

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

The meeting of September 9, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:31 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

**Members Absent:** Eric B. Collett, Public Member  
Sandy Marino, Public Member  
Mario Tolla, Public Member  
Raymond A. Turri, Contractor  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Member Vacancy:** One (Journeyman)

**DCP Staff Present:** Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,  
License and Applications Specialist  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Michelle Seagull, Deputy Commissioner

**General Public:** John Schindler  
Donald MacKinlay  
Robert Woytowich  
Wilson P. Tamay  
John Maher  
Debra Robbins  
Keri Lamontagne, Department of Labor  
Labor/Apprenticeship  
Training  
Peggy Zabawar Department of Administrative  
Services

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1. 8:30 AM Call to order; Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of August 12, 2011; *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Soter)*

3. Report from Trade Practice Division; the Board acknowledged and reviewed this report which was distributed to the Board by Mr. Kuzmich.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request; no individuals.

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. Coyne, Jeffrey D. - E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *Mr. Coyne was not present at today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on his application.*

B. MacKinlay, Donald - E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *the Board voted, unanimously, to deny his application based upon the fact that the applicant has not held a Connecticut Unlimited Journeyman's license for two years (Soter/Bish).*

C. Maher, John N. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)*

D. Robbins, Debra L. - E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny her application based upon a lack of the required 720 hours of related classroom instruction and detailed on-the-job training as it pertains to the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License type. (Soter/Bish)

E. Tamay, Wilson P. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit 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 Examination on the basis of a lack of registered on-the-job training hours. (Soter/Munsill)

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

A. Schindler, John R. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board, at their meeting held on May 13, 2011, voted unanimously to table his application pending additional detailed documentation demonstrating equivalency of the required 720 hours of related classroom instruction.

*The Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)*

9. Applicant(s) for Licensure Appearing in Person

None before the Board today.

10. Request for Renewal of License: None

11. Request for Reinstatement:

A. Letter dated August 16, 2011, from Mr. David M. Coelho concerning the reinstatement of Mr. Bernard C. Gillotte whose E-1 license lapsed on September 30, 2008 and is requesting consideration for reinstatement of his license without re-examination.

Mr. Vallieres noted that the Mr. Gillotte is not present at today's meeting. *Mr. Halloran made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Soter to deny his request for reinstatement because of the time his license has been lapsed. In addition, the applicant is not present to represent himself today and if he was, it would be a waste of his time.* The Board requested that a letter be sent to him denying his reinstatement and offering him the opportunity to retest for his license. *(Halloran/Soter)*

B. Rector, Ronnie J. - former E-1 license holder, whose license lapsed September 30, 2009, and is requesting consideration for reinstatement of his license without re-examination.

Mr. Rector noted that his current address has changed from what the Department has in their records. It was noted that his license lapsed on September 30, 2009 and that two years have now passed. Mr. Rector stated that he was married in 2009 and arrested for breach of peace and sent to jail in New Haven, Connecticut. A series of circumstances made his incarceration two years and more complicated than was originally anticipated. In addition, Mr. Rector is now divorced. Mr. Rector thought that he had up until two years to renew his license but was mistaken. By his own admission, he is not academically fit to retest and it would be difficult for him both time and money wise. He is asking the Board to realize that he has passed the examination in the past and has good character recommendations from professional colleagues. He is pleading with the Board to reinstate his license without having to retest. Mr. Rector has the opportunity to work at present but needs his license back to get permits.

In response, Mr. Vallieres stated that the Board does not have the statutory authority to reinstate him without retesting. He also noted that is no record of Mr. Rector attempting to notify the Department either by himself or by his Attorney of his circumstances at that time. *Mr. Halloran reiterated that the Boards hands are tied in this situation and as such, made a motion to deny Mr. Rector's request for reinstatement without retesting. The notion was seconded by Mr. Munsill and passed unanimously.*

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 acknowledged receipt of this documentation. All, for the most part, are favorable with the exception of one report which was not favorable.

B. Public Act No. 11-117; for the Board's information. Mr. Vallieres discussed this Act in terms of the retirement status provision. The Act does not address how continuing education is handled during the reinstatement process. It was suggested that the Commissioner have input in this procedure. Mr. Kuzmich noted how the Landscape Architect Board addresses their inactive status provision relative to continuing education. Mr. Soter suggested that retirees coming back into the profession take the mandatory 4 hours of continuing education current at the time of the reinstatement.

Mr. Soter also suggested that the Board let this issue go for the time being and address the situations on a case-by-case basis as retirees start to reinstate their licenses. Mr. Vallieres suggested that the legislature should expand the language to be more specific as to the details of the reinstatement procedure but agrees that the Board could leave this issue as is for the time being.

21. Old Business: None discussed.

22. New Business:

A. Diversity Training presentation by Ms. Peggy Zabawar;

Ms. Peggy Zabawar from the Department of Administrative Services made a one hour presentation to the Electrical Work Examining Board on Sexual Harassment Prevention and Diversity. She noted that the State is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Ms. Zabawar explained that Boards and Commissions are held to the same standards as employees in relating to one another and the public, and as such, Board or Commission member behavior opens the State to the same liability.

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 11:05 AM. (Halloran/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2011 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