

MINUTES

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on May 7, 2021 at 9:06 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 Journeyperson
Jacqueline Laramie	Public Member
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Christopher Brown, Unlimited Journeyperson

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
Howard Osden, DCP, Office Supervisor

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 to approve the February 19, 2021 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

1. The Board reviewed the complaint reports dated January 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021 and March 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021.

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” at the February 19, 2021 Board meeting. These proposed changes were forwarded to Commissioner Michelle Seagull for review.

At today’s meeting, Larry Vallieres notified the Board that he received an email from the Commissioner acknowledging these proposed changes. These proposed changes will be addressed further by DCP after the current Legislative Session has ended.

2022 Continued Education cycle:

The Board would like to develop a specific curriculum for all providers to use for the 2022 continued education cycle. Richard Bird and Paul Costello presented a document including an outline of suggested topics for this curriculum and reviewed it with the Board. Board members will continue to work on this curriculum.

B. Statutes and regulations task force working group

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

No report was submitted at today’s 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” at the February 19, 2021 Board meeting. These proposed changes were forwarded to Commissioner Michelle Seagull for review.

These proposed changes will be addressed further by DCP after the current Legislative Session has ended.

2. Occupational licensing boards renewal form statement suggestion to Commissioner of Consumer Protection

The Board reviewed the suggested language for the annual renewal forms generated by DCP.

After review and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that DCP includes this language on the 2021 renewal forms and to recommend that this language be printed in bold.

Discussion took place regarding the potential addition of a check box after this language for the licensee to acknowledge that they have read it. This additional feature may be discussed by the Board for future renewals.

3. Update on status of extension of continued education requirements

Larry Vallieres confirmed that online classes are no longer allowed as of April 19, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group Update

Larry Vallieres reported that this group reviewed approximately 15 applications per month. Upon review at these meetings, the group is finding that there are applicants that have completed the apprenticeship program, but did not complete the OSHA 30 requirement. The Board discussed ways in which this could be addressed. It was determined that this concern will be brought to the attention of the Dept. of Labor at the next State Apprenticeship Council meeting, and follow-up discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

2. 2021 Continuing education provider submissions

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

-CASIA

-IMTI– Unlimited and Limited License Types

Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

2021 LEGAL HEARING SCHEDULE:

- May 17, 2021