

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**MARCH 8, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of March 8, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:45 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman  
Ronald Bish, Contractor  
Frank Halloran, Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman

**Members Absent:** Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member  
Sandy Marino, Public Member  
David Munsill, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Member Vacancy:** Three (Contractor (non-Union), & Two Public Members)

**DCP Staff:** Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,  
License and Applications Specialist

**Others Present:** Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of labor  
Vinnie Valente, Connecticut Department of Labor

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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Jason Philhower  
Brian Snow, Zaps Electrical  
Adrian Alvarado, Adrian's Electric  
Thomas C. Wemyss, Pure Point Energy  
Dominic Chianese  
Delvin Leonardo, Parabit Systems  
R. Todd McDuffie

**1. 8:30 AM call to order.** (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on silent”).

Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

**2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

A. Review minutes of meetings of February 22, 2013.

It was noted by the Board that on page five, the application of Mr. David P. Montour was changed from an E-1 type to an E-2 type at the suggestion of the Board by the applicant at the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected herein.

After a thorough review by all of these documents, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as written. (Soter/Bish)

**3. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:**

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

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

The Division has not received a report to distribute for this meeting.

**5. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;** no one scheduled before the Board today.

**6. Request to Appear before the Board;** no one scheduled 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) **Alvarado, Adrian** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the recommendation of the Board at today's meeting held March 8, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

(2) **August, Donald J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Mr. August for the E-2 license examination. (Halloran/Bish)

(3) **Burke, Steven M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. He was originally scheduled to appear before the Board on December 14, 2012. The Applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(4) **Chianese, Dominic L.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Chianese changed his license application type from an L-5 to an L-6 at the recommendation of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table his application not having accrued the required hours of related classroom instruction as it pertains to the L-6 Limited Electrical Journeyperson License type. (Soter/Bish)

(5) **DiFrancisca, Russell J.** - E-1 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.

(6) **Fullam, Edward C.** – E-2 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) **Handler, Darren** - E-1 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.

(8) **Jackson, Shane T.** – E-1 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.

(9) **McDuffie, R. Todd** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. He was originally scheduled to appear before the Board on February 22, 2013. Mr. McDuffie changed his license application type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the recommendation of the Board at today’s meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending completion of the required hours of related classroom instruction and on-the-job training as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman License type. (Soter/Halloran)

(10) **Philhower, Jason W.** – 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 hours of related classroom instruction and on-the-job training as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman License type. (Bish/Soter)

(11) **Snow, Brian D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Mr. Snow for the E-2 license examination. (Soter/Bish)

(12) **Wallander, Mark D.**- E-2 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.

(13) **Wemyss, Thomas C.** – PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Wemyss changed his license application type from an PV-1 to an PV-2 at the recommendation of the Board at today’s meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending completion of the required hours of related classroom instruction and on-the-job training as it pertains to the PV-2 Limited Electrical Journeyman License type. (Halloran/Soter)

(14) **Wilson, Robert E.**- E-2 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.

(15) **Zenunllari, Oliver**- E-2 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. (Bish/Soter)

**7(A). 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 additions) 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/Bish)

(1) **Daigle, Adrian J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Froehlich, III, George C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Inzinga, Warren P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Spencer, Loren L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Uccello, Robert A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training:

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including additions) to appear before the Board at their April 12, 2013 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types. 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 Journeyman license types. (Soter/Bish)

(1) **Dalpe, Michael B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **DiGiannantonio, Filiberto C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Drach, Richard C.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Sward, Eric B.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

(1) **Eckert, Patrick F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on April 13, 2012, voted unanimously to again deny his application based upon a lack of the required On-The-Job Training hours and Related Classroom Instruction. The Applicant was scheduled to appear before the Board today for reconsideration of his previous denial but was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(2) **Estevam, Alexandre** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held February 22, 2013, tabled Mr. Estevam's application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his course curriculum and official notarized documentation. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

(3) **Lanning, Johnny E.** – E-2 license holder seeking the Boards consideration to waive the required two year time period to hold the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's License to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor's License Examination on the basis of a business hardship. Mr. Lanning passed the E-2 Examination on June 6, 2012; for discussion by the Board.

Mr. Lanning stated that present E-1 license holder is retiring at the end of the year and he would like to replace him as the Contractor of Record in order for his company to continue their contract work with Northeast Utilities. Mr. Vallieres discussed the possibility that the applicant may only need a high voltage license type to perform the work that needs to be done. The Board questioned the business hardship and the need for the E-1 license type although it was noted that an E-1 license type does cover the specific work his company needs to do.

Mr. Lanning again stressed his company's hardship with their current E-1 retiring at years end. Mr. Bish suggested, based upon when Mr. Lanning got his E-2 license and when the actual need for the license comes into play, the Board considers approving his eligibility to take the E-1 Examination effective September 1, 2013. This date gives Mr. Lanning more than one year of licensure as an E-2 license holder and the makes the Board more comfortable based upon the circumstances of the application. The September date will also give Mr. Lanning enough time to pass the examination for when his company needs the license to be in place. The Board voted unanimously to

approve Mr. Lanning to take the E-1 Examination effective as of September 1, 2013 based upon a legitimate business hardship. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Leonardo, Delvin** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant was originally scheduled to appear before the Board on June 8, 2012. The Board, at their meeting held February 22, 2013, tabled Mr. Leonardo's application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his course curriculum and official notarized transcripts. The Board voted unanimously to his application. (Soter/Halloran)

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

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

**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 acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same. Board Members conducted a thorough review of the evaluation reports from the licensees.

## **20. Old Business:**

A. Mr. Vallieres noted that Mr. Valente from the Department of Labor is present today in response to the Board's request at their last meeting to provide them with information regarding violations of the Statutes as it relates to the Electrical Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Valente presented the Board with a letter to them dated March 7, 2013. The letter references excerpts from the Statutes concerning Complaints, Deregistration of program, Deregistration by Department, and Reinstatement of programs.

Mr. Vallieres summarized why the Board has asked for this information noting various applicants who have appeared before them stating that they have worked for various contractors who did not register them with the Department of Labor for various reasons probably involving, in part, problems with compliance relative to apprentice ratio restrictions in the law.

The letter, in summary, states that a complaint must be received from an apprentice in, writing, or their representative. Any complaint alleging discrimination must be submitted according to State and Federal Equal Opportunity Laws. In cases where standards are violated, de-registration of a program may ensue when due process is followed. If a sponsor complies during or after this, they are re-registered.

The Board thanked Mr. Valente and the Department of Labor Staff for their diligent effort in providing the Board with this information.

## **21. New Business:**

(1) Agency Legal Director Ms. Elisa Nahas swore-in newly appointed Board Member Mr. Bruce A. Silva as an Unlimited Journeyman – Union Member. The Board welcomed Mr. Silva and looks forward to working with him in the future.

**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. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:**

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

## **25. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2013 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist