

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**OCTOBER 11, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of October 11, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:29 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  
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Sandy Marino, Public Member

**Member Vacancies:** One (1) Non-Union Contractor  
Two (2) Public Members

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

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**Others Present:** Robert Bateman, IBEW Local 99  
R. Woytowich  
Saul Ayala, DTZ UGL Company

Paul Costello, IBEW  
Jared Cairelli  
Joel Porter-DeVriese, Adtech Systems  
Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor  
Tim Ryan, Pro-Tel  
Jeff Richardson, USSI  
Michael Slossas, USSI  
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 8:29AM.

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

A. Review minutes of meetings of August 30, 2013 and September 13, 2013.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected herein for the August 30, 2013 Meeting. These minutes shall be corrected to reflect the correct meeting date of August 30, 2013. (Soter/Yusza)

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the September 13, 2013 minutes as submitted. (Bish/Soter)

**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 noted a technical correction on this Report. Case Number 2013-604 shall be corrected to read “Unethical Conduct”. After a thorough review of this report, the Board voted unanimously to accept this report as corrected herein. (Halloran/Soter)

**5. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request:**

No one was scheduled before the Board today.

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

(A) Mr. Marcel Veronneau from Industrial Management Training Institute in Waterbury, Connecticut concerning Continuing Education for Electricians. Mr. Veronneau stated to the Board that his school is looking to improve and enhance their presentation of

continuing education to their students. As such, they polled many of their students after their classes to get an idea of new subject matter and what they see as important to them. He gave the Board a hard copy of a list of suggestions from their students. Some of the subject matter includes such topics as low voltage lighting, fire stopping, security system wiring, and energy management.

Mr. Veronneau is asking the Board for permission to add solar and photovoltaic work to their curriculum for the 2014 Calendar Year. In response, Mr. Vallieres noted that the Board has already established the 2014 Continuing Education Curriculum. Further, they have been trying to balance the Electrical Code editions for many years and have made their decision to incorporate the 2011 Code into this year's curriculum because it was supposed to have been adopted by the State in October of 2013 which, to date, it has not. Mr. Vallieres stated that he believes some of the subject matter brought before them today is valid and will be considered for future curriculums, however, this year's curriculum is set. The Board has also been trying to limit the continuing education course time to 4 hours because they know that 7 hours becomes "a little bit long" for most people. The Board thanked Mr. Veronneau for his time and effort in bringing this information before them today for consideration for curriculums.

**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) **Alexander, Kenneth L.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Applicant changed his Application type from an C-5 to a C-6 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Alexander's application for the C-6 Examination. (Soter/Yusza)

(2) **Ayala, Saul** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Ayala stated to the Board that he was never a registered apprentice with the State Department of Labor and attended Industrial management Institute for electrical training. He began working for the University of Bridgeport under a subcontractor they hired to perform their electrical work.

Mr. Vallieres clarified that Mr. Ayala works for DTZ for the past 8 years as a subcontractor for the University of Bridgeport. It was verified that neither DTZ nor Mr. Ayala's former employer (Sedexo) are registered sponsors with the Department of Labor. It was also noted that DTZ employs two E-1 electricians who have been working there since 2006 and 2012 respectively. Mr. Vallieres noted that a letter from Mr. Ayala's current employer DTZ appears to be contradictory in that it states that Mr. Ayala must obtain the proper credentials from the State to continue working and yet they cannot provide him with the means because they themselves are not registered sponsors.

Mr. Soter first motioned to deny Mr. Ayala's application due to a lack of credentialed on-the-job training hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halloran. Ms. Gavin Kuhn stated she wants the applicant to be sure he understands what registered time means and explained the same to him. The motioned carried unanimously.

The Board also decided to have Mr. Ayala's current employer DTZ and their E-1 license holders come before the Board for clarification on their provision of electrical services to the University of Bridgeport. In addition, the Board also would like to refer DTZ to the Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division for investigation of independent contractor and misclassification of workers. (Gavin-Kuhn/Halloran)

(3) **Bateman, Robert J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Bateman's Application for the E-2 Examination. (Halloran/Soter)

(4) **Bednarik, Joseph F.** - 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 his application.

(5) **Cairelli, Jared T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Cairelli's Application for the E-2 Examination. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(6) **DeMartin, Marcus H.** - C-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 his application.

(7) **De-Vriese, Joel P.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. De-Vriese's application based upon a lack of on-the-job training. (Halloran/Soter)

(8) **Hambleton, Sara** - PV-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 her application.

(9) **Morales, Floyd J.** – C-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 his application.

(10) **Newkirk, Robert A.** - 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 his application.

(11) **Richardson, Jeffrey E.** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Applicant changed his Application type from an L-5 to a L-6 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table Mr. Richardson's application for the L-6 Examination on the basis of it being incomplete. (Halloran/Soter)

(12) **Ryan, Timothy P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Applicant changed his Application type from an E-1 to a T-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table Mr. Ryan's application for the T-2 Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction. (Soter/Halloran)

(13) **Slossar, Michael G.** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an L-5 to a L-6 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Slossar's Application for the L-6 Examination. (Soter/Yusza)

#### **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) **Bonilla, Christopher** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Crouse, Michael H.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Edwards, Brian A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (4) **Geib, Jason A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Guerreiro, Paulo A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Innes, Justin K.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Jaki, Simon** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Lavallee, Dylan J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Ney, Daniel J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Normand, Jennifer M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Nyerick, Jared J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Pila, Cristian V.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Roman, Edwin N.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Rossitto, Matthew C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Simons, William B.** - 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.
- (16) **Smiarowski, Adam** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Sorfozo, Thomas L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(18) **Tso, Ming C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(19) **Varela, Carlos A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(20) **Zanowiak, Michael P.** – 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, except as otherwise noted, (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their November 8, 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) **Benevento, III, Vincent J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Carr, Josh L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Dougherty, Jonathan B.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Meikle, Joseph A.** – T-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Mejia, Erik A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Miller, III, Fred P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Morzillo, James C.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **Nicol, Alan P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Satterfield, David A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(10) **Saykin, Andrey K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Saykin’s Application for the E-2 Examination. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(11) **Stone, Ryan W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(12) **Valovich, Michael** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(13) **Yerks, III, Donald F.** – E-2 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 acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same. Board Members conducted a thorough review of the evaluation reports from the licensees.

(B) E-mail dated October 29, 2013 from Mr. Victor Mitchell concerning the 2011 National Electric Code; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Mitchell addressed the Board noting that many electricians who recently took their continuing education classes questioned whether or not they could use the National Electric Code (NEC) 2011 in the electronic version for their classes. After much discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of this type of media, it was decided by the Board to allow students to use the electronic version of the 2011 NEC for the 2014 Continuing Education Cycle as a trial period. In addition, it was also made very clear that use of this electronic media is for Continuing Education Classes only.

**20. Old Business:**

No items were discussed.

**21. New Business:**

No items were discussed.

**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.

## 26. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2013 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (Halloran/Soter)*

Respectfully Submitted,

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