

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

JANUARY 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of January 9, 2015 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:29 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
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Sandy Marino, Public Member
David Munsill, Journeyman

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

DCP Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer Protection

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Others Present: Greg J. Demarse, Demarse Electric Inc.
Marcos Urrea, Apex Solar Power

David Doyle
Nathan Pattie, Rogers Electric
Ernest Aarsen
Joseph Wakie
Benjamin Middleton, Florence Electric
Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor
Ryan Sirios
Paul Costello, JATC, Local 90

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 8:37 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of the December 12, 2014.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the *December 12, 2014* minutes as submitted. (Bish/Soter)

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.

Mr. Vallieres noted that the cases shown on this report show an overall increase in the monetary amount of the Civil Penalties which pleases him. Further, he complimented the Department on the quality of the report and thanked the Department for the same. The Board is in agreement with Mr. Vallieres.

5. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request;

(1) Wright, Andre M. – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. The Board at their Meeting held on December 12, 2014 voted unanimously to table this application for the E-2 License Examination and require that applicant appear before them at their next Regular Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2015. The Board required that the applicant bring an original Gold Seal Apprenticeship Completion Letter, as instructed on the application, to this meeting.

Mr. Vallieres explained to the Board that he spoke with Director Richard Hurlburt regarding this application. Mr. Wright was previously approved by the Department and had taken his examination several times around the time period when the law changed regarding the number of times an applicant may retest with in the one year application period. He addressed the Board's concern about the applicant using a copy of his original Apprenticeship Completion letter noting that this original letter was submitted as part of the applicant's first application to this Board which accounts for the use of the copy with his most recent application.

Mr. Vallieres stated to Mr. Hurlburt he sees no reason to have the applicant appear before the Board as originally directed by them. He also explained that the company the applicant works for does both in-State and out-of-State work which satisfies any questions the Board had regarding work the applicant may have performed since he last sat for his examination. As such, the Board voted to take this item off today's Meeting Agenda. (Soter/Bish)

6. 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 Board's 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.

(1) **Aarsen, Ernest B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application on the basis of a lack of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Bish)

(2) **Bhutia, Karma Y.** – PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present today's meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(3) **Coelho, David M.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present today's meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(4) **Demarse, Greg J.** – PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application pending receipt by the Department of an OSHA 30 card from the applicant. (Halloran/Bish) Upon completion of this requirement, the applicant does not have to reappear before the Board and the Department will authorize the applicant to test with the testing company.

(5) **Doyle, David M.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied with an E-1 application and changed the application type, at today's meeting to an E-2 application after an explanation by the Board of their policies. The Board tabled this application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(6) **Middleton, Benjamin T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application pending receipt by the Department of an OSHA 30 Card from the applicant. (Soter/Halloran) Upon completion of this requirement, the applicant does not have to reappear before the board and the Department will authorize applicant to test with the testing company.

(7) **Pattie, Nathan D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for his respective examination type. (Halloran/Bish)

(8) **Sirois, Ryan R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board tabled this application pending proof of completion of the applicant's related classroom instruction of 720 hours. In addition, the Board also requires an OSHA 30 Card and a detailed breakdown of the applicant's employment history. (Soter/Bish)

It is noted that the applicant was informed by a Connecticut Department of Labor representative, present at this meeting, that he is unable to register with them because he holds an out-of-state license and is beyond the Connecticut apprenticeship program requirements.

(9) **Urta, Marcos A.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied with an E-1 application and changed the application type at today's meeting to an E-2 application after an explanation by the Board of their policies. The Board tabled this application based upon a lack of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Halloran/Yusza)

(10) **Wakie, Joseph** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant originally applied with an E-1 application and changed the application type at the meeting to an E-2 application after an explanation by the Board of their policies. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application, at this meeting pending receipt by the Department of an OSHA 30 Card from the applicant. (Soter/Halloran) Upon completion of this requirement, the applicant does not have to reappear before the board and the Department will authorize applicant to test with the testing company.

7. 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 additions), except as otherwise noted, 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. (Bish/Soter)

(1) **Barreira, Steven A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Deroia, Michael J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Finocchiaro, Richard D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Hartog, Jr., Gary** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Hoefler, Keith M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Jack, Aaron T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(7) **Kambo, Bardhi** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(8) **Kemenczy, Robert** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (9) **Kirwan, Erik G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Kulack, Tomasz** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Laroux, Justin P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **LoGiudice, Michael J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Menditto, Dylan T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Notchick, Andrew T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Pearsall, Benjamin** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Petrafassi, Michael J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Renninghoff, Jeremy T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (18) **Signorelli, Giorgio A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Sproule, Lance G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Szymczuk, Dariusz** – 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 them at their February 13, 2015 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 Journey person license types. (Bish/Soter)

(1) **Drake, Francis A.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Saadat, Shahriar** – C-5 applicant asking for waiver of the two year period for holding the C-6 Journey person's license. Applicant passed C-6 license examination on November 29, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon not holding a Journey person's License (C-6) for a minimum of two years. The applicant passed his C-6 Examination on November 29, 2014. In addition, after a thorough review of the application package, it was determined that the applicant did not cite a bonafide hardship in consideration of the request for the waiver of time. (Silva/Soter)

(3) **Sansoucie, Preston R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Smith, Kevin A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Vincent, Benjamin M.** – L-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

8. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(B) Credential Count 2015 Electrical; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Credential Count 2009 Electrical; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(D) Probation documentation In the Matter of Kostas Proskinitopoulos Docket No. 2014-622; for the Board's review and information. Mr. Vallieres reviewed this documentation on behalf of the Board. He noted that at the Board's December 12, 2014 meeting, they requested that the licensee provide them with complete description(s) of the work being done at the location(s) specified in his documentation and copies of the Building Permits issued for these jobs. This is in addition to the stipulations specified in the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance he signed with the Department. The documentation Mr. Proskinitopoulos submitted to the Board today does not contain this

additional information. Mr. Vallieres asked that the Department send Mr. Proskinitopoulos another letter informing him, again, of this additional requirement.

(E) Letter from Mr. Paul Stoogenke dated December 10, 2014 to Mr. Vinnie Valente, Mr. Laurence A. Vallieres, and Ms. Sharon Palmer; for the Board's discussion. Mr. Vallieres explained the nature of this correspondence to the Board. He noted that this is not a issue for this Board to address and rather an issue belonging to the Department of Labor. This matter came to the Board because the applicant did apply to this Board in the past and they informed him that he was missing hours between the dates of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. As such, the Board voted unanimously to refer this matter back to the appropriate agency (Department of Labor). (Halloran/Gavin-Kuhn)

9. New Business:

1. Mr. Vallieres made reference to the recent speech made by the Governor regarding transportation; specifically making sure that the funds generated by this development stay in this project's purview. He believes that the Department of Consumer Protection should use the Governor's Transportation Project as a role model for their revenue accrued by civil penalties and making sure that these funds stay in the Department's purview and be used for better enforcement by them.

Mr. Hurlburt further explained that originally funds taken in by the Department were dedicated to the occupational licensing boards alone and over time with the passing of new legislation, these monies were now being used for any enforcement in the Department and not just for the six original licensing Boards

10. 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.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM. (Soter) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2015 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