

MINUTES

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on August 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Members Present:

Laurence A. Vallieres	Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Peter L. Jennings	Unlimited Contractor
Richard Bird	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher Brown	Unlimited Journeyperson
Paul Costello	Unlimited Journeyperson
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Jacqueline Laramee, Public Member

Board Vacancies: Two Unlimited Journeypersons
Three Public Members

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

Others Present: Pamela Brown, DCP Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Special Investigator
Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Director
Howard Osden, DCP Office Supervisor
Al Carosella, Carosella Electrical Seminars
Even Dantos, Robinson & Cole

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. Division E-Mail: dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. The Board voted unanimously to approve the May 7, 2021 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Al Carosella, Evan Dantos, and Howard Osden attended this meeting for observation purposes only.

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report dated May 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Janita Hamel and Pamela Brown were in attendance and provided additional information on these cases.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Task Force Working Groups:

A. Continued education task force working group

(Members: Larry Vallieres, Richard Bird, Paul Costello)

Richard Bird and Paul Costello reported that the 2022 continued education curriculum is being drafted at this time and that the final draft is expected to be completed by 8/20/21.

B. Statutes and regulations task force working group

(Members: Larry Vallieres, Jacqueline Laramée, John Yusza)

Larry Vallieres and John Yusza reported that this Working Group continues to work with the Department on potential statute and/or regulation changes for the unlimited and limited license types.

C. Review of license qualifications task force working group

(Members: Larry Vallieres, Peter Jennings, Christopher Brown)

No new information was reported on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group

A. Update to be provided by designated board member

Larry Vallieres reported on the number of applications for review and reconsideration at these monthly meetings.

B. Review of out of state occupational trade licenses for determination of equivalency to Connecticut occupational trade licenses

At the June 7, 2021 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was determined that the following license types are equivalent:

<u>Out of state license type</u>	<u>Connecticut License Type</u>
Mass Unlimited Journeyman with OSHA	CT E-2

After review and discussion, the Board is in agreement that the licenses listed above are equivalent.

2. Substitute House Bill No. 6100 - Public Act 21-37 - An Act Concerning Department of Consumer Protection Licensing and Enforcement, Antitrust Issues, and the Palliative Use of Marijuana and Revisions to the Liquor Control Act

Bill No. 6100 includes changes to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393 requiring written contracts meeting certain specifications for work on private residential property by licensed tradespersons and the requirement for a right to cancel timeframe prior to performing work.

The link to this bill is as follows: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00037-R00HB-06100-PA.PDF>

Discussion took place regarding the language in this bill that is of concern to the Occupational Licensing Boards. Pamela Brown and Leslie O'Brien informed the Board of the background of the language that was included in this portion of the Bill and notified the Board that the Department is aware of the concerns and is working on amendments to this language. The Department will continue to provide updates to the Board as these amendments are being made.

3. Proposed Water Meter license

Larry Vallieres attended the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Special Meeting on August 12, 2021, at which the agenda item being discussed was the potential development of a new limited license for the purpose of installing, servicing, maintaining, and repairing water meters in residences. The Board expressed their concerns relating to safety from an electrical and consumer standpoint. Leslie O'Brien provided information regarding the process of implementing regulatory and/or statutory changes when proposing that a new license type be added. The Department will keep the Board informed as this situation evolves.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

November 5, 2021