

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

FEBRUARY 19, 2016

The Regular Meeting of February 19, 2016 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:31 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

Members Absent: Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
David Munsill, Unlimited Journeyman
Robert Woytowich, Unlimited Journeyman

Member Vacancies: One (1) Non-Union Unlimited Contractor
Three (3) Public Members

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

Others Present: Kyle Handley, Freeaire
Anil Sookoo, AAS Technologies
Marcin Plewa, Interstate Electric
Jeffrey Simpson, Riggs, Distler & Co., Inc.
Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of Labor
Paul Costello, LATC 90
Charles Rathbun, Beaudry Electrical
Paul Nolan, CC Technologies, Inc.
Cory Rogers, United Illuminating
Russ Hassmann, National Sign Corporation

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1. 8:30 AM call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting: January 1, 2016.

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:

There were no requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

4. DCP Trade Practices Division Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review by the Board. It was noted by Mr. Vallieres that the Department has not yet submitted their full year report to the Standing Committee at the Legislative Office Building. Once this report is available he will make the same available to the Board. The Board was unclear as to why the last five case numbers are missing the respondent's name and credential number.

5. Request to Appear before the Board;

1. Mr. Russell Hassmann from the National Sign Corporation to discuss the Continuing Education for the C7 and C8 license types. Mr. Hassmann addressed the Board detailing for them his educational and professional background. He also discussed the history of sign licensing with the Department of Consumer and his work with Richard Hurlburt over the years on both licensing and the licensing examination for the C7 and C8 license types. Mr. Hassmann is asking the Board today to consider a variance relative to the continuing education requirements for these license types. Specifically, the three (3) hour requirement pertaining to the 2014 National Electric Code changes; Chapters 1-3 and the review and comparison of all changes in these chapters as they relate to the 2011 National Electrical Code.

Mr. Hassmann explained that it is very difficult to accomplish this mandate relative the finite scope of work that these license types entail. He also noted that he is a provider of continuing education for these limited license types and offers a seven (7) hour course annually in September; three hours more than the four (4) hours minimum

required by law. It was also noted that that he has not yet made his continuing education submittal to the Board for their review due the issue he is discussing today.

After more discussion, the Board agreed to Mr. Hassmann's suggestion of reducing the above noted three (3) hour mandate to perhaps one or two hours and completing the rest of the course hours with industry related subject matter such as safety procedures. Mr. Hassmann thanked the Board for their time and will provide them with his continuing education submission in the near future.

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) **Handley, Kyle J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application subject to receipt by the Department of OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Yusza)

(2) **Ivins, Richard A.** – PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(3) **Lemay, Mathieu E.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Lemay e-mailed the Department on February 15, 2016 stating that he wishes to reschedule his appearance before the Board to March 11, 2016. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(4) **Nolan, Paul F.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an C-5 to an C-6 per the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon a lack of related classroom instruction hours, on-the-job training hours, and OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Yusza)

(5) **Plewa, Marcin** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 per the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application subject to receipt by the Department of OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Bish)

(6) **Rathbun, Charles M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application subject to receipt by the Department of OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Bish)

(7) **Simpson, Jeffrey R.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 per the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application subject to receipt by the Department of the applicant's graduation certificate from the NJATC. (Soter/Yusza)

(8) **Sookoo, Anil P.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from a C-5 to a C-6 per the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application subject to receipt by the Department of OSHA 30 Certification. (Yusza/Soter)

6A. 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), 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/Yusza)

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters:

(1) **Cardenas, Eric** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 (New York City) of the I.B.E.W.

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

(3) **Cipriano, Jr., Rocco** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter. The Board conditionally approved this applicant subject to receipt by the Department of a revised Apprenticeship Completion Letter with an embossed gold seal attached. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Coschignano, Jared P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 (New York City) of the I.B.E.W.

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

- (6) **Haaf, Donna J.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Kascak, III, Richard G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Leary, Jason D.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Lemieux, Nicholas M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Littlefield, Eric J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Lonsdale, Michael A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Lunski, Bernard R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Nasuta, Eric T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Rondinone, Marc A.** –E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Rouse, Kyle P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Santoiemma, Michael B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 (New York City) of the I.B.E.W.
- (17) **Sylvia, Kevin A.** –E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (18) **Ziobron, Tomasz** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

The Board voted to add the following applications to today's meeting agenda:

- (19) **Mandeville, Corbin A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Santiago, Johnell** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(21) **Silva, Vanessa T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(22) **Snipes, Jason R.** – 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 March 11, 2016 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. (Bish/Soter)

(1) **Blanco, Fernando R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Burnett, Collin H.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application at today's meeting subject to receipt by the Department of OSHA 30 Certification. (Yusza/Soter)

(3) **Carroll, IV, John J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve this application at today's meeting subject to receipt by the Department of OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Catizone, Michael J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Kubolek, Peter** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Piliero, Anthony J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Sullivan, Timothy J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

7. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(B) December 2015 Wire Talk Article – UL Fact Finding Study on Powering Over data Cables; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(C) November/December 2015 Leds Magazine Article – Digital SSL's mega disruptor will be Power over Ethernet; for the Board information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(D) E-Mail from Richard Hurlburt dated January 28, 2016 concerning Connecticut installing Legrand In-Wall Power Extension Kits approved as an assembly; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(E) Contractor applicant pre-licensure course Chapter 393; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(F) Information regarding In-Wall Power Extension Cable Management Device from PowerBridge Products; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

The Board voted to add the following correspondence to today's meeting agenda:

(G) Governor's Bill No. 15 – An Act Adopting the Requirements of North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners Versus Federal Trade Commission and Making Minor Revisions to Board and Commissions Statutes; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

(H) Raised Bill No. 169 – An Act Concerning the Labor Department's Apprenticeship Web Site Based on a Program Review and Investigations Committee Study; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged receipt of this information.

8. New Business:

1. Mr. Vallieres noted that he and Mr. Bish have recently visited a continuing education provider's class for observation and to ensure compliance with curriculum requirements. He noted that they will continue to do so with other providers in the future.

9. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

There were no requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM. (Vallieres/Soter) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2016 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

Upcoming Electrical Board Meeting Dates:

March 11, 2016	August 12, 2016
April 8, 2016	September 9, 2016
May 13, 2016	October 14, 2016
June 10, 2016	November 18, 2016
July 15, 2016	December 9, 2016