

## **MINUTES**

### **FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Acting Chairperson, at 9:40 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor  
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member  
James M. Barry – Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor  
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal  
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal  
William H. Zisk, Sr. – Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Robert Nakano, Supervising Special Investigator

Public Present: Mark McCullagh

**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.

**Agency Web site:** [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp)

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the August 21, 2007 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-4, moving paragraph-5 under “Old Business” to “New Business” and on page-5, to reflect the next meeting being scheduled for September 25, 2007.

## **APPLICATIONS**

**(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications)**

### **Mark C. McCullagh, Hitman, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Application – Denied**

The Board denied Mr. McCullagh’s application at their 3/27/07 meeting due to lack of required occupational related experience. The Board denied Mr. McCullagh’s application again at their 8/21/07 meeting due to conflicting information concerning his occupational related dates and duties of employment and are requiring Mr. McCullagh to appear before them to expand on his on the job training and school related instruction experience.

Mr. McCullagh appeared before the Board today and expanded on his on the job training and school related instruction experience. After further review and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to allow their 8/21/07 meeting decision to stand and denied Mr. McCullagh’s application.

### **Adrian Cavallero, Northbrook, IL – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Cavallero’s application due to lack of a required “Letter of Apprenticeship Completion” certificate and notarized statements from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment.

### **John L. Hensley, Northbrook, IL - (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Application – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Hensley’s application due to lack of a required “Letter of Apprenticeship Completion” certificate and notarized statements from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. PSI fire protection examination pass/fail report from January 2007 – August 2007.

After review of the PSI fire protection pass/fail examination report, the Board expressed the need for an examination review workshop with PSI in order to make certain that all the examination questions are relevant to fire protection work. The Board also expressed concern regarding the failure rate, which reflects the lack of occupational experience and school related instructional training on behalf of the examination takers who received a failing grade. Mr. Hurlburt informed the Board that he will work on scheduling a PSI examination review workshop meeting and get back to them.

2. DCP Trade Enforcement report detailing all fire protection complaints, status of each compliant and current complaints being worked on.

Robert Nakano, DCP Supervising Special Investigator, appeared before the Board today and reported on proceeding with new legislation, Substitute House Bill No. 6983, effective October 1, 2007, making it a Class B misdemeanor for any person who engages in or practices the work or occupation for which a license or apprentice registration is required, and that DCP is working alongside the CT Chief State's prosecuting attorney and Chief of Police in various towns concerning enforcement. Mr. Nakano reported that Janita Hamel, Supervising Trade Inspector, is working on putting a complaint status report together for the Board to review. Mr. Waskowicz inquired on how DCP monitors the collection of fines, civil penalties and conditions levied by the Board on respondents. Mr. Nakano reported that the matter is handled by DCP legal division. The Board is requesting a complaint status report presented at their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2007, from both trade practice division and legal division concerning complaints, collection of fines, civil penalties and conditions levied by the Board on respondents.

3. The Board asked if they can get together with DCP Engineering Board to discuss rubber stamping of fire sprinkler design and layout drawings that are terrible and not right. Mr. Hurlburt said that a written complaint must be received by DCP to initiate an investigation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.**