter/Halloran)

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

7(A). 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) **Armstrong, Gregory J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Cifra, Jr. Joseph** - 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.

(3) **Estrada, III, Salvador S.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(5) **Hamilton, Justin C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Lafortune, Ryan C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(8) **Maccio, III, Gabriel R.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter.

(9) **Padilla, Gregory J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(11) **Prescott, Chase J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(12) **Romanych, Kevin W.** - 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.

(13) **Sammon, Peter J.** - 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.

(14) **Scaccianemici, Enzo** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(15) **Searles, Ryan A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(16) **Veale, Matthew D.** - C-6 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 7, 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 Journey person license types.
(Soter/Silva)

(1) **Caswell, Jeremy J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Chapman, Luke T.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Danieluk, Peter** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **East, Ralph G.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **East, Ralph G.** - PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Flanagan, Jr., Robert P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #363 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

(7) **Mourad, Albert I.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(9) **Saunders, Chris** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(10) **Skladzien, Jr., Joseph** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(11) **Stephens, Jr., Gregg W.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(12) **Stephens, Jr., Gregg W.** - PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(14) **Tice, Richard W.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(15) **Walsh, Timothy M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(16) **Zambetti, Michael A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

No Applicants were scheduled before the Board today.

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

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

(A) Graziosa, Joseph A. - E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. Mr. Graziosa was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on this Agenda Item.

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 acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same. Board Members conducted a thorough review of the evaluation reports from the licensees.

(B) Media Release from Connecticut Department of Labor - Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut; for the Board's information.

(C) Department of Consumer Protection information regarding Electrical Audit 2012 (as of 04-17-2013); for the Board's information.

(D) Scores by Topic for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman Examination; for the Board's information.

(E) Draft Decision concerning Docket No. 05-06-04RE07, dated April 8, 2013, from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; for the Board's information.

20. Old Business:

(A). Ms. Keri Lamontagne addressed the Board regarding the Board's previous discussion, held at their April 12, 2013 Board Meeting, concerning how long an apprentice has to take their electrical test before they are terminated from the apprenticeship program.

Ms. Lamontagne stated that an apprentice has six (6) months, from the date of the green light (Department of Labor Approval Letter) letter the Department of Labor sends, to take and pass their test. Subsequent to this date, if they are not licensed, then they are terminated from the Apprenticeship Program. Further, she noted that although this information is on the back of the apprentice registration agreement, their personnel try to make every apprentice and apprenticeship sponsor aware of this rule since it is sometimes forgotten.

To alleviate that problem, the Department of Labor has now included a sentence in their Approval Letter that informs and reminds the apprentice and the employer of their six (6) month policy. A copy of this new letter was distributed to the Board by Mr. Kuzmich, the Board's Administrator.

21. New Business:

A. The Electrical Work Examining Board voted to cancel their July 5, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. Further, the Board authorized the Department to review and process all applications received during this timeframe as follows;

1. Applicants whose applications have an attached Apprenticeship (Gold Seal) Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor shall be approved for examination.
2. All other applicants/applications shall be directed to appear before the Board at their August 2, 2013 Regular Meeting to be interviewed on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM. (Soter/Halloran) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2013 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