

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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OCTOBER 9, 2015

October 9, 2015 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:33 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** Ronald Bish, Contractor  
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member  
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** David Munsill, Journeyman

**Member Vacancies:** One (1) Non-Union Contractor  
One (1) Union Unlimited Journeyman  
Three (3) Public Members

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

**Others Present:** Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor  
Jim Rothgeb,, MAES  
Paul Costello, LATC 90  
Robert Woytowich  
Nick Pellegrino, C-Tec Solar  
Christopher Lulu, Mercier Electric  
Daniel George, Mercier Electric  
Joseph Albe, NSC  
William Geiger, BG Electric  
Jason Albert  
David Johnston  
Sandra Johnston

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**1. 8:30 AM call to order.**

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

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

A. Review minutes of meetings of the *September 11, 2015*.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Yusza) in response to a question from Mr. Vallieres, Mr. Kuzmich stated that on some Board motions, the Board Member's voice seconding the motion was inaudible and therefore, shown as an underscore in the motion.

**3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:**

There were no requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

**4. DCP Trade Practices Division Complaint Status Report;** review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review by the Board. Mr. Vallieres acknowledged receipt of this document on behalf of the Board. Some general comments were made concerning the complaints types and their resolutions.

**5. 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 Board's 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) **Adams, John D.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Adams e-mailed the Department on 10-02-2015 requesting to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Albert, Jason M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application type based upon a lack of a notarized letter verifying the applicant's on-the-job training hours and OSHA 30 Certification. They also authorized the Department to approve this applicant with testing company upon receipt of the aforementioned documentation.  
(Soter/Yusza)

(3) **Calabro, Cory S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Calabro e-mailed the Department on 10-02-2015 notifying the Department that he will not be attending the Board's 10-09-2015 meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(4) **Frederick, Jerome P.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(5) **Geiger, William M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 per the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application based upon a lack of a notarized letter verifying the applicant's on-the-job training hours. They also authorized the Department to approve this applicant with testing company upon receipt of the aforementioned documentation.  
(Soter/Bish)

(6) **Kucera, Kevin J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant e-mailed the Department on October 7, 2015 explaining that he has applied to sit for the E-1 test prior to his two year anniversary of attaining his E-2 license on August 9, 2014 and is appealing the Board's requirement to hold the E-2 Journeyman's license for two years. Upon review of his e-mail, the Board voted unanimously to deny his appeal based upon the lack of a bonafide hardship.  
(Bish/Soter)

(7) **Mottshaw, Todd** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(8) **Pellegrino, Nicholas** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for his respective examination type at today's meeting. (Soter/Bish)

(9) **Rothgeb, James E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny this application at today's meeting based upon the lack of the required related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours. (Soter/Bish)

Subsequent to the motion, the Board advised the applicant to have his employer register him as an apprentice with the Department of Labor. His current duties at work are limited in scope and do not encompass the full spectrum of the E-2 Journeyman class license. However, he may continue to perform the same as an E-2 apprentice until his upcoming retirement.

The Board voted to add the following individuals to today's agenda:

(10) **Albe, III, Joseph J.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Note: applicant's Connecticut Department of Labor Apprenticeship Completion Letter indicates L-6. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for his respective examination type at today's meeting. (Yusza/Soter)

(11) **Johnston, David B.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from a PV-1 to a PV-2 at the suggestion of the Board at their meeting held April 10, 2015. The Board voted to conditionally approve this application subject to receipt by the Department of applicant's OSHA 30 certification.

The licensee appeared before the Board at today's meeting to appeal the Board's requirement to hold the Journeyman's PV-2 license for the requisite two years prior to applying for the PV-1 license examination. He was not listed on the meeting agenda and was considered a walk-in and was added to today's meeting agenda by unanimous decision. The licensee cited hardship by not being able to obtain building permits for the solar installations he has planned in the future by not having a PV-1 license as he claims is being required by local building officials. Despite the Board's suggestions as alternate plans to accomplish his objective, the applicant maintained his position to request the appeal. The Board cited no legitimate hardship demonstrated before them today and will deny his application for the PV-1 should he decide to apply.

**5A. 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), 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. (Soter/Bish)

- (1) **Anderegg, Devon M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (2) **Barrios, Jr., Luis** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (3) **Bedoya, Giovany** – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (4) **Bereski, Craig R.** –L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Brookes, Tyler A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Bonocore, Kyle S.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Cofino, Edward T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 (New York City) of the I.B.E.W.Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Drago, Patrick V.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 (New York City) of the I.B.E.W.Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Jaworski, Mark D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Kondratowitz, Jordon T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Marcial, Jeremy D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(12) **Marino, Julian A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(13) **Martel, Gregg A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(14) **McEvoy, Kyle B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(15) **Nemense, Victor A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(16) **Null, Christopher L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(17) **Pace, Morgan P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(18) **Pacuk, Daniel M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

(20) **Walsh, Robert N.** – 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 them at their November 13, 2015 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 Journeyperson license types. (Soter/Yusza)

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

(2) **Curran, Michael A.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Haselton, Danny J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

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

(6) **Varney, Brian M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(1) **George, Daniel M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant's office notified the Department that he was not able to attend the Board's April 10, 2015 meeting. At present, his application is not complete and the Board took no action on this application. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny this application at today's meeting based upon it being incomplete lacking proof of the required 720 hours of related classroom instruction. (Bish/Soter)

(2) **Lulu, Christopher R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant's office notified the Department that he was not able to attend the Board's April 10, 2015 meeting. At present, his application is not complete and the Board took no action on this application. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny this application at today's meeting based upon it being incomplete lacking proof of the required 720 hours of related classroom instruction. (Soter/Bish)

## **7. Request for Reconsideration;**

(1) **Keller, Justin T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 (New York City) of the I.B.E.W. The Board voted unanimously to table this application at their September 11, 2015 meeting based upon questions they had regarding the applicant's apprenticeship completion certificate. The Board requested the applicant come before them at today's meeting to address their concerns.

Subsequent to the receipt by the Department of additional documentation which was given to the Board at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant without the need for him to attend the meeting (Soter/Bish)

## **8. Review of Correspondence:**

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(B) Correspondence from Mr. John K. Bassett dated August 30, 2015 concerning continuing education; for action by the Board. Mr. Vallieres read Mr. Bassett's letter dated August 30, 2015. Mr. Bassett is asking the Department to accept a course he took as a requirement of his employer this year to fulfill the Connecticut requirement for continuing education for electricians. He enclosed a course description and biography of the instructor.

Mr. Vallieres stated that this is a safety course and is not offered by a Board-approved provider. The Board denied this request based upon the fact that the provider is not approved by the Board and the course content does not meet the Connecticut Continuing Education curriculum. (Soter)

(C) Regulations for Continuing Education for Electricians and Plumbers; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(D) Report to General Assembly's General Law Committee pursuant to Public Act 14-210; for the Board's information. The Board discussed this material and summarized its contents. It was noted by Mr. Vallieres that this report is not broken down by Board and is the result of 2014 Legislation. Mr. Vallieres stated a committee in the legislature, of which he is a member, will review the handling of these matters.

(E) Opinion of Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General, Susan Duncan Lee, Deputy Attorney General, State of California concerning No. 15-402; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

## **8. Old Business:**

(A) Relevant Sections of Chapter 393 Statutes/Regulations pertaining to education and training courses; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(B) Apprenticeship Council Information; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.



## 9. New Business:

(A) Mr. Vallieres gave the Board a summary of the Occupational Boards Legislative Working Group held September 23, 2015. He highlighted some of their speaking points including the use of photographs on all license types. In addition, combining multiple license types on one wallet card for those contractors holding multiple licenses making their renewal process more streamlined

The Group also discussed the enforcement of complaints received by the Department of Consumer Protection. The Boards, in general, are not satisfied with the Department's effort in area.

(B) Mr. Bish suggested to the Board that since they allow electronic versions of the code to be used in continuing education classes, the screen sizes of the electronic devices being used by the students should be adequate in size in order to be decipherable. As such, the Board voted unanimously to require lap top or tablet type devices be used and not cell phones for continuing education classes. (Bish/Soter)

(C) Board members participated in Examination Workshop Review Sessions held on October 7, 2015 and October 8, 2015 for the PV-1 and PV-2 licenses types and the "R" and "V" Class license types. Questions for the various examination types were reviewed and in some cases eliminated. New test questions were also added.

(D) Mr. Vallieres stated to the Board that the Department of Labor is currently in the process of reviewing all apprenticeship curriculums to ensure that all relevant subject matter is covered. He noted that this is an ongoing process and believes this Board should be a part of the same.

(E) Mr. Vallieres noted that the General Law Committee is convening on October 14, 2015 for the purpose of addressing ratios for apprentices as is currently stated in the law.

(F) The Board addressed e-mails received from some 2016 Electrical Continuing Education Providers concerning questions they had on their respective submittal reviews. Mr. Kuzmich will send the Board's responses by e-mail to the individual providers.

## 10. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

There were no requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM. (Soter) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2015 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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