

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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FEBRUARY 10, 2012

The meeting of February 10, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:30 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
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Member Vacancy: Two (Journeyman & Contractor)

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

General Public: Frank E. Salvio
Rory A. McBreairty
Andrew J. Signore
Geoffrey P. Ciak
Mark J. Sylvester
Todd Caslander
Dennis King
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
John T. Audet
Joseph Bonini
Scott F. Barton
John N. Caldwell

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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 January 13, 2012; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. (Bish/Soter)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division;

It was noted that the majority of the report represents continuing education audits done by the Department. The Board noted that the report that they received has no date range. Further, the Board is confused over the language stating that cases appear to be unresolved and also listed as a closed which raised some confusion to the Board. Mr. Vallieres would like the report to report on all cases and not just the closed cases.

It was decided that the Board ask Mr. Richard Maloney to attend the Board's next meeting to discuss the format of the report. It was also suggested that the Board e-mail specific cases they wish to review to Mr. Kuzmich who will in turn forward this request to Mr. Maloney so that these cases can be brought to the Board at their next meeting for further discussion.

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

No scheduled appearances.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

No scheduled appearances.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today;

A. 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.

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

A. **Audet, John T.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-02-11) The Board voted, unanimously, to deny his application to sit for the L-6 Limited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of completion of a Registered Apprenticeship Program and the Related Classroom Instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

B. **Barton, Scott F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-14-11) The Board voted, unanimously, to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of completion of the Related Classroom Instruction and a more comprehensive breakdown of his on-the job training. (Bish/Soter)

C. **Bonini, Joseph R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training (12-08-11) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of completion of the Related Classroom Instruction and On-The Job Training. (Halloran/Soter)

D. **Borges, Marco A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-22-11) Mr. Borges was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

E. **Bouchard, Dennis M.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-22-11) Mr. Bouchard was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

F. **Brown, Michael W.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (11-23-11) Mr. Brown was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

G. **Caldwell, III, John N.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11) At the suggestion of the Board, Mr. Caldwell withdrew his application.

H. **Casey, Paul M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-04-12) Mr. Casey was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

I. **Caslander, Todd M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-03-11) The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his work history from his past employers and transcripts of his Technical High School Course Curriculum. (Soter/Halloran)

J. **Ciak, Geoffrey P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-08-11) The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

K. **King, Dennis J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-09-12) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of registered On-The Job Training hours. (Soter/Halloran)

L. **Leone, Gerald L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-23-11) The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish) Mr. Soter abstained from the vote.

M. **Longston, Everett C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-16-11) Mr. Longston was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

N. **Lopez, Anthony R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-03-11) Mr. Lopez was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

O. **Martin, James M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-27-11) The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Bish)

P. **McBreairty, Rory A.** - C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11) The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

Q. **Orejuela, Leonardo F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-16-11) Mr. Orejuela was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

R. **Signore, Andrew J.** - C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11) The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

S. **Sylvester, Mark J.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-05-11) The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the L-6 Limited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of Related Classroom Instruction and a more comprehensive breakdown of his on-the job training. (Halloran/Soter)

T. **Tenesaca, Silvio R.** - E-1 applicant seeking waiver of the required time for being licensed as Journeyman. (12-16-11) Mr. Tenesaca was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

U. **Torres, Jr., Robert L.** - C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-11-12) Mr. Torres was not present at today's meeting and therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

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

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.

- (1) **Beckwith, Daniel J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-11-12)
- (2) **Burguiere, Christopher J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-21-12)
- (3) **Cevallos, George J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-27-12)
- (4) **Choronzy, Patrick J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-13-12)
- (5) **Chrostowski, Adam M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-07-12)
- (6) **Clavette, Stephen M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-19-12)

- (7) **Darmanin, John J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-20-12)
- (8) **Delano, Jonathan W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-01-12)
- (9) **Desrosiers, Colleen M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-21-12)
- (10) **Emanuele, Robert S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-30-12)
- (11) **Eriksson, Ryan N.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-17-12)
- (12) **Fanning, Scott J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-27-12)
- (13) **Gadzik, Joshua D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-15-11)
- (14) **Galarneau, Andrew E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-11-12)
- (15) **Giorgio-Machado, Lynette M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-30-12)
- (16) **Grande, Alex M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-06-12)
- (17) **Gundelach, Justin** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-27-12)
- (18) **Jackson, Akeem L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-19-12)
- (19) **Johnson, David C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-19-12)
- (20) **Malta, Jeffrey L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-06-12)
- (21) **Mastroianni, Ralph J.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-16-12)

- (22) **McClendon, Jaris P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-12-12)
- (23) **Moncrease, Daniel R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-20-12)
- (24) **Morales, Brian E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-29-11)
- (25) **Murphy, David** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-17-12)
- (26) **Nappi, Joe T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-17-12)
- (27) **Newton, Ryan W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-30-11)
- (28) **O'Connell, Michael P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-23-12)
- (29) **Payson, Clifford A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-22-11)
- (30) **Pettit, Zachary M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-15-11)
- (31) **Ramos, Jose T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-30-11)
- (32) **Sabovic, Suad** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-21-11)
- (33) **Solomon, Kevin J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-15-11)
- (34) **Sztachera, Adam W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (12-30-11)
- (35) **Szulga, Adam T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. (01-18-12)

- (36) **Tempesta, Marc D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-01-12)

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including additions) to appear before the Board for their review of their applications to test for their respective license types. 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.

- (1) **Bellantoni, Thomas** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-30-11)
- (2) **Bidlack, Jonathan R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-09-12)
- (3) **Correll, Joel** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12)
- (4) **Green, Jesse** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12)
- (5) **Henley, Jeffrey L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-13-11)
- (6) **Kurtz, Stephan** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12)
- (7) **Lanning, Johnny E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-24-12)
- (8) **Mallet, Richard J.** - I-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-16-12)
- (9) **Mathewson, Jared S.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-30-11)
- (10) **Mena, Paul** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12)
- (11) **Marra, John A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (12-16-11)
- (12) **Mekkelsen, IV, Fred M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-09-12)

- (18) **Morris, James A.** - L-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (02-01-12)
- (19) **Pellegrini, Andrew D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-19-12)
- (20) **Powers, Jodi L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. (01-03-12)
- (21) **Schmerl, Michael** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person: none before the Board today.

9. Request for Renewal of License: None

10. Request for Reinstatement:

(A) **Salvio, Frank E.** - E-1 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2010) without retesting. Mr. Salvio explained the details surrounding the lapse of his license. Although the Board was sympathetic to his case, they cited the statutory mandate by which they must comply which requires the applicant to retest. As such, the Board voted, unanimously, approve Mr. Salvio to retake the examination for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's Examination. (Halloran/Gavin-Kuhn)

11. Request for Reconsideration: None

12. Request to Suspend: None

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

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance: None

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

16. Request to Revise: None

17. Request to Reopen: None

18. Review of Examination Results: None

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 information and reviewed the forms in general.

20. Old Business:

(A) Resubmission of the 2012 Continuing Education Package from National Code Seminars; for the Board's discussion and reconsideration.

Mr. Hurlburt noted that the Commissioner has asked the Board to reconsider this application and be more proactive on this submission based upon the changes the applicant made per the Board's first review. Mr. Hurlburt noted that there is no statutory deadline for application submissions. Mr. Vallieres acknowledged that the deadline date is a Board policy.

Mr. Vallieres noted that the Boards original review comments stated that the application does not comply with the requirements because the curriculum submitted contained no material relative to what the Board was looking for in their curriculum outline. Mr. Bish stated that the applicant's submission contained a course that did not cover material from 2008 through 2011 but instead submitted more of a general course.

Ms. Gavin-Kuhn stated that the Board saw that his submission was more national in focus and had not taken the time to incorporate Connecticut's specific changes such as the 2008 and 2011 Building Code requirements and that the CEU requisite was now four years and not seven years any longer. Mr. Vallieres cited the Boards **approved** December 9, 2011 minutes which states that "*continuing education providers that were initially not approved by the Board will not be allowed to resubmit their course offerings for reconsideration.*".

After more discussion the Board concluded that the application still remains incomplete and that the curriculum requirements are available on line and that it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with the same. As such, the Board voted, again, to uphold their original decision and not approve National Code Seminars application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(B) Mr. Vallieres reported to the Board that the Freedom of Information request presented to the Board at their last meeting was e-mailed to the Commissioner by him.

He also noted that that the Department's Legal department Head Ms. Elisa Nahas is handling this request. FOI requests are handled by the Department and not the Board. Further Mr. Vallieres asked that the Commissioner to copy him on all responses sent to the person who made the initial request.

21. New Business:

(A) Mr. Hurlburt presented the Board with a draft of a Sign License Apprenticeship Program. He noted that this apprenticeship program is being handled by the Department in the interim until the Department of Labor finalizes a program. Mr. Hurlburt noted that applicants will be registered with the Department using this outline as a guideline so that they may eventually get a C-8 license. Applicants will have to spend two years as registered apprentice and also take school related instruction. This outline was developed by Mr. Hurlburt in conjunction with the Sign Industry in order to get the applicants on the right road so to speak.

Mr. Vallieres stated that he has also spoken with a representative of the sign industry. Further, the Board wants the apprentices to get a full understanding of all the technical details of the various signs. The Board generally approved this outline as a work in progress and also suggested that the outline contain the words "Connecticut Registered Apprentice".

Mr. Vallieres spoke with Run Hassmann and noted that the sign providers typically provide their continuing education course offering one day usually in September. They missed the deadline date for their submission this year. Mr. Vallieres suggested the possibility of the sign CE provider adding his curriculum to that of an approved provider for an E Class license. The Board agreed that this can be done for this year in light of the pending development of the sign CEU curriculum.

(B) Mr. Vallieres informed the Board that he received an e-mail from Bob Nuzzi State Electrical Inspector noting that he had been told by the Director of United Illuminating that a CEU Instructor at a class held in Hamden Connecticut told electricians that they are not allowed to do "Cut and Reconnects" any longer. Mr. Nuzzi stated that calls from inspectors and electricians have been generated by this statement and it is of great concern to both UI and CL & P. Mr. Nuzzi asked the Board to please look into this matter.

Mr. Vallieres in turn e-mailed Peter Childree and informed him of this situation. He stressed the importance that the delivery of information to all classes must be accurate and in accordance with the program that was outlined and approved by the Electrical Work Examining Board. Incorrect, incomplete and or confusing information is not acceptable to our program and must cease immediately.

He also stated that it was his understanding that an issue does exist with an OSHA inspection on a contractor performing a service change, at which time the contractor was cited, however it is also his understanding that this case/issue has been forwarded to OSHA in Washington for a formal interpretation, and that the Board is presently awaiting their review and comment. When this developed the Utility Companies took immediate action and have been involved with OSHA regarding their *“Cut and Reconnect”* policy.

He further stated that the *“Cut and Reconnect”* policy still exists with each individual Utility Company that allows such, and each electrical contractor is required to contact the particular Utility Company for the location where the work is proposed to be performed and follow the policy of that Utility Company. Contractors should always check with the local Utility for any and all new information that may affect the proposed work to be performed.

Mr. Vallieres told Mr. Childree that since issues have risen as a result of information given at one of his classes, he is requesting that he forward to each attendee a written statement of correction regarding this issue, and forward to Mr. Vallieres a copy of such correspondence along with a list of all attendees that took that class for the Board’s records.

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 12:22 PM. (Halloran/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, March 9, 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