

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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MARCH 9, 2018

The Regular Meeting of March 9, 2018 was held in the Department of Consumer Protection - North Building, Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Members Present: Ronald Bish, Unlimited Contractor
Peter L. Jennings, Unlimited Contractor
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Unlimited Journeyman
Laurence A. Vallieres, Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Robert Woytowich, Unlimited Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: None

Member Vacancies: One (1) Unlimited Journeyman
Three (3) Public Members

DCP Board Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, License/Applications Specialist, DCP

Others Present: Paul Costello IBEW - JATC 90
Andrew Simonow
Andrew Simonow, Sr.

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) 706-1202.

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1. Call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 12, 2018.

The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Soter)

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

4. DCP Investigation Division:

(A) Board to review quarterly report when provided.

It was noted that Mr. John Neumon, Investigations Director, is no longer with the Department of Consumer Protection. There was no report provided to the Board today for review.

(B) Occupational Licensing Enforcement Report for Calendar Year 2017.

The Board acknowledged receipt of this document from the Department.

(C) Example of "Assurance of Voluntary Compliance".

Mr. Vallieres will further review this document and forward his evaluation to the Board and Department for the next meeting.

5. Applicants appearing before the Board:

(A) **Simonow, Andrew J.** – E-1 applicant seeking waiver of the two (2) year waiting period serving as a Unlimited Journeyman. Mr. Simonow addressed the Board noting his reason for requesting the waiver stating that his father is becoming less involved in the family business and will be retiring in the near future. The applicant's father also addressed the Board citing family health issues as the primary reason for becoming less involved in the business.

The Board gave the applicant a number of options which will allow the applicant's business to function as is until such time when Mr. Simonow can sit for the contractor's examination. Although the Board is empathetic to the applicant's circumstances, they noted that they do not constitute a true hardship. As such, the Board voted unanimously to deny the applicant's request for a waiver of the two (2) year waiting

period serving as a Unlimited Journeyman prior to sitting for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor's license examination. (Soter/Bish)

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

(A) **O'Donnell, Connor M.** – PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon the lack of on-the job training and related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Yusza) The Board noted that they would consider an application for the PV-2 Limited Journeyman license provided the applicant has the proper credentials.

7. Old Business:

(A) Clarification Letter from Mr. Larry Vallieres concerning 2018 Continuing Education for Electricians. Mr. Vallieres presented the Board with a draft letter to Commissioner Seagull concerning continuing education requirements for unlimited and limited electrical licenses. The letter asks the Department to clarify its interpretation of Regulation Section 20-334d-1(d)(3) in writing, for the Board's benefit, pertaining to the applicability of continuing education courses to specific license types.

Mr. Vallieres stated to the Board that he recently participated in a telephone conference call with the Department's Legal Division concerning his original letter dated January 12, 2018 after which the Department recommended that this letter be referred to the Board's Counsel at the Attorney General's Office. The Board's Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Raul Rodriguez, asked that the Department of Consumer Protection submit their written opinion pertaining to continuing education requirements for limited and unlimited license types.

The Board voted unanimously to have Mr. Vallieres sign the draft letter presented to them today and send the same to Ms. Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection. (Soter/Woytowich)

Mr. Bish now made a motion to require seven (7) hours of electrical continuing education hours using a combined curriculum including both limited and unlimited license types beginning the next license cycle. The Board voted to table this motion.

Other Business Discussed:

1. Mr. Vallieres cited the Board's December 8, 2017 meeting at which the Department's Legal Division sought approval by the Board of a Consent Agreement in which the respondent had agreed to voluntarily surrender his unlimited electrical license immediately and cease and desist from practicing and offering to practice his services as an unlimited electrical contractor until such time that his license is reinstated. The Board would like to add that the respondent must first re-take the E-1 license examination before he can reapply for reinstatement because his license will have been

lapsed more than two years at this point. They asked that a representative from the Department's Legal Division attend their May 11, 2018 meeting and provide them with an update on this matter.

Proposed Legislation Noted:

Raised S.B. No. 193 - An Act Concerning Revisions To Department Of Consumer Protection Statutes.

Raised S.B. No. 194 - An Act Concerning Department Of Consumer Protection License Streamlining.

Mr. Vallieres noted that these bills may affect this Board and presented the Board with his proposed revisions to Bill No. 193; specifically lines 163 through 188 which include "failure to respond" and "failure to pay" to also include "suspension or revocation of license".

The Board voted unanimously to have Mr. Vallieres communicate these proposed changes to the General Law Committee. (Soter/Yusza)

Correspondence:

1. Mr. Vallieres presented to the Board a United States Department of Justice News Release dated January 23, 2018 entitled "Watertown Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy Offense Related to Bribery Scheme". The subject is a Connecticut licensed electrician. The Board asked that this matter be brought to the Department's Investigation Division for further review.

2. Mr. Vallieres gave the Department an advertisement from Carosella Electrical Seminars citing some language in question, clarification of which classes are for limited and unlimited license types, and the lack of a Provider Number in the advertisement. Mr. Robert Kuzmich will pursue this matter with the provider.

8. New Business:

(A) Sample applications reviewed by the Department of Labor.

The Board reviewed three (3) applications previously submitted and reviewed by the Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeship Training. The applications reviewed are for the following individuals:

1. Thomas J. Giuliano – E-2 Unlimited Journeyman
2. Noel E. Lugo – E-2 Unlimited Journeyman
3. Ryan J. St. Germain – L-6 Limited Journeyman

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to ask Mt. Todd Berch, Program Manager, Office of Apprenticeship Training to their next meeting scheduled for May 11,

2018 to address their questions. In addition the Board asked that Mr. Berch provide them with the last twenty (20) applications his office reviewed from applicants applying from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

9. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

There were no further comments from anyone present.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM. (Soter/Yusza)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Upcoming Electrical Board Meeting Dates:

May 11, 2018
July 13, 2018
September 7, 2018
November 9, 2018

Meetings take place at the Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Building, Hearing Room J, Hartford, CT, 06103 beginning at 8:30 AM.