

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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NOVEMBER 9, 2012

The meeting of November 9, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:31 AM in Room 117 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: Sandy Marino, Public Member

Member Vacancy: Four (Journeyman, Contractor, & Two (2) Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA, Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer Protection

General Public: Robert Woytowich
Danilo Cantil
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
George Magdon
John N. Caldwell, III
Brian Macpherson
Anthony Giannitti
Steve Rudolf
Arthur Calderon
Bryan Menard
Chris Camara
Wilson Tamay

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1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on "silent"). Chairman Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of *October 12, 2012*. After a thorough view by the Board, the minutes were approved as submitted. (Bish/Soter)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board.

The Board was advised that the Department has not received a Report from Trade Practices to date.

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

(A) Mr. Vinnie Valente was introduced as the new *Apprenticeship Program Manager* with the *Office of Apprenticeship Training, Connecticut Department of Labor* and is replacing Mr. Jack Guerrera. It was noted that he will be in attendance at future Board meetings along with Ms. Keri Lamontagne. The Board welcomed him and thanked both he and Ms. Lamontagne for their attendance.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

(A) Mr. Danilo Cantil; requesting information regarding his work experience abroad relative to his qualifications to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination. Mr. Cantil addressed the Board that he came to the U.S. in June of 2002, he was a registered Electrical Engineer in the Philippines for approximately 13 years for a telecommunications company and has done electrical work there on the side on a subcontract basis. He seeks guidance from the Board as to whether his experience as it stands will qualify him to sit for the E-2 Examination without having to complete an apprenticeship program in the U.S.

Ms. Gavin-Kuhn advised this applicant that he must be a registered apprentice for two years in Connecticut with a firm that employs an E-1 license holder. She suggested that he speak with the Department of Labor for further guidance. Mr. Vallieres advised Mr.

Cantil that it is very difficult for the Board to evaluate his credentials without having an application and the associated supplemental documentation before them. Mr. Vallieres suggested that Mr. Cantil decide whether or not to submit an application knowing the qualifications before him and keeping in mind that the fee for such is non-refundable. Mr. Soter stated that from what he has heard today, it sounds as if the applicant may have the required related classroom instruction but lacks the on-the-job training. Mr. Soter suggested that perhaps Mr. Cantil can find an employer and get registered as an apprentice.

Mr. Vallieres again stated that the Board needs an application before them to further proceed in their evaluation and recommendations to this applicant. On behalf of the Board, he wished Mr. Cantil the best of luck in his pursuits.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None before the Board today.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination: applicant(s) appearing in person.

Mr. Vallieres advised all in attendance at today's meeting of the Board general rules and guidelines as they apply to applicants appearing before them for consideration to sit for their respective license examinations. He made reference to the document sent to all applicants by the Department which details specific information the Board is expecting from the applicants in support of their equivalent experience and training in addition to other more general information.

In addition, Mr. Vallieres also made reference to the Boards Outline for Journeypersons which gives the specific hours for related classroom instruction including course curriculums and the required on-the-job training hours for each license type.

(1) **Beaton, John R.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not able to be present at today's meeting per e-mail notification the Department received prior to today. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Beaton, Michael J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not able to be present at today's meeting per e-mail notification the Department received prior to today. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(3) **Beltis, Brian W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not able to be present at today’s meeting per e-mail notification the Department received prior to today. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(4) **Camara, Christopher** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending completion of the required on-the job training hours and related classroom instruction as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman’s License type. (Halloran/Soter)

(5) **Giannitti, Anthony G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman’s License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours. In addition the Board has asked that the applicant’s current employer, Grumman Electric, be turned over to the Trade Practices Division for investigation on the basis of unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices

(6) **Kidd, LeRoy E.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(7) **Macpherson, Brian K.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Macpherson asked that his application review be rescheduled to a future date at which point he will resubmit as a license type E-2.

(8) **Tamay, Wilson P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman’s License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon not having completed the required on-the job training hours as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman License type. (Halloran/Soter)

In addition the Board has asked that the applicant’s current employer, Tiger Electric Company, be turned over to the Trade Practices Division for investigation on the basis of unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices and not indicating the E-1 license holder’s license number on company letterhead. In addition, the Board also has asked that the applicant’s former employer, Moore Electric, LLC, be turned over to the Trade Practices Division for investigation on the basis of not indicating the E-1 license holder’s license number on company letterhead. (Soter/Yusza)

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

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters: the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to sit for their respective examinations on the basis of a Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor or other Board-Approved Agency. (Soter/Yusza)

- (1) **Austin, Max F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (2) **Baldo, Paul** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (3) **Bonini, Joseph R.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (4) **Brana, Axel J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Crisfield, Kevin J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (6) **Cronk, Benjamin M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Czarnecki, Neil G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Dejesus, Daniel** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (9) **DeSimone, Andrew J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (10) **Dunn, Jr., David E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (11) **Foley, Jr., Patrick K.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Gurnari, Anthony F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Johnson, David T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter
- (14) **Maccio, Peter D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (15) **McAllister, David B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **McSpedon, Kevin D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (17) **Pappadake, II, Robert P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (18) **Pena, Joffre R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (19) **Ruotolo, Alberto V.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (20) **Salvato, Jonathon J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Sanchez, Luis R.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (22) **Segura, Elmer A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **Slater, Cole A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

(24) **Sloss, Jason M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

(25) **Slusarz, Kyle P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(26) **Susino, Andrew** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training: the Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their December 14, 2012 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types unless as otherwise noted. Mr. Kuzmich will mail back their original applications in addition to Board Meeting Date information and information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journey person license types.
(Soter/Yusza)

(1) **Bielunis, Alexander** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Bielunis, Gary M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Burke, Steven M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Cuttell, Darryl H.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Gomez, Luis E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Hall, John J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Manghisi, Kenneth** C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **McGrath, Daniel J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Menard, Bryan W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

(10) **Murphy, Sean P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(11) **Parra, Brandon L.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of holding an L-6 limited license.

(12) **Richey, Christopher J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(13) **Sanchez, Arturo** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(14) **Santiago, Axel** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(15) **Silvia, Ronald J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(1) **Babic, Jr., Ivan** – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit for the examination on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on April 13, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Caldwell, III, John N.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant withdrew his application, per the suggestion of the Board, at their February 10, 2012 regular meeting. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

9. Request for Renewal of License; none before the Board today.

10. Request for Reinstatement; none before the Board today.

(A) **Calderon, Arthur** - E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2011) without retesting on the basis of hardship. Although sympathetic to Mr. Calderon's situation, the Board cited their statutory obligation to require that Mr. Calderon be required to retest for his E-2 license since more than

(B) **Prior, Sr., Michael P.** - E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2011) without retesting. The Applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

11. Request for Reconsideration; none before the Board today.

12. Request to Suspend; none before the Board today.

13. Proposed Settlements and/or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none before the Board today.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance; none before the Board today.

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice; none before the Board today.

16. Request to Revise; none before the Board today.

17. Request to Reopen; none before the Board today.

18. Review of Examination Results; none before the Board today.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

19. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board reviewed the evaluation forms, in detail, and thanked the Department for the same.

(B) Letter to Ms. Jill E. Walsh, Esq., dated October 15, 2012, from Mr. Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional Licensing regarding electrical licensing; for the Board's information. Ms. Walsh is an attorney represents a staffing company specializing in applications, infrastructure, and communications technologies. Mr. Hurlburt stated that this matter had been around for a while and the Commissioner assigned it to him for a response. Mr. Hurlburt noted that her client wants to supply

labor for various jobs and asks whether the labor force requires electrical licensing in the State of Connecticut. Mr. Hurlburt's response is that the only labor the company can supply are Connecticut licensed employees. The law is very clear that an employer cannot **hire** unlicensed workers to perform electrical work in Connecticut and, in addition, they also cannot **supply** unlicensed personnel. Mr. Hurlburt also noted that this attorney most likely contacted his Department first and didn't like the answer they got so they went to the Attorney General's Office for their opinion.

20. Old Business:

No items were discussed.

21. New Business:

(A) *Governor's Executive Order No. 22* was discussed by the Board. This document is a declaration of civil preparedness issued by the Governor due to the threat of Hurricane Sandy. The Order temporarily waived registration requirements for Public Service Technicians who are properly credentialed to perform such work by a State other than Connecticut provided that such individuals engage in such electrical work as their usual employment in that State.

Mr. Hurlburt noted that the Governor's Office had apparently tried to contact him unsuccessfully by cell phone. He stated that, in his opinion, the problem with this declaration was that it waived customer premise wiring which can lead to greater issues. He questioned why there was any waiver issued since utility companies are already waived from licensing up to the demarcation point where the customer's electric service begins. The Board was given excerpts from the law at today's meeting concerning these existing exemptions. Mr. Hurlburt fears that this order, which is so broad in nature, may set a precedent for other situations in the future.

(B) Mr. Vallieres stated that the Department of Labor and the Department of Consumer Protection together in a joint effort inspected a major jobsite in Danbury, Connecticut. The inspectors found many unlicensed individuals working. The investigation is ongoing and Mr. Vallieres asked the Board for their opinion as to whether this matter, which is of great magnitude, come before the Electrical Board prior to the Department making any final decisions. The Board agrees with their Chair and voted unanimously to ask the Commissioner to have this matter come before them at the appropriate time. (Soter/Munsill) Mr. Vallieres offered to communicate with the Commissioner.

(C) Mr. Vallieres noted that the Board held a Special Meeting on Friday, October, 26, 2012 solely for the purpose of reviewing submissions made by providers of continuing education for electricians for the 2012 - 2013 license year.

In attendance were Ronald Bish, Lawrence Vallieres, John Yusza, Dave Munsill, and Faith Gavin-Kuhn. The Board received submissions from the providers listed below. The decision made on each submission is shown after each provider name.

1. Ballard & Giori Electrical and Safety Training - Approved
2. Carosella Electrical Seminars - Approved
3. Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association (CASIA) - Approved
4. Construction Education Center, Inc. - Approved
5. Continuing Electrical Needs Association, LLC - Approved
6. Connecticut Electrical Training Center, LLC - Approved
7. Electrical Training Course _Approved
8. Electrical Training Services LLC - Approved
9. Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc. - Approved
10. Industrial Management and Training Institute, Inc. - Approved
11. IQ Electrical Training - Approved
12. Martin Electrical & Technical School - Approved
13. National Code Seminars - Approved
14. NAT PRO Electrical Seminars Inc. - Approved
15. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, CLC - Approved
16. NY Communications Training Center, Inc. - Appr'd (not appr'd for E-1 and E-2)
17. Spectrum Code Seminars - Approved
18. Tunxis Community College - Bristol Campus - Approved

22. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings; none before the Board today.

23. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision; none before the Board today.

24. Final Decisions Pending Signature; none before the Board today.

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM. (Bish/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist