

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**JULY 13, 2012**

The meeting of July 13, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:35 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman  
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member  
Frank Halloran, Journeyman  
David Munsill, Journeyman  
Anthony Soter, Journeyman  
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** Ronald Bish, Contractor  
Sandy Marino, Public Member

**Member Vacancy:** Four (Journeyman, Contractor, & Two (2) Public Members)

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

**General Public:** Anthony Smith  
Robert Woytowich  
David Pasquerella  
John Domenici  
Ekesandro Pires  
Nicholas Ruotolo  
Kenneth Morehouse  
Rafael Triana  
George Magdon  
Paul Costello  
Robert Chouinard  
Christopher Sanders  
Keith Vieweg  
Francis Peralta  
Hervin Bolton

Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor  
Nick Gizzi  
Ryan Northup  
Victor Mitchell  
Jerry Pisatelli

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**1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on "silent").** Chairman Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

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

A. Review minutes of meetings of June 8, 2012 and June 29, 2012. After a thorough view by all of these documents, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as presented today. June 8, 2012 (Soter/Halloran); June 29, 2012 (Halloran Yusza)

**3. Report from Trade Practice Division:** for review by the Board. The Department did not receive a report from their Trade Practice Division to present to the Board.

**4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request:**

None before the Board today.

**5. Request to Appear Before the Board:**

No requests received for this meeting.

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

None presented at this meeting.

**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 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) **Bolton, Hervin S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Although present at today's meeting, Mr. Bolton choose not to present his application to the Board since he did not have all the documentation he needed and will reschedule his appearance.

(2) **Carpenter, David J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his on-the-job training including notarized statements from his past employers as to dates and duties of employment.  
(Soter/Halloran)

(3) **Durrant, Valrid D.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Durrant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(4) **Gizzi, Nicholas G.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Gizzi changed his application to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of proof of completion of his Related Classroom Instruction. The Board stated that this information can be submitted directly to the Department without having the applicant appear before the Board again. (Halloran/Soter)

(5) **Hartnett, Steve M.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Hartnett notified the Department by E-Mail on July 10, 2012 and advised that he has decided to take additional course work towards his license application and therefore will not be appearing before the Board today. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

(6) **Howard, Kemonte J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Howard was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(7) **Morehouse, Kenneth A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to his application pending receipt of documented hours showing completion of the required on-the-job training hours and credentials showing completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction; both as necessary for the E-2 license type. (Soter/Halloran)

(8) **Moura, Craig C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Moura was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(9) **Northup, Ryan** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Northup changed his application to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of proof of completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction and official verification of completion from the State of Rhode Island of their Apprenticeship Program for his respective license type. (Soter/Halloran)

(10) **Oram, Cody E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Oram was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application

(11) **Pasquerella, David C.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Pasquerella changed his application to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon lack of evidence of completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

(12) **Ruotolo, Nicholas M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction in addition to notarized statements from employers pertaining to his dates and duties of employment. (Soter/Munsill)

(13) **Sanders, Christopher** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon lack of evidence of completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction and on-the-job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)

(14) **Smith, Anthony J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction and On-The-Job Training hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(15) **Smith, Thomas J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Smith notified the Department by E-Mail on July 13, 2012 and advised that he is waiting for his apprenticeship certificate and one letter from a past employer. He asked to reschedule his meeting to a later date. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

(16) **Sylvestre, Glenn T.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Sylvestre was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(17) **Vaulton, Barry D.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Vaulton was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(18) **Vieweg, Keith R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required Related Classroom Instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

(19) **Walsh, Robert N.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Walsh notified the Department by E-Mail on July 11, 2012 and advised that he would like to cancel his appointment with the Electrical Work Examining Board on 7/13/2012. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

(20) **Williams, John E.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Williams 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. (Soter/Yusza)

(1) **Buller, Dennis P.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Gialetter, Kevin W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

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

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

(5) **Pietrantonio, Anthony J.** – 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 (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their August 10, 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. (Soter/Yusza)

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

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

#### **8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person;**

(A) **Boehm, Robert S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on May 11, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his related classroom instruction with cross referencing by a qualified educator to Connecticut's current Apprenticeship Course Outline for Electrical Journeymen.

Mr. Boehm notified the Department by E-Mail on July 12, 2012 and advised that he would like to postpone his July 13, 2012 Board Meeting appearance to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for August 10, 2012. As such, the Board took no action on his application.

(B) **Chouinard, Robert E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Chouinard previously appeared before the Board on November 12, 2010 and was denied due to a lack of 120 hours of related classroom instruction. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)

C) **Domenici, John** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on June 8, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of official transcripts of his Related Classroom Instruction. The Board voted unanimously, again, to table his application pending receipt of an official detailed listing of all electrical courses he has taken with a comparison made by a qualified educator to the required courses for the license type he is applying for as indicated in the documentation that was previously sent to him. (Soter/Munsill)

(D) **Peralta, Francis R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on March 30, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the-job training hours. The Board voted unanimously to; again, deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination on the basis of a lack of registered on-the-job training hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(E) **Pires, Ekesandro R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on October 14, 2011, voted unanimously to deny his application based upon lack of the required related classroom instruction and lack of documentation of the required on-the-job training hours. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of an official detailed listing of all electrical courses he has taken with a comparison made by a qualified educator to the required courses for the license type he is applying for as indicated in the documentation that was previously sent to him.

(F) **Triana, Rafael** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on June 8, 2012, voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of updated notarized letters from your past employers and a detailed breakdown of his work experience. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)

**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 this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(B) Statistical Data concerning licensed Connecticut Electricians and the required 4 hour continuing education requisite; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Proposed Draft concerning Homeowner Exemptions from Licensing Requirements; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Hurlburt believes this draft addresses and clarifies many issues local Building Officials have had such as electrical service entrances on residences were being disturbed by the homeowners. This draft "suggests legislative changes to provide for properly licensed persons to always provide for the main service or disconnection means of household systems for the protection of the public".

**"NEW" proposed wording**

(11) persons engaged in the installation, maintenance, repair and service of glass or electrical, plumbing, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping, cooling



and sheet metal equipment in and about single-family residences owned and occupied or to be occupied by such persons, **where such connection of water, fuel, or electrical source commences at a disconnection means previously installed by persons licensed for such work**; provide any such installation, maintenance and repair shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Building Official of the municipality in which such residence is located and shall conform to the requirements of the State Building Code.

After more extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Hurlburt's proposed modifications and recommend that the Department of Consumer Protection submit the same for a legislative change. (Soter/Halloran)

(D) Connecticut Consumer Protection Occupational Trades License Counts based on mailing address, as of June 6, 2012; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

## **20. Old Business:**

(A) Continuation of discussion concerning Northeast Utilities Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy; for discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to postpone discussion on this Item until their August 10, 2012 Regular Meeting.

(B) Continuation of discussion concerning the Electrical Work Examining Board's Curriculum Outline for Continuing Education for 2013; for discussion by the Board. Both Mr. Vallieres and Mr. Hurlburt gave the Board their drafts with their comments for the proposed curriculum outline. Mr. Hurlburt's suggestions include discussion concerning the following; Public Act 12-184 - Smoke/CO Detectors in Residential Buildings and the 2013 State of Connecticut Supplement which will include the 2011 National Electric Code. Mr. Hurlburt was informed by the Department of Public Safety that this Supplement will be available in the near future. *After more discussion, the Board voted to accept all the proposed amendments made by Mr. Hurlburt. (Halloran/Yusza)*. Mr. Vallieres will redraft the 2013 Curriculum Outline and send the same to the Department for distribution to all the providers.

## **21. New Business:**

No items were discussed.

**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 11:41 AM. (Soter/Halloran) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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