

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**APRIL 13, 2012**

The meeting of April 13, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:31 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, Public Member  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Sandy Marino, Public Member  
Mario Tolla, Public Member

**Member Vacancy:** Three (Journeyman, Contractor, & Public Member)

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

**General Public:** Jeffrey Levine  
Andrew Jefts  
Jason Evans  
Daniel Zeisler  
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor  
Andrei Andreichik  
Robert Woytowich  
Paul Costello  
Ivan Babic  
Vincent Whitcomb  
Joseph Borress  
Vincent Pietrorazio  
Brandon Girard  
Sean Gardner

Rayman Koivisto  
Lener Castrmonte  
Chadwick Johnson  
Jordon Kondratowicz  
Patrick Eckert  
Jonathan Bidlack  
Joshua Riddick

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

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of March 9, 2012 and March 30, 2012. After a thorough view by all of these documents, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. March 9, 2012 (Bish/Yusza); March 30, 2012 (Soter/Bish)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board. The Board reviewed this report submitted by the Department and thanked them for the complaint update.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request: none before the Board today.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board: none before the Board today.

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

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 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.

(A) **Mr. Vincent J. Pietrorazio**; Connecticut E-2 License holder requesting consideration of hardship and alternative education/experience for E-1 candidacy in lieu of 2-year Journeyperson tenure; Mr. Pietrorazio explained that he had come before the Board in the past to ask to take the E-1 Examination without first holding an E-2 license. He was told he could not. He explained his current employment history in his family business. His hardship is for the past 35 years his father has held the E-1 license for his business and is now ready to retire. As such, Mr. Pietrorazio needs to obtain his E-1 license as soon as possible to take over his father's position. Mr. Soter noted that in the past, this Board has allowed family members in hardship situations to sit for the Contractor's examination.

The Board approved Mr. Pietrorazio to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's Examination. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn) They advised him that he must first apply to PSI Exams for the E-1 Examination. Once the application is processed and sent back to the Department, he will then be authorized to test by means of the Department's electronic notification to the test vendor to remove the block from his application.

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

(1) **Andreichik, Andrei** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(2) **Babic, Jr., Ivan** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(3) **Basta, Cristian S.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Basta previously notified the Department that he will reschedule his appearance to the Board's May 11, 2012 meeting.

(4) **Bell, Gregory R.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Bell was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(5) **Boehm, Robert S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Boehm previously notified the Department that he will reschedule his appearance to the Board's May 11, 2012 meeting.

(6) **Borress, Joseph J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application due to a lack of on-the-job training and pending receipt of a detailed work history from his past employer(s). (Bish/Soter)

(7) **Castromonte, Lener F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. It was determined that Mr. Castromonte was previously approved to sit for the E-2 Examination. Therefore, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve this applicant to retest. (Halloran/Soter)

(8) **Chaffee, Todd A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Chaffee was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(9) **Cuttell, Darryl H.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Cuttell was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(10) **Evans, Jason M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Evans withdrew his application after his discussion with the Board and it was determined that his application as presented today is incomplete.

(11) **Gardner, Sean H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. It was determined that Mr. Gardner had completed his apprenticeship in August of 2007 and authorized to take the examination. His employer terminated him in 2008 because he had not passed the exam having taken it twice. He currently works for Tri-City Electric in the field with his boss. Mr. Soter advised the applicant against continuing to work illegally and warned that he will be fined if he is caught and brought before this Board. In addition the Board has asked that Tri-City Electric be turned over to the Trade Practices Division for unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices. (Soter/Halloran)

The Board also advised the applicant that since he was previously approved to sit for the E-2 Examination he is automatically approved by them to retest.

(12) **Hughes, Neville T.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Hughes was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

- (13) **Jefts, Andrew J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. After extensive discussion with the Board, it was determined that the applicant lacked related classroom instruction and therefore, withdrew his application from consideration.
- (14) **Johnson, Chadwick M.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)
- (15) **Koivisto, Rayman M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Bish/Halloran)
- (16) **Kondratowicz, Jordon T.**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours. (Soter/Munsill)
- (17) **Levine, Jeffrey D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application due to a lack of on-the-job training. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)
- (18) **Petrosky, II, Charles A.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Petrosky notified the Department by E-Mail on April 12, 2012 that he was not able to attend today's meeting due to working on a project out-of-State. He also advised that he will not be continuing to pursue licensing in Connecticut at present. He thanked the Board for their time and apologized for any inconvenience.
- (19) **Picard, Charles J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Picard was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (20) **Rekowski, Thomas D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Rekowski was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (21) **Riddick, Joshua J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Bish/Yusza) It is noted that Mr. Soter recused himself from participation in the review and vote on this application.

(22) **Routhier, Michael G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. It was determined subsequent to the mailing of this agenda that this applicant was previously licensed in Connecticut and does not require to be reapproved by the Board to retest.

(23) **Sowa, Theodore L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Sowa e-mailed the Department on April 12, 2012 stating that he will not be able to attend today's meeting and needs more time to gather the information being requested of him.

(24) **Sullivan, Jay B.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Sullivan was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(25) **Veltri, Francis P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Veltri was not present at today's meeting; therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(26) **Whitcomb, Vincent R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(27) **Zeisler, Daniel** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Zeisler indicated that he would be willing to change his license type to a C-6 if the Board so recommends. The applicant previously held a Connecticut V-5 license which he let lapse. Mr. Yusza noted that the V-5 license type was antenna installation and repair only and does not compare to the current C-5 license type. Mr. Zeisler has worked for Davenport Electric under the supervision of an E-1 without holding any license type and not being registered as an apprentice. His application also lists him as subcontractor. In addition, he also worked on his own in New York State.

Mr. Yusza made a motion to deny this application based upon a lack of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soter. Mr. Zeisler asked the Board for direction on what he should do next. Based upon his desire to do audio work in addition to his past training, Mr. Vallieres suggested that Mr. Zeisler review the Board's handout for the required on-the-job training and related classroom instruction for the various license types.

Mr. Soter also added to his previous motion to recommend that Davenport Electric be turned over to Trade Practices for having employed unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices and for listing the same as a subcontractor.

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

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

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

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

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including additions) to appear before the Board at their May 11, 2012 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.

(1) **McCorry, Brian W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Doherty, James P.** - 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.

(A) **Bidlack, Jonathan R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on March 9, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending proof of his Related Classroom Instruction and receipt of a detailed work history from his past employers. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Halloran)

(B) **Eckert, Patrick F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on May 13, 2011, voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of the required On-The-Job Training hours and related classroom instruction. The Board voted unanimously to

again deny his application based upon a lack of the required On-The-Job Training hours and Related Classroom Instruction. (Soter/Halloran)

(C) **Schmerl, Michael** – PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board at their meeting held on March 9, 2012, voted to deny his application based upon not holding a PV-2 Journey person's License for the requisite two years. Mr. Kuzmich received an e-mail from Mr. Schmerl dated April 9, 2012 stating that he is withdrawing his application and no longer will pursue the PV-1 license type at present.

(D) **White, Kevin J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on March 9, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of an Official High School Transcript.

The Board voted unanimously to require that Mr. White come before them on May 11, 2012 with his complete application package including all work related history and school related instruction. They need to evaluate the document he submitted in the context of his entire application and have additional questions for him to address.

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. The Board reviewed these forms in detail.

(B) Information regarding Redwood Systems Commercial Lighting Control Network; for the Board's information. (To be distributed at the meeting.) Due to the amount and complexity of this material, the Board asked if this material can be scanned and e-mailed to them prior to their next meeting scheduled for May 11, 2012 for discussion at that time.

(C) Montana State Electrical Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2011; for the Board's information. (To be distributed at the meeting.) The Board acknowledged receipt of this material and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

(A) Mr. Vallieres advised the Board that he is continuing to work on a revised General Advisement that the Board sends to all applicants notifying them of general meeting information in addition to specific requirements pertaining to the application process.

21. New Business:

(A) The Board received additional information from Mr. Johnny E. Lanning subsequent to when this agenda was mailed. The Board, at their meeting held on February 10, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License Examination on the basis of not holding a Connecticut E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's License for at least two years. After brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to take no action on this information at this time and request that Mr. Lanning appear before them at a future meeting. (Soter/Halloran)

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. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM. (Soter/Halloran) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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