

## MINUTES

### ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on February 19, 2021 at 9:04 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
Paul Costello	Unlimited Journeyman
Christopher Brown	Unlimited Journeyman
Jacqueline Laramie	Public Member
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** None

**Board Vacancies:** Two Unlimited Journeymen  
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  
Sal Cenatiempo, Continued Electrical Needs Association  
Howard Osden, DCP, Office Supervisor

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

1. The Board voted to approve the November 13, 2020 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.  
(John Yusza abstained)
2. The Board voted to approve the February 1, 2021 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.  
(John Yusza, Christopher Brown abstained)

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

Howard Osden, DCP Office Supervisor and Sal Cenatiempo, Continued Electrical Needs Association were in attendance today to observe the meeting.

## **DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:**

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report dated November 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Janita Hamel and Pamela Brown were in attendance to provide an overview of 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 presented to the Board proposed changes to "CT Regulations 20-334-d-1 Continued Education for Electricians and Plumbers".

**After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to make the recommendation to forward the proposed changes Commissioner Michelle Seagull for review.**

#### **B. Statutes and regulations task force working group**

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

**This group will submit a report at the May 7, 2021 meeting.**

#### **C. Review of license qualifications task force working group**

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

Peter Jennings and Christopher Brown presented to the Board proposed changes to "CT General Statutes, Chapter 393".

**After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to make the recommendation to forward the proposed changes to Commissioner Michelle Seagull for review.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **1. Application Review Working Group Update**

Larry Vallieres reported that this group continues to meet once a month and reviews approximately 12 to 15 applications each month.

## **2. Extension of continued education requirements**

The Board noted that approved course providers can continue offering interactive, online courses, in addition to in person classes, for 2020 and 2021 renewal cycles until April 19, 2021. In addition, the date for licensees to complete continued education requirements for the 2020 renewal cycle has been extended to April 19, 2021.

## **3. 2021 Continuing education provider submissions**

The following continuing education providers have been approved for the 2021 cycle:

- Construction Education Center
- Connecticut Electrical Training Center
- Ballard Electrical Safety and Training
- Carosella Electrical Seminars
- Candels Estimating & Training
- NECA & IBEW Local Union

**Board so noted.**

## **4. Occupational licensing boards renewal form statement suggestion to Commissioner of Consumer Protection**

Discussion took place regarding the opportunity to add language to the annual renewal forms generated by DCP and sent to licensees. This would be an efficient way in which to pass on important information to licensees. Discussion on this topic will continue at the May 7, 2021 meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

Howard Osden, DCP Office Supervisor, provided input on the discussion that took place regarding the presentation of proposed changes to "Statutes, Chapter 393" by the License Qualifications Task Force.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License and Applications Analyst

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- May 7, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- August 13, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- November 5, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting