

MINUTES

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on May 13, 2022 at 9:07 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Members Present:

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| Laurence A. Vallieres | Unlimited Contractor, Chairman |
| Richard Bird | Unlimited Contractor |
| Peter L. Jennings | Unlimited Contractor |
| Paul Costello | Unlimited Journeyperson |
| John W. Yusza | Electronic Technician |
| Jacqueline Laramée | Public Member |

Members Absent: Christopher Brown, Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies: Two Unlimited Journeypersons
Three Public Members

DCP Staff Present: Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
Richard M. Hurlburt, Retiree Staff
Andrea Comer, Deputy Commissioner
Howard Osden, Office Supervisor
Paulette Annon, Asst. Legal Director
Paul Grabowski, Staff Attorney

Others Present: Peter Rappoccio, Sign Pro USA
Alexander Minicozzi, Applicant

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made by Richard Bird, seconded by Paul Costello, to approve the February 18, 2022 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written, with one abstention.

A motion was made by Richard Bird, seconded by Jacqueline Laramee, to approve the April 13, 2022 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

1. The Board reviewed complaint status reports dated 11-01-21 to 12-31-21, 1-1-22 to 2-28-22, and 3-1-22 to 4-30-22 submitted by the Investigations Division.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Task Force Working Groups:

A. Continued education task force working group

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

- **Update on Proposed Bill No. 5151**
Bill includes changes to the continued education requirements, such as the approval of online classes.

B. Statutes and regulations task force working group

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

C. Review of license qualifications task force working group

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

Larry Vallieres stated that he will contact Commissioner Seagull and/or Leslie O' Brien on these topics and requested that this agenda item is removed from future agendas.

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. 5151, An Act Concerning the Department of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Homemaker-Companion Agencies, Contractors, Heating Fuel, Food Establishments, Continuing Education and Appraisals, which includes changes to language that was included in Bill No. 6100, passed during the 2022 Legislative Session and is awaiting signature by the Governor. Changes to customer contract and invoice requirements and continued education requirements are included in this Bill. Once the Bill has been signed, Larry Vallieres requests that DCP send an update to licensees to inform them on the changes.

3. Continued discussion regarding OSHA 30 completion requirement for the approval of applications

The Board had previously expressed their concern regarding OSHA 30 requirements and related instruction requirements for obtaining a CT license and had requested a special meeting to discuss these discrepancies.

At today's meeting, Larry Vallieres reported that there is no longer a need to schedule a special meeting on these topics, as updated application instructions, which include the 720 hour requirement for related instruction for E-2/E-1 applicants, have been drafted and posted to the DCP website.

4. Update on continued education for electrical license types for the 2022 cycle

Providers continue to hold classes for the 2022 continued education session. It was noted that providers are allowed to schedule classes for after the June 30 deadline date to accommodate licensees that still need to meet the requirement.

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

- There will be a Training Session on May 13 at 1:00 for information regarding the online submission of provider applications.
- The 2023 curriculum and provider application is in the process of being approved and posted to the DCP website.

6. Appearance by Peter Rappoccio, President of Sign Pro USA regarding the maintenance and alterations of signs manufactured with UL listed components.

Peter Rappoccio appeared for continued discussion regarding licensing requirements for conducting work on electrical signs, particularly for the alteration of a sign face in an electric sign cabinet that is manufactured with UL listed

components. Peter Rappoccio submitted documentation that he obtained from UL, as requested by the Board.

After a review of such documentation, a motion was made by Richard Bird, seconded by John Yusza, that work related to the installation, service, maintenance, and modification of an electrical sign, regardless of the lighting source, must be performed by a properly licensed person. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 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> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Rhode Island Telecom Technician (Data TST, Tele TST) | CT T-2 |

At the October 29, 2021 Application Review Working Group Meeting, it was that the following license types are equivalent:

| <u>Out of state license type</u> | <u>Connecticut License Type</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Rhode Island Journeyman Electrician | CT E-2 |

Discussion regarding equivalency of out of state licenses takes place at the monthly Application Review meetings when determining whether or not an application meets Connecticut requirements. Approval of equivalency ultimately needs to be approved and voted upon by this Board in order to be considered as a factor for approving an application. Larry Vallieres stated that he takes exception to this agenda item and requested that this agenda item be removed from future agendas.

8. Adoption of 2020 State Building Code

The 2020 State Building Code is in the process of being updated and is expected to be effective as of 10-1-22.

9. Related Instruction Requirements for the C-8 license type

Related instruction requirements for the C-8 license type are in the process of being determined at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review – Alexander Minicozzi – C-5 Application

After a review of Mr. Minicozzi’s application and discussion regarding his credentials, the application was tabled. The applicant has been instructed to submit additional documentation for proof of on the job training and related instruction.

2. Application Review Working Group

The Working Group continues to meet monthly to review applications for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

August 12
November 4