

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Michael Rosario, Acting Chairperson at 10:00 a.m. in Room-117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member
John T. Higgins, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman

Members Absent: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member
Barbara Riotte, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Howard Osden
Richard M. Hurlburt
Anthony Santoro, Esq.
Richard E. Maloney
Janita Hamel

Public Present: Ken Duff, CT Dept of Labor Apprenticeship Rep
Paul Femia, CT Dept of Labor Apprenticeship Rep
Jay Vender
Andy Morin
William Love
Michael Pare
Michael Amagliani
Doug Durham

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board minutes for the August 12, 2012 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting were not yet ready for review.

Ken Duff of the Department of Labor Apprentice Training Division addressed the Board on the subject of DOL's policy regarding the cross over of registered apprentices between plumbing & heating trades when working for mechanical employers who are licensed in both trades. It has been accepted that plumbing apprentices be allowed to work under the supervision of another trade (heating) if the employer had no work for their registered trade (plumbing), and vice versa, as opposed to having to send the apprentice home for the rest of the day. This cross over allowance is supposed to be only an occasional and not a regular occurrence. He stated that while there is a six year combined apprenticeship that typically no one signs up for it.

Director Maloney and Supervisor Hamel advised that this 'cross over' practice can become an enforcement issue when the various Boards refer an applicant and their employer for investigation for violation of the licensing laws in light of this allowed cross training when such apprentices approach the other Board, whose work the apprentice crossed trained in on only an "occasional and intermittent" basis seeking credit for their un-registered time in the other trade.

Director Maloney suggested that in such instances the Trade Practices Division might issue warnings to such referred employers as to the intent of the allowance for cross training, advising the employer that such training does not qualify the apprentice in the other trade and that the need remains for re-registering their employees as apprentices in the second profession if they wish to pursue that other trade license. He also stated that such information could also be added to the DCP website.

The Board considered and discussed the problem and various solutions, one of which was the possibility of reviewing the licensing laws and regulations and the possibility of proposing a clarification be made to the language re: qualifying for a license exam from "completion of a registered apprenticeship program or equivalent experience and training" such as amending it to indicate the qualification read "apprenticeship completion, possession of an equivalent license issued in another state or *legally acquired* equivalent experience and training" or similar language to be determined.

The Board also voiced the opinion that, as a matter of fairness, that it is important that the Board be consistent with the other licensing Boards in its evaluation of applicants seeking "equivalent experience" considerations.

APPLICATIONS

John I. Bidwell, Sloansville, NY – (SM-2) Limited Journeyman. - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Bidwell's application based on lack of either an apprenticeship completion certificate or sufficient documentation of equivalent experience and training. The Board requests that Mr. Bidwell appear in person to discuss his qualification for the SM2 license.

Sean P. Lyden, New Fairfield, CT - (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman - Tabled to October

Mr. Lyden called DCP this day and requested to have his appearance be held over to the October meeting due to a recent personal hardship; as a result the Board took no action today.

Andrew W. Morin, Wilton, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor - Approved for (S-2)

Mr. Morin, after discussion with the Board, chose to amend the category of license sought on his application from (S-1) to (S-2). The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Morin's application based on equivalent experience and training, and if he passes the (S-2) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) exam.

William D. Love, Voluntown, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman - Approved for (S-10)

Mr. Love, after discussion with the Board, chose to amend the category of license sought on his application from (S-2) to (S-10). The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Love's application based on equivalent experience and training. Mr. Love was advised to continue his S-2 apprenticeship to completion and then apply for his S-2 license.

Jay S. Vender, Plymouth, MA – (D-2) Limited Journeyman - Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Vender's application based on equivalent experience and training.

Michael D. Pare, Newington, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pare's application based on equivalent experience and training.

Michael A. Amagliani, Tolland, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman - Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Amagliani's application based on equivalent experience and training.

Pablo Torres, New Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action Taken

Mr. Torres was to appear to seek the Board's guidance on pursuit of the S-2 exam. Mr. Torres did not appear and the Board took no action.

Kevin D. Beckwith, Niantic, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – No Action Taken

Mr. Beckwith's application was voted on at the August Board meeting. His name appeared on the September agenda in error, as a result the Board took no action.

Steven V. Broderick, North Stonington, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman - Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Broderick's application on the condition that he provides verification of his holding a CFC certification.

Eugene R. Clement, III East Granby, CT – (S-9) Limited Contractor - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Clement, III's application based on lack of an (S-10) limited journeyman license and lack of documentation of equivalent experience and school trade-related instruction.

Paul A. Gallerani, Woodstock, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Contractor - Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gallerani's application based on equivalent experience and training.

David J. Kisting, Loves Park, IL – (D-1) Limited Contractor - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Kisting's application due to lack of documentation of equivalent experience and training. The Board requests that Mr. Kisting obtain a detailed verification letter from the licensing authority that issued the license he currently holds (City of Rockford Illinois Mechanical License) defining the scope of work the license allows and the pre-requisite qualifications necessary to obtain it so that the Board might determine if Mr. Kisting possesses the required equivalent years of both on the job experience and classroom trade-related education.

Charles J Kujala, Wetumpka, AL – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor - Denied

The Board sustained the denial of Mr. Kujala's application due to lack of a required (S-2) for a minimum of two years and lack of related experience documentation and clarification of work covered under licenses issued in other states. The Board requests that Mr. Kujala obtain detailed verification letters from the licensing authorities that issued the licenses he currently holds, defining the scope of work allowed and the pre-requisite qualifications necessary to obtain each license he holds, so that the Board might determine if Mr. Kujala has equivalent years of both on the job experience and classroom trade-related education for the (S-1) license.

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of an August 30, 2012 newspaper article on a fatal propane gas explosion in Milford CT was distributed to the Board at the request of Director Hurlburt. The Board was advised that the Department is awaiting the completion of the State Police investigation to determine if any licensing laws were violated in the events which took place in the day(s) preceding the explosion.

Information regarding Massachusetts licensing downloaded from the Massachusetts licensing website was distributed to the Board for informational purposes. The Board suggested that it would be helpful if information re: the various licensing pre-requisite requirements and scope of work covered for the licenses issued by the various counties of New York State were also obtained and distributed to the Board.

Information regarding a court mandated gas safety course for the training and education of plumbers and gas fitters was distributed to the Board. The course will be offered free of charge to all who wish to attend, with further information to be forthcoming on the DCP website and possibly through a mailing to licensees.

Remaining 2012 Meeting Schedule

10:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

- **October 4 – Thursday**
- **November 1 – Thursday**
- **November 29 – Thursday**
- **December 27 – Thursday**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Osden
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room-117.