

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**APRIL 11, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of April 11, 2014 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  
Frank Halloran, Journeyman  
David Munsill, Journeyman  
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

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

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

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

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**Others Present:** Matthew Hooper, Goodless Electric  
Fred Miller, Com Net  
Robert Woytowich

Paul Costello, JATC 90  
 Patrick Perugini  
 Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor  
 Jason Lopes, WJGEI  
 Michael Malone, PEC  
 Anthony Coschigano, Mercury Solar Systems  
 Ed Hennessey, Best Buy

**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 8:30 AM.

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

A. Review minutes of meetings of March 14, 2014.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the 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. Bish, on behalf of the Electrical Board asked for a copy of the file on this complaint listed below for their review at the May 9, 2014 Meeting. He noted that this licensee has been before this Board in the past regarding some very serious charges and as such, he wants the details on the Department’s current interaction with him.

| Case Number              | Alleged Issues | Respondent                        | Credential Number              | status | case nature       | City   | State | Date Closed | Resolution  |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|-------------|---|
| <a href="#">2013-587</a> | Electrical     | <a href="#">EDWIN R LEWIS III</a> | <a href="#">ELC.0122010-E1</a> | CLOSED | Misrepresentation | BOLTON | CT    | 3/26/2014   | no license individual was not engaging in electrical work |

The Board reviewed this Report, in detail, which covers the time period between April 7, 2011 through April 7, 2014 and thanked the Department for this update.

## **5. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;**

### A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Anthony Coschigano, III, E-1 license holder in Connecticut concerning the application of Mr. Michael Valovich for E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journey person's license.

The Board denied Mr. Valovich's application at their Regular Meeting held on November 8, 2013 based upon a lack of on-the-job training hours (registered). In addition, the Board asked that the applicant's current employer come before the Board concerning their offering of electrical services in Connecticut.

Mr. Vallieres addressed his concern over the fact that Mr. Valovich was not registered as an Apprentice with the Department of Labor by Mr. Coschigano while he was performing electrical work on a school in Bridgeport, Connecticut while working for Mercury Solar Systems from Port Chester, New York which is owned by Mr. Coschigano. Mr. Coschigano presented the Board with paperwork from the State Department of Labor registering his business as a provider of related classroom instruction for Apprenticeship Training in Connecticut. It was his understanding that confirmed Mr. Valovich as a registered apprentice when, in fact, it does not. Ms. Lamontagne and other Members of the Board explained to Mr. Coschigano that separate documentation needs to be filed which registers his employees as apprentices. Ms. Montagne from the Department of Labor elaborated on the specific requirements on the job workers stating that all individuals working on the job must be an apprentice, journey person, or contractor. In addition, in order for his company to be a Connecticut sponsor for apprenticeship, the company needs to have a place of business with an identification sign, trucks registered in Connecticut, etc. well beyond simply renting a small space in a private residential property which is what Mr. Coschigano has done. This apparent misunderstanding on Mr. Coschigano's part may be a factor in the situation the Board is addressing today.

Mr. Coschigano made no excuses to the Board for his actions and apologized for the same. He also stated that Mr. Valovich is no longer an employee of his company. Further he noted that they parted ways, amiably, shortly after Mr. Valovich's appearance before the Board last year. Mr. Valovich needed more diverse training for his E-2 apprenticeship which was not being accomplished through his work with Mercury Solar Systems. Mr. Coschigano agreed and wished him well on his future endeavors.

The Board confirmed with Mr. Coschigano that as a participant in Continuing Education (CE) classes, as required to maintain his E-1 license in Connecticut, all CE providers usually remind their participants regarding the requirements for apprenticeship training and therefore, this situation with his former employee should never have happened. The Board also questioned Mr. Coschigano on other work he has done in Connecticut, both in the past and present.

In conclusion, the Board voted, unanimously, to require Mr. Coschigano to provide them, within sixty (60) days, a list of all jobs both his companies (ECNY and Mercury Solar Systems) have worked on in Connecticut and the status of the employees that worked for these companies at that time. In addition, the Board also requested that Mercury Solar Systems be referred to the Department's Trade Practices Division for monitoring. Further, the Board requested that a letter be sent to the State of Connecticut Department of Labor, Wage and Workplace Standards Division, requesting copies of certified payrolls they have on both Cesar Batalla School and Florence E. Blackham School in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Specifically, the Board is interested in seeing how Mr. Valovich was listed in this paperwork; whether as an Apprentice, Journeyman, or Laborer. (Soter/Yusza)

Under a separate motion the Board voted, unanimously, to require Mr. Coschigano to provide them with copies of his Continuing Education Certificates for the last four or five years for their review and for possible further discussion with the providers themselves. (Soter/Yusza)

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

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) **Garst, Raymond S.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant advised the Department by e-mail on April 8, 2014 that he wishes to reschedule his appearance before the Board to their next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2014. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Hardeman, David W.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant advised the Department by e-mail on April 8, 2014 that he wishes to reschedule his appearance before the Board to their next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2014. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(3) **Hooper, Matthew S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board denied this application based upon a lack of related classroom instruction. The application indicates 600 hours; 120 hours short of the requisite 720 hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(4) **Lopes, Jason A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board tabled this application pending receipt of proof of completion of the requisite 720 hours of related classroom instruction. In addition, the Board requires an Apprenticeship Completion Certificate from the State of Massachusetts certifying the applicant's related classroom instruction and on-the-job training hours and official documentation from his trade school (Porter-Chester) verifying his classroom instruction and any additional work experience. (Halloran/Soter)

(5) **Miller, III, Fred P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(6) **Munson, Shawn S.**– T-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.

(7) **Ragozzine, Kenneth D.** – 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 his application.

(8) **Vizcaino, Julio C.** – 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 add-ons), except as otherwise noted, 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. (Bish/Soter)

(1) **Ahern, Chad P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (2) **Amato, Anthony J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (3) **Amendola, Luigi P.** - E-1 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. The Board requires the applicant to come before them on May 9, 2014. (Bish/Soter)
- (4) **Bontempo, Michael T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Bourgeois, Craig C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Dodge, Morgan** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Dzierlatka, Krzysztof** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Giddix, Timothy A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Kozma, Thomas J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Manuele, Jr., Carmelo** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Mesick, Matthew G.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **O'Connell, Christopher C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Parker, Jeffrey J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Pine, Kyle D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Ridlon, Tristan D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(18) **Todd, Daniel** - 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 May 9, 2014, 2014 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/Bish)

(1) **Butler, William A.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

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

(4) **Diaz, Raymond L.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(6) **Mahan, David L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **McGovern, Ryan P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **Mengel, Joshua C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Phillips, Robert W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(10) **Sabia, James S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(11) **Scesny, Chad A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(12) **Shackleton, Patrick A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(13) **Teti, John A.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination on the basis of a not holding the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's License for the requisite two (2) calendar years. The Department's records indicate that he passed the E-2 license examination on December 21, 2012. Therefore, his eligibility to take the E-1 license examination will not be until December 21, 2014. (Soter/Bish)

(14) **Valcourt, Daniel F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(15) **Zeidman, Brian L.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(1) **Shakes, Stafford S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board tabled his application at their meeting held January 10, 2014 on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the-job training. The applicant was scheduled to appear before today. He notified the Department by telephone to reschedule his appearance to the next Board Meeting scheduled for May 9, 2014. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Malone, Michael P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application at their meeting held March 14, 2014. The Board required the applicant to provide them with a Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certifying the applicant's related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours.

This applicant was originally not on Board's April 11, 2014 Meeting Agenda when it was mailed out. The Applicant requested to be placed on this agenda subsequent to its distribution to the Board. The Board voted to add him to the agenda at this meeting. After review of the documentation he presented them, the Board voted unanimously to approve this applicant for his respective examination type. (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. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(B) Electrical Apprenticeship Curriculum – Related Instruction Credit Award Effective – January 1, 2002; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Substitute Bill No. 5299 – An Act Concerning the Findings of the Military Occupational Specialty Task Force; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres notified the Board that he is aware of new language which will change this Bill to require testing. Proof of two years' work experience will still be required and these applicants

will receive preferential treatment. He noted that apparently all parties involved have agreed upon language and that the final version of this Bill will be subject to a Public Hearing.

**20. Old Business:**

No items were discussed.

**21. New Business:**

1. Mr. Vallieres advised the Board that there will be a review session with PSI scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to review the E-1 and E-2 Examination questions. He believes at present, there are too many E-2 questions appearing on the E-1 Examination and, therefore, too much redundancy on the E-1 Examination. He would like to take a hard look at the E-1 examination and propose E-1 test questions that more represent the Contractor status. This may possibly require more calculation questions and perhaps some questions on solar. He does not object to adding more questions and examination time, if necessary, to accomplish this goal.

**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 9:58 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2014 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (Vallieres/Soter)*

Respectfully Submitted,

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