

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor
James M. Barry – Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

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

Public Present: Wynn Elwell
James Elwell
Robin Baillie
Walter Nunes
Mark Jedrykowski
Raul Rodriguez, AAG
Paul Tagatac, Esq.

Note: The administrative functions of this Board 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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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the December 23, 2008 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-1 to reflect Anthony D. Moscato and John Michalewicz as members present at the meeting, page-2 to reflect no application available to review for Jason Alves, and page-5 under "DCP Legal Division Inquiry" to reflect that Robert Nakano, Special Investigator Supervisor, was asked to report to the Board.

APPLICATIONS

Jason Jose Alves, East Haddam, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table their review pending CHRO review by DCP, additional information concerning his on-the-job training and school related instruction experience.

Anthony Angelo, Brooklyn, NY – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Angelo's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate and lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for a minimum of two years.

Christopher J. Ankiewicz, Hampton, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ankiewicz's application.

Jared S. Ashley, Worcester, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ashley's application.

Richard L. Astacio, Stamford, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Astacio's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

David DiBlasi, Rocky Hill, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. DiBlasi's application.

Steven A. Estabrook, Bristol, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Estabrook's application.

James C. Elwell, Vernon, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Elwell's application.

Randy J. Esposito, Danbury, CT – (F-4) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Esposito's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate, additional information concerning his on-the-job training and school related instruction experience..

Wade C. Gill, Manchester, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gill's application.

Gary R. Haskell, Clinton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Haskell's application.

Mark A. Jedrykowski, Agawam, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Jedrykowski's application.

Kirk A. Jones, Westfield, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Jones' application. Mr. Jones has provided his Mass apprenticeship completion certificate.

Walter Nunes, Tewksbury, CT – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Nunes' application due to lack of a required (F-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Michael C. Poirier, Douglas, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Poirier's application.

Trey L. Sparks, Vernon, VT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Sparks' application due to lack of a required notarized statement from his occupational related employer (Southern Vermont Sprinkler Services, Inc.) attesting to his dates and duties of employment.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

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

Robin Baillie, Wareham, MA – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Baillie's application due to lack of a required (F-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Jonathan J. Ingle, Holyoke, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ingle's application.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE

John W. Middleton, Houston, TX, (F-1) Unlimited Contractor (Expired 10/31/07)

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Middleton's request due to his license expiring beyond the 365 day statutory limitation to reinstate. Therefore, Mr. Middleton would have to re-apply and re-test for his (F-1) Unlimited Contractor license.

PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING

In the Matter of: Yuriy Rudshteyn

Mr. Rudshteyn and his legal counsel, Paul Tagatac appeared before the Board at their 10/28/08 meeting with regard to Mr. Rudshteyn's (F-1) Unlimited Contractor and (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Fire Protection Sprinkler Work license applications which the Board has previously denied.

Attorney Tagatac is requesting a declaratory ruling as to Mr. Rudshteyn's qualification for an (F-1) Unlimited Contractor license, and in the alternative, a declaratory ruling about Mr. Rudshteyn's qualification to receive an (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license, and in the event the Fire Protection Board determines that Mr. Rudshteyn does not possess the required occupational and school related instruction experience, Attorney Tagatac requests a declaratory ruling about the specific area or areas where such Board deems Mr. Rudshteyn's experience / instruction deficient.

This matter was tabled at the Board's 10/28/08 meeting for further review and discussion at their December 23, 2008, pending Board inquiring with Jack Guerrero, CT Department of Labor Manager and Raul Rodriguez, CT Assistant Attorney General / Fire Protection Board Legal Counsel.

Due to lack of a representative from the CT Attorney General's office at the Board's December 23, 2008 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to table this matter to their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 24, 2009.

The Board voted unanimously at their February 24, 2009 meeting to re-schedule this matter to their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 11:30 a.m., at which time Yuriy Rudshteyn is to be present to answer questions by the Board concerning his on-the-job training and related instruction experience. The Board also agreed to keep the petition for the declaratory ruling open beyond the statutory 180 day period.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Waskowicz informed the Board on an e-mail he received from Mr. Hurlburt concerning new directives to PSI Examination Services, that all "F" type license applications shall not be approved by PSI Examination Services regardless of whether such applicant has the required apprenticeship completion letter or in the case of a contractor applicant meeting the two year journeyman requirement. The application shall not be approved without further approval by the Fire Protection Licensure Board. All "F" type applications shall have fees processed, upload all information and blocked from taking an examination. The application is then mailed back to DCP for further review by the Fire Protection Licensure Board.
2. Mr. Waskowicz was inquiring on behalf of Mr. Wypychoski, the status of the Board's request at their 10/28/08 meeting, concerning the insertion of the word "fire protection" in front of any reference to the word "engineer" throughout Chapter 391.
3. Mr. Miller informed the Board on some discussion floating around about pre-engineered alternate fire sprinkler systems. Mr. Waskowicz likened the system to a spider web. Mr. Hollis stressed the fact that a properly licensed fire protection sprinkler work license holder is the expert to be dealt with concerning any installation of fire protection systems.
4. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the rata for both the building code and fire code was up for legislative review and that there was some technical language and both were pulled back until it can be straighten out.
5. Mr. Waskowicz informed the Board on a bill in the Governor's budget under "no new taxes", proposing to increase the license and apprenticeship registration fees. Mr. Waskowicz said he testified at a public hearing that he has no problem with an increase in license fees as long as there in an increase in the number of investigators, which will produce more revenue, and that the monies should go to the department.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.