

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Robert Hollis on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

Members Absent: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson

Board Vacancies: One Public member, one local fire marshal

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present: Commissioner Jonathan Harris
Antonio Santoro, Esquire
Karen Layman, Secretary

CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep: Tammie Whiting

Public Present: Christofer Palmer Bruce Poresky Edward Peznowski

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) 706-1255.

Agency Website: www.ct.gov/dcp **Division E-Mail:** dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER:

Kevin Griffith has been appointed to the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board as the State Fire Marshal Member by Governor Dannel P. Malloy and was sworn in today by Attorney Antonio Santoro as a board member.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON FOR APPEAL:

Christofer Palmer, Ludlow, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Palmer's (F-2) application.

APPEALS:

Daniel Aaron, Uxbridge, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

Mr. Aaron was denied by the Board on January 15, 2015 due to lack of proof of the required 8,000 hours of on the job training. Additional documentation was submitted and reviewed at today's meeting. After discussion, the Board voted to approve Mr. Aaron's (F-2) application. Board Member Kevin Wypychoski abstained. Board Member John Michalewicz opposed.

Joshua Smith, Coventry, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No action taken

No documentation submitted; no action taken

APPLICATIONS:

Sage Carpenter, West Hartford, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Carpenter's (F-2) application.

James Ferrara, Brooklyn, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Ferrara's (F-2) application due to lack of proof of dates and duties of employment.

Bryan Gilblair, Windham, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gilblair's (F-2) application.

Kent Poresky, Marlborough, CT – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Poresky's (F-3) application.

Pablo Romero, Stamford, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve Mr. Romero's application, contingent upon Commissioner Harris' validation of CHRO clearance. (Subsequent to the meeting, an e-mail was sent regarding the CHRO process and board members responded approving this applicant.)

Michael Torzala, Oshkosh, WI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Torzala’s (F-2) application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Edward Peznowski, State Fire Marshal Board Member

2. Newly appointed Commissioner Jonathan Harris

Commissioner Jonathan Harris appeared and introduced himself to the Board. He thanked the Board for their service and looks forward to working with them in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Bill 81 – An Act Concerning Journeymen and Apprentices

Board so noted

2. Proposed Bill 5253 – An Act Concerning Apprenticeship Ratios

Board so noted

3. Raised Bill No. 6808 – An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes

Board so noted

4. Raised Bill No. 6777 – An Act Requiring the Installation of Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems in New Residential Buildings

Board so noted

5. 13D System Installations, 2015 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Board Interpretation

Board so noted

6. Section 21a-8(8) - Department’s responsibilities regarding complaints

Board so noted

7. Work schedule for F-2/F-4 apprentices

The Board reviewed the work schedules for the F-2 and F-4 license categories, which are posted on the Department of Labor website. The Board expressed their concern regarding out-of-state applications being submitted with letters from employers stating dates and duties of employment, which are often not sufficient for the Board to determine if the applicant’s experience meets requirements for the State of Connecticut. The Board noted that this work schedule would be helpful to have available to out-of-state applicants to use as a reference when presenting equivalent work experience.

The Board voted unanimously to request a formal work schedule for the F-2 and F-4 license categories from Department of Labor on their letterhead.

8. Clarification of CHRO process

The Board discussed with the Commissioner their concerns regarding the Department's CHRO review process. The Commissioner stated that he would speak with DCP staff regarding this process.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Appointment Letter for Kevin Griffith, State Fire Marshal Representative

DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

DCP Trade Practices Division reported that there were no closed complaints for fire protection.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule

- February 26, 2015
- March 19, 2015
- April 16, 2015
- May 21, 2015
- June 18, 2015
- July 16, 2015
- August 20, 2015
- September 17, 2015
- October 15, 2015
- November 19, 2015
- December 17, 2015

All meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT in Room 117