

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

MAY 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of May 10, 2019 was held in the Department of Consumer Protection - North Building, Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

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

Members Absent: None

Member Vacancies: One (1) Unlimited Journeyman
Four (4) Public Members

DCP Board Staff: Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional
Licensing Division

Others Present: Michelle Seagull, Commissioner
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Anthony Wadelton

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1. Call to order:

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

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 8, 2019 and April 12, 2019 as submitted. (Bish, Yusza)

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

Anthony Wadelton, E-1 Unlimited Contractor application

Mr. Wadelton's request for a hardship waiver to sit for the E-1 examination was denied by the Department due to lack of two years as an E-2 Electrical Journeyman license holder. He will be eligible to sit for the E-1 examination on November 22, 2019.

Mr. Wadelton attended and discussed his application and request hardship with the Board. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny this request due to lack the required two years as an E-2 Electrical Journeyman license holder. (Bish, Soter)

4. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Report:

(1) The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 03/01/19 to 04/29/19. Janita Hamel was in attendance for discussion regarding these complaints.

(2) The Board reviewed an occupational licensing enforcement report for calendar year 2018. Pam Brown was in attendance for discussion regarding these complaints.

5. Review of Correspondence:

None

6. Old Business:

(1) Continued discussion on the number of required related instruction hours for electrical licensees in Connecticut.

Larry Vallieres informed the Board that Todd Berch, Dept. of Labor, and Raul Rodriguez, Asst. Attorney General, will not be in attendance today, however, he has communicated with them via phone and email on this topic and Larry provided the Board with an update on this communication.

Continued discussion took place regarding the Board's ongoing concern about reciprocity laws for occupational license types and the number of required related instruction hours for electrical licensees in Connecticut.

This topic was tabled until after the next scheduled meeting with DCP Commissioner Seagull, at which Larry can follow up on the status of these communications.

(2) Continuing education audit update by Julianne Avallone, Legal Division Director

Julianne provided an update on the continuing education audit. There are 253 remaining licensees that have not responded and need to be contacted. Julianne requests that board members consider assisting the Department in the audit process by calling these licensees that have not responded.

Julianne distributed a sample letter which would go out to licensees that have not responded. The Board reviewed this letter and discussion took place regarding changes to the language on the letter. It was determined that the letter would contain language that would allow for the licensee to respond and comply with the audit within 10 days, or attend a compliance hearing. The date of the compliance hearing will be included on the letter. Board Members are encouraged to volunteer to attend the compliance hearing. Julianne will send a draft of the letter once the changes discussed today have been made.

(3) Application for review and recommendation:

Board Member Peter Jennings stepped down to review the application of Daniel Morrone, C-6 Limited Journeyman application, and related allegations concerning previous examinations. Upon review of the PSI video from the April 11, 2019 examination, there was no solid evidence of these allegations found and the applicant has been approved to sit for the exam.

Board so noted.

7. New Business:

(1) Review of evaluation forms for electrical continuing education courses taken by licensees

Board so noted

(2) Proposed Electrical Continuing Education Outline and Curriculum 2020

The Board reviewed the proposed outline and curriculum for limited and unlimited electrical license types and discussed changes to be made.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the changes noted at today's meeting and to send the updated document to Commissioner Seagull for approval.

Executive Session begins at 12:14

Old Business - Hardship requests for 2017 continuing education audit:

The following licensees submitted additional documentation regarding their hardship request, which was initially reviewed at the Electrical Board's April 12, 2019 meeting. The Board reviewed this documentation and voted as follows:

- James Crowe – ELC.0123742-E1

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Crowe's request for hardship.
(Soter, Yusza)

- Gene Ruocco – ELC.0103960-E1

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ruocco's request for hardship.
(Soter, Yusza)

- Jack Dungfelder – ELC.0185612-E1

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dungfelder's request for hardship.
(Soter, Yusza)

New Business – IQ Electrical Training Correspondence

Letter dated April 20, 2019 from electrical continuing education instructor Fred Mertz, provider IQ Electrical Training West, addressed to Richard M. Hurlburt, Director regarding feedback from T-1 license holder Russell Bates on a continuing education course he had taken from this provider on April 4, 2019.

The Board reviewed this correspondence and determined that there was no action to be taken at this time.

New Business – Review of David Oliveira's E-2 application

The Board reviewed this application and noted that an apprenticeship completion letter was issued by the Dept. of Labor however the related instruction was completed through IEC in Florida.

Executive Session ends at 12:38

8. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Applications Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- August 9
- November 8