

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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-MINUTES-

DECEMBER 9, 2011

The meeting of December 9, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Ronald Bish, Contractor
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Eric B. Collett, Public Member
Sandy Marino, Public Member
Mario Tolla, Public Member

Member Vacancy: Two (Journeyman & Contractor)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,
License and Applications Specialist
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

General Public: Jonathan Small
Reynaldo Diaz
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Matthew Vouse
Patrick Galliher
William Demarco
Jeffrey S. McAdoo
Robert Woytowich
Adrian Donohue
Richard Diaz
Tony Eason
Larry Liesner
Albert Whiting

Ryan P. Silk
Duane P. Puorro
Clifford A. Payson
Ryan Santor
Juan Rivera

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1. 8:30 AM Call to order; Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of September 9, 2011; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. (Bish/Soter)*

Review Minutes of Meeting of October 14, 2011; Mr. Vallieres noted that on page three, a portion of the last paragraph shall be changed to read *"In addition, at the recommendation of Mr. Vallieres, Mr. Bish made a motion to ask the Department to contact the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and ask for a representative of that agency to appear before the Board, as well, to discuss their program with the Board so that there is a clear understanding of their requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soter and carried unanimously."* **As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Bish/Soter)**

3. Report from Trade Practice Division; the Board acknowledged and reviewed this report which was distributed to the Board by Mr. Kuzmich. Mr. Vallieres asked if this report can be included with the initial e-mail transmission to the Board so that they can have more of a chance to review the same prior to the meeting. Mr. Kuzmich will make every effort to do so.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;

A.) Mr. Tony Eason appeared before the Board. He is the owner of Electron Solar and was asked to appear today to answer questions the Board had regarding the application of his employee, Mr. Larry Liesner. Mr. Vallieres noted that the Boards inquiry into this

matter is informal that this point. Mr. Eason noted that his company works in conjunction with E-1 Contractor Michael Coppola. Mr. Coppola handles all the DC and AC physical wiring installations. Mr. Eason noted that Mr. Liesner performs preliminary DC design work and staging of materials relative to the actual installation. The Board emphasized that their concern was and still is that all the electrical and photo-voltaic work is being done by the properly licensed individuals. Mr. Eason explained the mutually beneficial relationship between his company and that of Mr. Coppola's over the past years. Mr. Bish expressed the Board's additional concern that Mr. Liesner was not registered as an apprentice in any area and it was unclear to then if he was doing any work that required a registration. The Board thanked Mr. Eason for his time and noted that they suggested at their last meeting that Mr. Liesner change his application type to a PV-2 from a PV-1.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board: no individuals.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today: None.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination:

A. DeMarco, Jr., William J. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

B. Diaz, Reynaldo A. - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required On-The-Job Training hours and Related Classroom Instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

C. Diaz, Richard - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Halloran)

D. Galliher, Patrick M. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Halloran)

E. Silk, Ryan P. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Gavin-Kuhn)

F. Whiting, Albert E. - C-7 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of

equivalent experience and training. At the Board's recommendation, the applicant withdrew his application.

7A. Review of Application(s) for Licensure Examination – Applicants Not Appearing

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (Agenda Items 7A (A) through 7A(O)) to appear before the Board for their review of their applications to test for their respective license types. (Soter/Halloran) Mr. Kuzmich will e-mail the Board Meeting Date information in addition to the information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journey person license types.

A. Bartlett, Kent R. – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

B. Briglia, Michael – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

C. Brown, Michael W. – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

D. Delio, Raymond P. – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

E. Duford, Jason A. – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

F. Gagne, Dwayne D. – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

G. Greene, Bryan L. – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

H. Hadlock, Peter J. – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

I. Kondratowicz, Jordon T. – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

J. Krueger, Marc G. – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

K. Merriman, Jr., Patrick K. – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

L. Olszewski, Kevin M. – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

M. Rivera, Juan E. – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

N. Viroja, Uday D. – T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

O. White, Kevin J. – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person:

A. Liesner, Larry; applicant for PV-1 Limited Contractor License. The Board, at their meeting held on October 14, 2011, voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required On-The-Job Training and related classroom instruction. Mr. Liesner addressed the Board along with his employer, Mr. Tony Eason, which is noted under Agenda Item 4A. The applicant left the meeting when the Board concluded their discussion with Mr. Eason with no further communication to the Board regarding the pursuit of his license type and application.

B. Nageswaran , Gajeenthan; applicant for E-1 Unlimited Contractor License; previously appeared before the Board on September 10, 2010. Application was denied due to the lack of related classroom instruction. The applicant was not present at today's meeting, therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

C. Nappi, Joseph T.; applicant for E-2 Unlimited Journey person's License previously denied by Board on September 14, 2007 due to lack of experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

D. Ryan, Kevin O. – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; at their August 12, 2011 meeting, the Board voted to approve his application for the E-2 Unlimited Journey person's Examination conditional upon prior completion of (7) credit hours of continuing education courses in accordance with Section 20-334d-1 of the Regulation for Continuing Education for Electricians and Plumbers. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

E. Roy, John M.; applicant for E-2 Unlimited Journey person's License previously denied by Board on August 12, 2011 based upon a lack of the required 8,000 hours of registered on-the-job- training and a Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion from the State of

Massachusetts. The applicant was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

F. Vouse, Matthew E.; E-2 applicant for E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's License. His application was tabled by the Board on October 14, 2011 pending receipt of an official Apprenticeship Completion Certificate and a detailed breakdown of the required 8000 hours of on-the-job training as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman License type. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)

9. Applicant(s) for Licensure Appearing in Person

A. Santor, Ryan N., E-2 License holder No. ELC-0197917-E2, requesting consideration for waiver of time remaining to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor License type. The Board voted to deny his request for a waiver of the remaining time to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination. (Soter/Halloran)

The Board determined that the applicant's situation does not constitute a hardship since he is not an owner of the Company he works for or a family member of the same. The Board suggested that other E-1 licensee's are most likely available for hire to his employer and, as such, the Board can not violate the law and give him an unfair advantage over others that are waiting their time to test. The possibility of other co-workers taking the E-1 examination was also discussed. In addition, the Board Chairman stated that if you he were to become a legal Officer or Owner of the company, his situation may constitute a legitimate hardship and may be reconsidered by the Board at that time.

B. Small, Jonathan T., E-2 License holder No. ELC-0197079-E2, requesting consideration for waiver of time remaining to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor License type. The Board voted to deny his request for a waiver of the remaining time to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination. (Soter/Bish)

Although the Board was sympathetic to his current employment situation and the circumstances surrounding the same, they determined his situation does not constitute a hardship. They also noted that Mr. Small has approximately five months to wait to take the E-1 Examination.

10. Request for Renewal of License: None

11. Request for Reinstatement: none before the Board today.

A.) Donohue, Adrian P., C-5 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. Because of his working relationship with the applicant, Mr. Vallieres excused himself from the Board's actions on this matter. Mr. Bish took over

the Board's proceedings in substitution for Mr. Vallieres. He read aloud an e-mail written to the Board by Mr. Donohue explaining his professional background and emphasizing his astonishment that his license has lapsed. He is asking the Board for their consideration in reinstatement without retesting.

Mr. Bish noted that the applicant's e-mail to the Board was dated October 19, 2011 which shows that Mr. Donohue did make an effort to reinstate his license within the "grace period" and also noted the fact the Board did not meet in November of 2011. Mr. Soter confirmed that Mr. Donohue completed his continuing education on October 14, 2011 at which point he was notified that his license had expired by the CE provider. Mr. Bish noted, again, that the letter to the Board was dated October 19, 2011 which is within the thirty day grace period to renew the license and Mr. Halloran, again, noted that the Board did not meet in November of 2011. *Therefore, the Board voted to approve Mr. Donohue's reinstatement without retesting and by paying all past due fees. (Halloran/Yusza) Mr. Vallieres abstained from the vote.*

B. Payson, Clifford A., E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny the reinstatement of his lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the E-2 Unlimited Journeyperson's Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. (Halloran/Soter) The Board cited the time the applicant's license has been lapsed relative to the statutory directive for their ruling.

C. Puorro, Duane P., E-1 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny the reinstatement of his lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the E-1 Unlimited Contractor's Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. The Board cited the time his license has been lapsed relative to the statutory directive for their ruling.

12. Request for Reconsideration: None

13. Request to Suspend: None

14. Proposed Settlements and /or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders: None

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

15. Notice of Continuance: None

16. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice: None

17. Request to Revise: None

18. Request to Reopen: None

19. Review of Examination Results: None

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

20. Review of Correspondence:

A. Evaluation Forms For Electrical Continuing Education Course; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this documentation.

B. State of Oregon Sign Fabricator/Erector Apprenticeship Guide; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this documentation.

21. Old Business:

22. New Business:

A.) Review of 2012 Continuing Education Provider re-submittals; for review and action by the Board. The Board has asked the Department to prepare a spread sheet to help them track continuing education submittals made subsequent to their initial review of course curriculum held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. These submittals are from continuing education providers approved conditionally upon receipt of specified material requested by the Board in letters sent by the Department to the providers.

In addition, the Board has stated that continuing education providers that were initially not approved by the Board will not be allowed to resubmit their course offerings for reconsideration.

B.) Mr. Bish stated that it has come to the Board's attention that a product known as Generlink is now available in the market place. Homeowners are purchasing portable generators in record numbers to power critical appliances such as furnaces, pumps, refrigerators and home office equipment during a power outage.

GenerLink™ is a new product that connects portable generators and provides homeowners the flexibility of using a portable generator to operate virtually any appliance in their home. The product is a five-inch device that is installed behind the electric meter. When a portable generator is connected to GenerLink™ and started, GenerLink™ automatically disconnects the house from the electric utility grid preventing the possibility of [back feed](#), which can damage equipment and harm utility personnel.

Mr. Bish noted that Electrical Contractors inquiring about this device have been told that Northeast Utilities is doing the installations. Mr. Bish is asking if licensed contractors are being used or is Northeast Utilities “*cutting properly licensed individuals out of work?*” The Board also has concerns relative to how the contacts open and what happens if service is pulled off the house? The potential for a dangerous situation exists and the Board would like for Mr. David Benedetto from Northeast Utilities to speak with the Board regarding this product.

C.) Mr. Vallieres discussed the newly passed legislation pertaining to the review of applications as it relates to timely meeting of the Boards for this purpose. The Board unanimously approved the schedule of Board Meetings for the Calendar Year 2012 as listed herein. The schedule becomes effective immediately. It was noted that the schedule includes their twelve (12) monthly meetings and three (3) additional meetings this year. The total number of Board Meetings for 2012 is far less than the twelve (12) additional meetings as originally proposed by the Department. Mr. Vallieres noted that this will help to reduce the cost burden to the Department. He also added that the additional meetings dates will be used only for application reviews.

Meeting Dates for 2012 are as listed below:

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| 1.) | January 13, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 2.) | February 10, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 3.) | March 9, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 4.) | March 30, 2012 | (Application Reviews only.) |
| 5.) | April 13, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 6.) | May 11, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 7.) | June 8, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 8.) | June 29, 2012 | (Application Reviews only.) |
| 9.) | July 13, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 10.) | August 10, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 11.) | September 7, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 12.) | October 5, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 13.) | November 2, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |
| 14.) | November 30, 2012 | (Application Reviews only.) |
| 15.) | December 14, 2012 | (Regular agenda including application reviews.) |

The Board also voted, unanimously, to approve the following mandate: the Electrical Work Examining Board, effective immediately, will review all electrical applications and approve or deny them accordingly. PSI is not to approve any electrical applications from this point forward. Mr. Hurlburt noted that he will notify them immediately.

Mr. Vallieres also stated that the new legislation sets a quorum for the Board at forty percent (40%) While a full Board, by Statute, is twelve (12) members, the Board

currently have only seven (7) members taking into account the resignations of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Turri. Further, the three (3) Public Members, Eric Collett, Mario Tolla, and Sandy Marino all have missed at least three (3) consecutive meetings and have been “*deemed to have resigned from office*” in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 21a-7(6). Mr. Vallieres requested that Mr. Hurlburt notify these Board members accordingly. This now makes the current quorum for the Board at three (3).

D.) Mr. Bish made a motion and asked the Board and Department, in consideration of the new thirty-day policy relative to action taken on applications, to consider the following suggestion. He would like to see all applicants for the calendar year tracked in a spreadsheet form showing initial application date, Board action date, date(s) of test dates, and dates showing when the application came back before the Board (if necessary) in full compliance. He feels this data will be very helpful to both the Board and the Department. Mr. Soter seconded the motion.

E.) Mr. Hurlburt presented the Board with a new Department *Application for Apprentice Trainee Registration* relative to Sign Installers. The Board approved the Department’s issuance of this registration while they pursue developing a related classroom instruction curriculum for this license type with the Connecticut Department of Labor.

23. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings: none before the Board today.

24. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision: none before the Board today.

25. Final Decisions Pending Signature: none before the Board today.

26. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM. (Halloran/Bish) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist