

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

## Final

### Meeting Minutes

#### NOVEMBER 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vallieres on November 4, 2022, at 9:03 AM via ZOOM Webinar.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Laurence A. Vallieres	Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Richard Bird	Unlimited Contractor
Peter L. Jennings	Unlimited Contractor
Paul Costello	Unlimited Journeyperson
Jacqueline Laramie	Public Member
Thomas J. Sportini, Sr.	Unlimited Journeyperson
Keith J. Lacy	Unlimited Journeyperson

#### **Board Members Absent:**

John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician
Christopher Brown	Unlimited Journeyperson

**Board Vacancies:** Public Members (3)

#### **DCP Staff Present:**

Paul Grabowski	Staff Attorney
Pamela Brown	Investigations Director
Erin Walsh	Executive Secretary
Shannon Rivera	License and Applications Analyst

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp).

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Chairman Vallieres requested the addition of the August 11, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes for review without objections from the Board. Board Member Bird motioned to approve the August 11, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes. Board member Costello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Board member Costello motioned to approve the August 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Board member Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

**DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:**

1. Review of Complaint Status Reports:

- July 1- August 31, 2022 – All cases currently closed.
- September 1- October 31, 2022– All cases currently closed.

There were not any questions or concerns from the Board regarding the Complaint Status Reports provided by the Investigations Division.

**DCP LEGAL DIVISION:**

1. Swearing in of new Board Members:

- Thomas J. Sportini, Sr.
- Keith J. Lacy

Attorney Grabowski swore in the two new board members. Mr. Sportini, Sr. and Mr. Lacy accepted their appointments to the Board. The Board welcomed and congratulated the new Board Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on continued education for electrical license types for the 2023 cycle.

Chairman Vallieres stated most provider submissions have been approved or are close to approval. Chairman Vallieres added that due to the low provider submissions received, he will be drafting a letter to all providers to inquire if they have made a submission and/ or if there have been issues experienced in the submission process. The Board so noted.

## 2. Update on adoption of 2020 State Building Code.

Board Member Costello stated the update and adoption of 2020 State Building Codes was effective as of October 1, 2022. All international codes have been revised to reflect this as well as bringing in the 2020 addition of the NEC. The Board so noted.

## 3. C7/C8 License type update.

Chairman Vallieres stated he has been in contact with the International Sign Association as well as the North- East Sign Association and has received some of their curriculum to review to create a new program. A Special Meeting will be scheduled within the month to discuss further. The Board so noted.

## 4. Recommended changes to the Statutes and Regulations submitted by the Board.

Chairman Vallieres stated he has not received any updates regarding the recommended changes submitted by the Board. An update will be provided at the next meeting. The Board so noted.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. Application Review Working Group Meetings

Chairman Vallieres stated the monthly meeting includes one person from the Board, one person from the Department of Labor, and one DCP Licensing Specialist. Chairman Vallieres shared that two applications were reviewed at the previous meeting, both applications were approved. He also shared, due to concerns expressed by the board, he believes all applications be reviewed on an individual basis. Therefore, he is unable to support the Department's suggestion for a spreadsheet appointing comparable license auto- approvals for out of state applicants. The Board so noted.

### 2. Discuss reviewing all electrical exam questions that PSI is using, particularly since the 2020 NEC and other State Building Codes have been adopted.

Chairman Vallieres stated he would coordinate a meeting with John Mesner to discuss this item. The Board so noted.

### 3. Discuss "in person" board meetings starting in 2023.

The Board shared their individual preferences for future meeting forum. All Board Members agreed they would like to meet in person starting in 2023. Chairman Vallieres will compose an email requesting in- person Board Meetings.

4. Review DRAFT Enforcement Language for Apprenticeship Training Program Violations.

Chairman Vallieres stated this item is for information purposes. This is regarding individuals hiring apprentices but failing to register the hired individual as such. This has, in some cases, resulted in denials for requests to sit for exams. The Board so noted.

5. Gould Construction Institute requesting approval of apprenticeship program.

Chairman Vallieres stated he received this item regarding the Massachusetts based program which he referred over to Apprenticeship Council. The item was referred back to the Board. Todd from the Apprenticeship Council informed Chairman Vallieres the council does not approve Apprenticeship Programs, it is a Board responsibility. Chairman Vallieres stated he will be doing the research to ensure this is a Board responsibility. He added he would like to send Gould Construction Institute the Crosswalk to complete in the interim as all other Providers were required to complete. This would also initiate action on this item. The Board agreed.

6. Request Strength and Weakness Reports from PSI on all apprenticeship providers.

Chairman Vallieres stated he would like to request to start receiving the Strength and Weakness Reports from PSI again as this assists with making recommendations for each school. Chairman Vallieres will inquire with John Mesner. The Board agreed.

7. Discuss review and update of all apprenticeship training providers programs relative to the new 2020 Building Code.

Chairman Vallieres stated this item would be discussed at the next meeting being that the Code has just been put into effect on October 1, 2022.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Board Member Costello motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Board Member Sportini seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon M Rivera,  
License and Applications Analyst  
Board Coordinator

**2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

February 10  
May 12  
August 11  
November 10