

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**AUGUST 2, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of August 2, 2013 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  
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Frank Halloran, Journeyman  
Sandy Marino, Public Member  
David Munsill, Journeyman

**Member Vacancies:** One (1) Non-Union Contractor  
Two (2) Public Members

**DCP Staff:** Karen Layman, Dept. of Consumer Protection

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**Others Present:** Ilir Mbrice, WJ Griffin Electric  
Matthew Geider, ALL

Dwayne Cohen, Barden  
Dominic Gallo, Automatic Alarm  
Marc Robbins  
George C. Beckwith, Norwalk Hospital  
Michael Brown  
Andrew Scheff, Wayne J. Griffin Electric  
Jonathan Rosario, Hi Tech Security and Sound  
Robert Woytowich  
Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor  
Al Mourad, EFI  
John Balder, ZELKA  
Barry Frederick  
Steven Aponte  
Nick Creigle  
Steven Monroe  
Julio Melendez  
Greg Gethins, Turbo Steam LLC  
Victor Mitchell, Tunxis Community College  
Rick Foster, Tunxis Community College  
Jerry Piscitelli, Tunxis Community College

**1. 8:30 AM call to order.** (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on silent”).

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

**2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

A. Review minutes of meetings of *June 7, 2013*.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted.  
(Bish/Yusza)

**3. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:**

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today’s meeting.

**4. Report from Trade Practice Division:** for review by the Board.

Ms. Layman, on behalf of the Department o Consumer Protection, noted that there are no closed complaints to report to the Board at this time.

**5. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request:** no one scheduled before the Board today.

**6. Request to Appear before the Board;**

A. Mr. Thomas Giuliano regarding questions he has for the Board regarding his qualifications to sit for the E-2 Electrical Journeyman's Examination. Mr. Giuliano was not present at today's meeting.

B. Mr. Barry Frederick regarding questions he has for the Board regarding his qualifications to sit for the E-2 Electrical Journeyman's Examination. Mr. Soter excused himself from discussion on this item since the applicant has applied for an apprenticeship with Mr. Soter's Local. Mr. Frederick noted that he previously received a qualification letter from the Department of Labor reissued to him on June 13, 2012 qualifying him for the examination but was out of the country at the time. The Board advised Mr. Frederick that the Labor Department letter is still in effect despite the lapse in time and that he simply needs to reapply to the testing company and submit a copy of this letter with his application and he will be approved to test.

**7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination:** applicant(s) appearing in person.

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 Journeymen which gives the specific hours for related classroom instruction including course curriculums and the required on-the-job training hours for each license type.

(1) Angers, Kevin M. - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(2) Aponte, Steven - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Aponte reviewed his work experience, in detail, for the Board. His employer has not established an apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor and therefore the applicant has no registered time. It was determined that the Company Owner does not have the required license for the work he provides and the applicant is currently working illegally and advised the applicant

that both he and his company are doing illegal work and face fines if caught by the Department. Mr. Yusza advised that the applicant needs to be working for a C-5 Contractor and also is not sure the applicant has the required related classroom discussion based upon his conversation with him.

After an extensive interview, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Aponte's application based upon a lack of registered time with the Connecticut Department of Labor. (Bish/Soter) Mr. Vallieres advised the Candidate to communicate this information with his employer.

Mr. Soter also motioned to refer the applicant's employer (Wescor Parking Controls, Inc. from Auburn, Massachusetts) to the Trade Practices Division for possible employment of unregistered apprentices and to ensure that the employer has the proper licensing and follows all necessary licensing protocols. The Board asked the Department's finding be presented to them at their September 13, 2013 Meeting. (Soter/Yusza)

(3) **Balder, John E.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Vallieres advised the applicant that he needs to first hold an L-6 license and can work for an L-5 contractor but not on his own. Mr. Balder explained the nature of the work he does and the clients his company works for. After a review of his file, the Board determined that he needs more documentation on his related classroom instruction. It was noted that the license granted is for the individual and therefore the potential exists for this applicant to work for many clients. Mr. Balder agreed to change his application type from an L-5 to an L-6. After more discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to table Mr. Balder's application pending receipt of more documentation showing completion of both the related classroom instruction and on-the-job training hours. (Soter/Silva)

(4) **Bates, Colin J.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(5) **Beckwith, V, George C.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Beckwith noted that he has never been enrolled as an apprentice in the State of Connecticut and currently worked for TPC Systems in Milford, Connecticut. The applicant currently works for Norwalk Hospital as a facility systems technician and detailed his duties for the Board. After further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Beckwith's application for lack of the required on-the-job-training hours. (Bish/Soter) It was noted that the applicant does have the required related classroom instruction.

The Board also voted unanimously to refer the applicant's employer (TCP Systems from Milford, CT) to the Trade Practices Division for possible employment of unregistered

apprentices and to ensure that the employer has the proper licensing and follows all necessary licensing protocols. The Board asked the Department's finding be presented to them at their September 13, 2013 Meeting. (Soter/Bish)

(6) **Bednarik, Joseph F.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(7) **Bowman, William B.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(8) **Brown, Michael A.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Soter recused himself from the discussion of this application due to the fact that he had prior conversations with this candidate regarding his application to today's Board Meeting. Mr. Brown changed his application to an E-2 based upon the Board's earlier recommendation to all E-1 applicants not holding a Connecticut E-2 license prior. Mr. Brown was enrolled in an apprenticeship program but never completed it due to the fact that his employer never enrolled his company and Mr. Brown with the Department of Labor.

After more discussion and advising the candidate that it is ultimately his responsibility to be sure he is properly enrolled as an apprentice, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required on-the-job-training (registered time). (Bish/Silva)

(9) **Cohen, Dwayne A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Cohen advised the Board that he completed an apprenticeship program in a Danbury, Connecticut based company and claims he had been prior approved to take the examination. Mr. Vallieres reviewed the candidate's work history and noted that the Department of Labor records do not indicate his completion of the Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Soter advised the Board that Mr. Cohen's documented trade school related classroom instruction does not match the license type he is applying for. As such, the Board voted to table Mr. Cohen's application pending a further evaluation by the Department of Education (Mr. Don Waleski) of his related classroom instruction courses. (Soter/Yusza)

(10) **Creigle, Nicholas J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review of Mr. Creigle's application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the same for the E-2 license examination. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(11) **Finan, III, George E.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(12) **Fowler, Daniel D.** – L-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(13) **Gallo, Jr., Dominic** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Vallieres reiterated his opening statement regarding applying for the Contractor license without first holding a Journeyman’s license. Mr. Gallo explained that he believes the application instructions are somewhat misleading and in contrast to the Board’s protocol stated here today. Mr. Vallieres noted that the “equivalent experience and training” noted in the application instructions means that it is up to the Board to determine.

Mr. Vallieres again stressed to the applicant the Board’s position on first holding a Journeyman’s license and as such, Mr. Gallo agreed to change his application type from an L-5 Contractor to an L-6 Journeyman. Mr. Soter first motioned to table this application based upon receipt of more complete documentation showing his compliance with the required on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction. Mr. Silva seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Vallieres also noted to Mr. Gallo that his all his documentation must be notarized. Material the applicant brought to the Board today was not notarized.

(14) **Geider, Matthew S.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review of Mr. Geider’s application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the same for the L-6 license examination. (Soter/Silva)

(15) **Gethins, Gregory P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review of Mr. Gethins’s application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the same for the E-2 license examination. (Soter/Bish)

(16) **Hall, Edward J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(17) **Hebler, Bryan P.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(18) **Hennessey, James A.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(19) **Iori, Anthony** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(20) **Kelsey, Randall V.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(21) **Knight, Brandon W.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(22) **Mbrice, Ilir** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review of Mr. Mbrice’s application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the same for the E-2 license examination.  
(Bish/Yusza)

(23) **Melendez, Julio C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review of Mr. Melendez’s application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the same for the E-2 license examination.  
(Soter/Silva)

(24) **Mistrik, James P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(25) **Monroe, Steven N.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Monroe advised the Board that do to a communication error, he is not prepared to have his application reviewed by the Board and asked he be rescheduled. He will contact the Department when he is ready. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application today.

(26) **Montana, Paul T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(27) **Morris, Greg T.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(28) **Morris, James R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(29) **Mourad, Albert I.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Vallieres recused himself from the discussion on this application since Mr. Mourad was a former employee of his. As such, Mr. Soter assumed the lead on the review and advised the applicant that he needs to provide the Board with more copies of his records. In addition, he noted that application appears “a little light” in terms of the required documentation. The Board focused their review on the documented registered hours with the Department of Labor and the apparent unregistered hours from 2008 to present. Mr. Mourad stated that he was fired from Statewide Electric for his involvement in an altercation with another employee.

Mr. Soter recommended to the Board that this application be tabled or denied based upon the lack of further clarification of the apparent unregistered time. Ms. Gavin-Kuhn first motioned to table the application pending receipt of more copies of the applicant’s application package and clarification of the undocumented time. Mr. Silva seconded the motion; the motion carried noting Mr. Vallieres abstention from the vote.

(30) **O’Neil, Jarrod J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(31) **Oyuela, Marvin M.** – PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(32) **Petrusewicz, David M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(33) **Ringe, Vladislav** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

(34.) **Robbins, Marc G.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Robbins asked the Board for clarification on the type of license he is applying for. After an explanation by Mr. Vallieres, the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an E-2. After a thorough review of this application, the Board voted unanimously to table this application pending further clarification of Mr. Robbins related classroom instruction, in particular, information pertaining to



course curriculum descriptions. The Board suggested the applicant contact Mr. Jon Waleski of the Connecticut Department of Education for assistance. (Soter/Silva)  
(35.) **Rosario, Jonathan** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to table Mr. Rosario's application pending receipt of more detailed information of his on-the-job-training and a comparison of his schooling relative to Connecticut's requirements. (Soter/Silva)

(36.) **Ward, James D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore the Board took no action on his application.

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

#### With Apprenticeship Completion Letters:

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including add-ons) 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) **Baker, Brian M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Bouchard, Justin J.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Clark, James J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Holtz, Thomas J.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Kelly, Shaun P.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Moss, David S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(7) **Murray, Benjamin C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (8) **Nagy, Christopher E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter.
- (9) **Partenio, Sean P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (10) **Poirier, Matthew P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Pugliese, Anthony R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Soto-Rivera, Jessie** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Vining, Robert M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Ward, Joshua A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training:

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below, except as otherwise noted, (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their September 13, 2013 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types. Mr. Kuzmich will mail back their original applications in addition to Board Meeting Date information and information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journeyman license types. (Soter/Bish)

- (1) **Anderson, Charles E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **Benedetti, Luke E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Ellis, Dan J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (4) **Finnegan, Kevin J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Hambleton, Sara** – PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **McDonough, Jr., James M.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Roden, Jess** – PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **Scheff, Andrew W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After a thorough review of Mr. Scheff's application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the same for the E-2 license examination. (Soter/Silva)

(9) **Wysocki, Jr., Thomas B.** – E-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 before the Board today.

**10. Request for Reinstatement;** none before the Board today.

**11. Request for Reconsideration;** none before the Board today.

**12. Request to Suspend;** none before the Board today.

**13. Proposed Settlements and/or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders;** none before the Board today.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

**14. Notice of Continuance;** none before the Board today.

**15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice;** none before the Board today.

**16. Request to Revise;** none before the Board today.

**17. Request to Reopen;** none before the Board today.

**18. Review of Examination Results;** none before the Board today.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

**19. Review of Correspondence:**

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. No forms were presented at this meeting.

(B) E-Mail from Mr. Adrian Y. Mishtal dated June 13, 2013 concerning Electrical Licensing Requirements; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Vallieres noted that this applicant has posed similar questions to this Board before which were responded to, on their behalf, by Mr. Richard Hurlburt from the Department. Due to the extensive nature of the questions, the Board voted unanimously to request that Mr. Mishtal come before them at their next regular meeting scheduled for September 13, 2013 for further discussion. (Soter/Silva)

(C) Letter from Mr. Edwin Monterroso dated July 17, 2013 regarding his request for consideration of a waiver of the two year time period holding a Journey person's License to sit for the E-1 Contractor's License Examination; for discussion by the Board. After Mr. Vallieres read this letter aloud to the Board and some brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Monterroso's request citing no hardship. (Soter/Bish)

(D) Substitute House Bill No. 6160 concerning An Act Requiring Smoke And Carbon Monoxide Detectors In Certain Residential Buildings At The Time Title Is Transferred; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

E. Massachusetts License Requirements for sheet metal, plumbing, gas fitting. Pipefitting, refrigeration, and electrical as of June 28, 2013; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

F. Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council – Connecticut Department of Labor; Energy Efficiency Technician – 959.367.018 Work Schedule; for the Board's information.

G. Product Bulletin for Leviton USB Charger/Tamper-Resistant Receptacle; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

H. Product Bulletin for Leviton T5630W – Combination Devices; for the Board’s information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

**20. Old Business:**

No items were discussed.

**21. New Business:**

A. Discussion concerning Continuing Education for the 2014 License Year.

Mr. Vallieres noted a dilemma recently facing the Board is the pending adoption of the 2011 Electrical Code. He spoke with Mr. Dan Tierney of the Department of Public Safety regarding the status of this possibility. Mr. Tierney indicated that the Code is supposed to be adapted as of October 1, 2013. Mr. Vallieres noted that the Board can either continue on the path they are on with the present code or move forward on their own and move forward with the 2011 Code. Mr. Vallieres believes using the new code is the way to go.

Mr. Soter made a recommendation to base their continuing education curriculum on the code being currently enforced noting that future codes to be in use will have modifications based upon the code in effect at present and it may be easier to understand these changes knowing where they came from and what they are based upon. Ms. Gavin-Kuhn agrees with Mr. Soter stating it is incumbent upon this Board to protect not only the public but the electricians as well and this approach would accomplish this goal.

Some continuing education providers present in the audience at today’s meeting (from Tunxis Community College) participated in the Board’s discussion at their request. It was stated that it benefits the students to make them aware of pending changes in the code that will eventually be adopted. They noted manufacturers of wiring devices, as an example, who are basing their designs upon the most current versions of the National Codes which, again, enforces the validity of staying on the cutting edge with educational curriculums. Tunxis Community College tries to balance the ongoing advancement of technology with the current codes being enforced which presents a significant challenge to all education providers.

**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. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:**

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

## **26. Adjournment**

**Note to all present:** Prior to leaving today, please discard your empty containers, wrappers, and the like in the wastebaskets located in this room.

Thank You.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM. The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2013 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (Vallieres/Soter)*

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist