

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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JUNE 10, 2011

The meeting of June 10, 2011 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
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Eric B. Collett, Public Member
Roger L. Johnson, Jr., Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
Mario Tolla, Public Member
Raymond A. Turri, Contractor

Member Vacancy: None

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

General Public: Wayne Davis
Robert Woytowich
Paul Costello
Thomas J. Martin
Robert Kemenczy
Lesniak Wladyslaw
Lisa Huber Stevens
Victor Mitchell
Randy Silveira
Miguel Cordeiro
John Gillies

Jerry Piscitelli
Rick Foster
Fred Mertze
Joseph P. Tyson
Peter Childree
John Roy
Keri Lamontagne,

Department of Labor
Labor/Apprenticeship
Training

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

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of May 13, 2011; *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Soter/Yusza)*

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. Adam, Charles A. – PV-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *Mr. Adam was not present at today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.*

B. Cordeiro, Miguel – C-6 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted, unanimously, to table his application to sit for the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination pending receipt of a Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion from the State of Rhode Island and a more detailed description of his employment history. In addition, the Board is requiring written analysis of his related classroom instruction courses that illustrates their equivalency. Such analysis shall be authored by a professional educator qualified to offer such analysis. (Soter/Munsill)

Mr. Yusza asked the applicant his experience in fire alarm work since this is covered by the C-6 license type to which the applicant answered that he has none nor was this work covered in his schooling. As such, Mr. Yusza suggested that the applicant consider applying for the "T" type license since the scope of work covered by this license is more suited to his work experience and schooling. It appears that he is lacking much of the schooling for the "C" type license.

C. Gullies, John S. – T-1 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 T-1 Limited Electrical Contractors's Examination based upon a lack of holding a T-2 Limited Electrical Journeyman's License for the minimum two year time period. (Soter/Halloran)

D. Jackson, David W. – C-7 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Jackson notified the Board by e-mail that he was not able to attend today's meeting and will be rescheduling. As such, the Board took no action on this application.

E. Kemenczy, Robert A. - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit 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 and related classroom instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

F. Lesniak, Wladyslaw - E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit 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 with the recommendation that he register as an Apprentice with an Employer Sponsor with the Connecticut Department of Labor. (Bish/Munsill)

G. Martin, Thomas J. – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction with the recommendation that he register as an Apprentice with an Employer Sponsor with the Connecticut Department of Labor. In addition, the Board is requiring written analysis of his related classroom instruction courses that illustrates their equivalency. Such analysis shall be authored by a professional educator qualified to offer such analysis. (Soter/Bish)

H. Roy, John M. – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of the 12 copies of his application package as detailed in the e-mail he received prior to this meeting which confirmed his appointment before the Board. (Vallieres/Soter)

I. Tyson, Jr., Joseph P. – T-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction and on-the-job training hours with the recommendation that he register as an Apprentice with an Employer Sponsor with the Connecticut Department of Labor. (Halloran/Soter)

Mr. Vallieres emphasized the need for registration with the Department of Labor as an Apprentice to ensure that he has the proper training in his field and noted that once he is registered as an apprentice, it doesn't have an impact on what an employer is willing to pay him.

In addition, the Board voted, unanimously, to refer DCCOMM from East Hartford and Mr. Derek Cabral as the owner of the same to the Trade Practices Division for investigation to verify that the company does have a license for the work they are doing. In addition, the license numbers for the work they are doing are not on their business stationary. (Vallieres/Yusza)

The Board also voted, unanimously, to refer DCCOMM to the Attorney General's Office for investigation of their business practices as to whether or not the company is hiring people as subcontractors or as employees of the company. (Vallieres/Soter)

J. Silveira, Randy J. – C-6 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Halloran/Soter)

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

None before the Board today.

9. Applicant(s) for Licensure Appearing in Person

None before the Board today.

10. Request for Renewal of License: None

11. Request for Reinstatement:

None before the Board today.

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. Mr. Vallieres read aloud to the Board and the Public comments submitted by participants in this past year's continuing education seminars. He noted as evidenced by this morning's meeting the employers who fail to register their employees with the Department of labor as an Apprentice which is really unfair to the employee. Many employees are not even aware that a registration requirement is in place. Mr. Bish noted a recent example of what Mr. Vallieres is speaking about.

Mr. Vallieres noted to the many continuing education instructors present today to stress the importance of apprenticeship registration

21. Old Business: None discussed.

22. New Business:

A. Mr. Vallieres requested that a discussion regarding CEU's and Retiree license holders be placed on the August 12, 2011 Board Agenda.

A. Discussion regarding Continuing Education Course Outline for Calendar Year 2012.

Mr. Vallieres noted that the legislature recently passed legislation giving the Board the ability to reduce the amount of continuing education from 7 hours to 4 hours primarily due to the fact that the 2008 Code has not been adapted and will not be adapted. The Board speculates that the 2011 Code will be adapted but that is subject to change. The Governor still has to sign this Bill to put in effect.

The Board is concerned that the 2011 Code will address changes that were well embedded in the 2008 Code which are changes from the 2005 Code that none one was aware of. The Board is asking the CE providers to focus on the 2008 Code Book to be sure that one complete cycle is covered before the 2011 Code is adapted. Mr. Vallieres noted some of the "hot" topics such as vehicle charging, photo-voltaic, and geo-thermal.

Mr. Vallieres also noted that another Bill that deals with OSHA. OSHA requirements for the State of Connecticut are that on certain type projects, a ten hour card is required and this card has to be renewed every five years. The new law that passed states that every five years the OSHA 10 Card must be renewed and this can now be done through continuing education by a certified OSHA Instructor. The Board may have to decide in what increments these hours for OSHA recertification will be done.

Ms. Gavin-Kuhn noted that her understanding of the legislation was that plumbers and electricians will be required to take a 4 hour course every five years as opposed to a 10 hour course. This would be a separate course which could be added on to the CEU requisite. She noted that there are two separate Bills; one reducing the CEU requirements and one requiring the OSHA refresher course. She noted that some confusion may occur because of the requirement for the OSHA refresher to be taught by a certified instructor.

After more extensive discussion, the Board decided to that the 4 -hour CEU curriculum outline will focus, in part, on the 2008 and 2011 N.E.C Code changes which could be done by handouts from the provider so the students can take the information with them. The possibility of the providers making a small book and an accompanying CD of the same was also accepted. In addition, the curriculum will address changes in the law and OSHA material. Tentatively, the Statute (law) discussion will be one hour and the remaining three hours will be relating to OSHA and N.E.C changes.

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 11:47 AM. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, August 12, 2011 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist