

MINUTES

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on February 7, 2020 at 9:00 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
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician

Members Absent: None

Board Vacancies: Three (3) Unlimited Journeymen
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
Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Program Director
Paul Costello, IBEW 90
Tim Smith, Defenders, Inc.
John Sorrell, Defenders, Inc.
Frank Farina, Statewide Inspection Services
Ramon Lopez, Electrical Training Course
Brian Ferriera
Ed Hennessy
Sean Becton

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 25, 2019 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting as submitted.
2. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 8, 2019 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting with corrections.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICANTS TO APPEAR BEFORE BOARD FOR GUIDANCE:

1. Timothy Smith, Derby, CT – L-6

Timothy Smith, along with his employer John Sorrell, appeared for guidance regarding Timothy's pending L-6 application. After a review of the application and related documentation, the Board recommended that DCP deny this application, and that the applicant provide the following items for the application to be reconsidered: Letter from employer with more detail regarding work experience, more documentation on classes taken at Lincoln Technical such as transcripts and course descriptions, and proof of completion of OSHA.

2. Sean Becton, Middletown, CT – E-1

Sean Becton appeared for guidance regarding his pending E-1 application. After a review of the application and related documentation, the Board recommended that DCP deny this application due to a lack of hardship. The Board noted that Sean will be eligible for the E-1 exam on 7-5-21.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. Pamela Brown appeared and provided an overview of the complaint report dated 11-1-19 to 12-31-19. The Board requested additional information on Case No. 2019-1578 and 2019-949 for the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding potential changes to regulations and statutes

Larry Vallieres, at the October 25, 2019 meeting, noted that the Board would like to discuss potential changes to the regulations and statutes in the following areas at future meetings:

- Annual renewal applications due by August 1 versus September 30
- Exemption of continuing education requirements for certain limited license types

- Exemption of continuing education requirements for licensees residing out of state
- Requirement for continuing education CE providers to hold a minimum of four classes per year
- Combining limited license types

All of these items were tabled for discussion at the May 8, 2020 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding application review and credit for licensure from other jurisdictions

Leslie O'Brien informed the Board of the Department's goal to implement changes in the application processing procedure by establishing an Application Review Working Group and assigning one person from each Occupational Trade Licensing Board for this review. The group would consist of Director Richard M. Hurlburt, Todd Berch, Dept. of Labor Program Manager, and the Board representative.

After discussion regarding which applications should be reviewed by this workgroup, the Board determined that all applications except for those with a Connecticut Department of Labor letter of apprenticeship completion and contractor applications that have met the two year requirement as a journeyman should come before this group.

2. Continuing education provider applications for the 2020 cycle:

a. Application for review – New provider - Lamothe Electrical Training

The Board reviewed and requested that additional documentation be submitted for further review and approval

b. The following providers appeared before the Board for discussion regarding their submissions for the 2020 cycle:

- **Electrical Training Course, Ramon Lopez**

The Board reviewed and approved this provider application.

- **Statewide Inspection Services, Frank Farina**

The Board reviewed and approved this provider application.

- **Brian Ferreira**

The Board reviewed and requested that additional documentation be submitted for further review and approval.

3. Resignation of Robert Woytowich, Unlimited Journeyman member, dated December 31, 2019

Board so noted.

4. Review of evaluation forms for electrical continuing education courses taken by licensees

Board so noted.

5. Legislative Session 2020 - Governor's Bill No. 13

Leslie O' Brien provided an overview of the items in this proposed bill which are of specific interest to DCP and occupational licensing, such as:

- Providing online renewal options for licenses, permits, and certifications or registrations
- Allowance for online training for occupational licenses
- Implementation of measures to reduce or eliminate barriers to participation in licensed occupations for those with a criminal history.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- May 8
- August 7
- November 13

Note: Meeting time has been changed to 9:00 a.m. beginning in 2020. All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT.