

MINUTES

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on August 9, 2019 at 8:32 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Tower, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

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: None

Member Vacancies: Two (2) Unlimited Journeyman
Four (4) Public Members

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

Others Present: Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Paul Costello, IBEW
Michael Perez, Applicant

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860) 706-1202.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 10, 2019 meeting as submitted. (Bish, Soter)

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Paul Costello, IBEW, stated his concerns regarding the license application approval process and distributed a list of recently approved licensees that he had particular concerns with. After discussion, the Board requested that DCP provide them with the six out-of-state applications that have been approved within the last month that do not appear to have held a CT E-2 journeyman license for a period of two years. Review of these applications and further discussion will take place at the November 8, 2019 Board meeting.

APPLICANT TO APPEAR IN PERSON:

Michael Perez, Naugatuck, CT appeared in person for reconsideration of his E-2 Unlimited Journeyman application. This application had been denied by the Department due to lack of proof of required 8,000 hours of on the job training.

The Board reviewed the application and related documentation. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Perez's application due to lack of the required 8,000 registered hours of on the job training. (Bish, Soter)

The Board voted unanimously to refer A+ Electrical Contractors, one of the employers that failed to properly register this applicant, to DCP Investigations Division for alleged employment of unregistered, unlicensed persons. (Soter, Yusza)

The Board voted unanimously to refer Lighting Services, Inc., one of the employers that failed to properly register this applicant, to DCP Investigations Division for alleged employment of unregistered, unlicensed persons. (Soter, Yusza)

The Board also noted that Preferred Electric, Inc. and Lighting Services, Inc., two Mr. Perez's previous employers, do not include their license number on their stationery.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

(1) The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 4/30/19 to 6/30/19. Janita Hamel and Pamela Brown were in attendance for discussion regarding these complaints.

(2) Pamela Brown created a program to expedite older cases still remaining in the Investigations Division's workflow. Cases that involve registered, licensed individuals have gone to the legal division for further action, and cases that involve unregistered, unlicensed individuals will be presented to this Board.

(Recess taken at 10:17; Meeting reconvenes at 10:27)

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Continuing education audit:

- Peter Jennings and Robert Woytowich provided an update regarding their experience assisting DCP with audit compliance hearings held at 450 Columbus Blvd in July of 2019. Approximately 18 licensees attended. Peter and Robert reviewed hardships, and approved one. Many licensees that attended provided proof that they were registered for a make-up class and, based on that, Peter feels that many will be able to comply with the audit and close their case going forward.
- Document outlining income guidelines for financial hardship waiver request

Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Occupational Boards Education Committee – This committee is being formed to establish the amount and type of experience and training required to establish an applicant for an examination for any license and will include members of the Electrical Work Examining Board, Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Board, and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board. The first meeting will take place on August 28, 2019.

After a discussion regarding the goals of this committee, Larry Vallieres and Peter Jennings stated that they will volunteer to be part of this committee.

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

Board so noted.

(3) Credential counts for trade licenses as of 5-13-19

Board so noted.

(4) Online renewal data

Board so noted.

(5) Discussion regarding locksmith licensure

Board so noted.

REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019 AND 2020 CYCLES

The Board reviewed continuing education provider applications subsequent to this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Letter from Bruce Silva, Unlimited Journeyperson Board member regarding his resignation from the Board as of July 24, 2019.

Board so noted.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- November 8, 2019

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 8:30 a.m.