

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

FEBRUARY 8, 2019

The Regular Meeting of February 8, 2019 was held in the Department of Consumer Protection - North Building, Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Peter L. Jennings, Unlimited Contractor
Ronald Bish, Unlimited Contractor
Anthony Soter, Unlimited Journeyman
Robert Woytowich, Unlimited Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman

Member Vacancies: One (1) Unlimited Journeyman
Four (4) Public Members

DCP Board Staff: Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional
Licensing Division

Others Present: Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney
Paul Costello, IBEW
Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, Plumbing and Piping
Work Examining Board

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1. Call to order.

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

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 9, 2018

The Board voted to approve the minutes of November 9, 2018, as submitted.
(Soter, Yusza)

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None

4. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Report:

The Board reviewed a complaint report for the period of 10/27/18 to 12/31/18. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance. The Board requested that they receive a copy of the Occupational Licensing Enforcement Report for Calendar Year 2018. Pamela Brown will follow up with Leslie O'Brien on this request.

5. Review of Correspondence:

None

6. Old Business:

1) Electrical License Type Credential Counts by Board, Status, and Status Reason

Board so noted

(2) Update provided by Larry Vallieres, Board Chairperson, regarding meetings with the DCP regarding the Board's request to reopen the MOU

Larry Vallieres reported that there have been two meetings on this topic to date, and that they have been very positive. Discussions at the meetings have included application processing and accountability, as well as enforcement hearings before the board.

(3) Continuing education audit for the 2017 year

The Board stated their concerns regarding the audit for electrical and plumbing licensees. Charles Appleby, Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Chairperson, was in attendance for this discussion.

Mr. Vallieres read the letters that went out to the continuing education providers and licensees and stated his concerns, including the language in the letter, the tone of the letter, and the limited amount of time licensees were given to comply with the audit.

Mr. Vallieres feels that better communication with the providers would have been helpful. The Board is interested in being informed of which providers were not following procedure and committed violations of reporting errors such as incorrect labeling of certificates and incorrect input of names and license numbers.

Janita Hamel, E-1 and SP-1 licensee, spoke of her concerns about receiving this letter, as a dual license holder, as she did take the class as required for both and has certificates for each.

Discussion took place regarding better ways of utilizing technology going forward, such as photo identification and bar codes on licenses which would have many benefits, including better tracking of continuing education completion.

The Board voted unanimously to recommend to DCP that any limited license holder that is not able to comply with the audit due to lack of specific license course must appear before the Board and explain their hardship. The Board may assess up to a \$500 penalty in addition to the AVC penalty. (Soter, Yusza)

Mr. Vallieres and Mr. Appleby will be meeting with Commissioner Seagull today regarding this matter.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- **John Putetti, Wolcott, CT, E-2 Unlimited Journeyman application**

The Board reviewed this application and voted unanimously to recommend denial of this application due to lack of required on the job training for the E-2 unlimited journeyman credential.

However, the Board noted that Mr. Putetti is eligible for the L-2 examination based on experience shown.

(2) 2019 draft legislative proposal for adding inspection and testing to definitions within Chapter 393

The Board voted unanimously to recommend the changes to Section 11, Section 20-330 of the General Statutes relating to the inspection and testing of electrical work as proposed in the draft.

(3) Connecticut State Statute and Regulations on reciprocity laws for occupational license types

The Board reviewed and discussed the Connecticut reciprocity statutes and regulations. The Board noted that there is a proposed bill addressing reciprocity in progress at this time, Proposed Bill 6850, An Act Creating a Reciprocal Occupational Licensure Agreement With the New England States for Trade Licenses.

The Board is concerned and requested clarity about whether the required amount of related instruction hours for E-2 licensees in Connecticut is 576 hours or 720 hours. Larry Vallieres requested that a representative from the DCP Legal Division attend the May 10, 2019 Board meeting, as well as Todd Berch, DOL (Department of Labor), regarding the DOL's posted apprentice information displayed on their website.

(4) Credential counts for electrical, heating, piping & cooling, and plumbing & piping Journeypersons and Contractors for 2007 and 2018; for the Board's information

Board so noted.

(5) Review of evaluation forms for electrical continuing education courses taken by licensees

Board so noted.

8. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- May 10
- August 9
- November 8