

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

APRIL 3, 2008

The “**Special Meeting**” was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:37 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman

Members Absent: Thomas Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Joseph Minoski, Public Member
Joseph Leggo, Public Member
Tommasi Fusciello, Public Member
Paula M. Welch, Public Member (Appointed, not sworn-in yet)

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Public Present: Frank C. DeFelice Mike Madden
Paula Crechetti Kevin Narus
Jan Murphy Howard Kelly
Robert Beaupre Brian Mullins
Dave Winchell
Preeti Garde
Dana Finnegan
Hubert J. Barnes
Albert S. Wasro

Note: The administrative functions of this Commission are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

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OPERATING STATIONARY ENGINEER LICENSE (OE TYPE)

The Board entertained discuss, input and feedback from the Board and the general public present at today's "Special Meeting" concerning the draft "Operating Stationary Engineer License (OE Type)".

After further discussion and input, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following license type to be issued by the Department of Consumer Protection upon application approval, related fees, and the required examination, in conjunction with the conditions of issuance and scope of work within said license type as stated below.

Operating Stationary Engineer License (OE type)

The holder of this license may perform operation related work. "Operation" means a work discipline that employs technical knowledge and expertise in the manipulation, adjustment, control and monitoring of heating, air conditioning and refrigeration systems and boilers, with sufficient technical knowledge, as determined by the commissioner, and includes (i) heating systems with a steam or water boiler maximum operating pressure greater than fifteen pounds per square inch gauge, or air conditioning or refrigeration systems with an aggregate of more than fifty horsepower or kilowatt equivalency of fifty horsepower or of two hundred pounds of refrigerant.

This license also permits incidental maintenance, directly on or adjacent to such operating equipment, including daily blow downs, sample and adjust chemical treatment, clean fuel filters, change fuel nozzle, clean strainers and changing of existing fuel types. Refrigeration plant operators may clean condenser water strainers, sample and adjust chemical treatment and perform absorber air purges. This license does not permit any replacement or revisions to existing piping of any system type.

Such person may only perform such work while in the employ of properly licensed contractor or as an employee of a building owner for work on the premises owned or leased by such employer.

The requirements to qualify for this license examination shall be the completion of an operating stationary engineer training program of not less than three years as approved by the Department or at least FIVE YEARS (5) years of equivalent experience and training as a stationary engineer.

The board's action at today's meeting of April 3, 2008 grants the Department to issue the operating stationary engineer license by examination to persons that qualify. Such opportunity for licensure is for a limited time period only in which the Department to accept applications for said license type and not to exceed June 30, 2009.

After which the Board will revisit the issue with the Department of Consumer Protection.

The Department will conduct an examination development workshop on April 29, 2008 in conjunction with the Board and industry subject matter experts for the development of an examination for administration by the current contracted testing service vendor.

Any person holding an unlimited or limited license as defined as such relates to Section 20-330(5) heating, piping and cooling work of the Connecticut General Statutes may perform "operations" work as it pertains to the type of license that such person holds.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117.