

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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AUGUST 10, 2012

The meeting of September 14, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:33 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
Sandy Marino, Public Member
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: David Munsill, Journeyman

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

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,
License and Applications Specialist

General Public: Colin Boone
Darryl Cuttell
Michael Donnelly
Michael Siebert
Richard Carlson
Kadri Ademi
Bob Woytowich
Paul Costello
Justin Fleet
Robert Walsh
Justin Lusa
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Kevin Hines
Robert Milaws
Luis A. Matos
Arkadiy Mikhaylov

William Boutin
Mark Narciso
William Blake
Ivo Lage
Kevin White
Kevin Porat
John Domenici
Hervin S. Bolton
Gajeethan Nageswaran,
Gary Boughton
Steve Osuch

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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 8:33 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of *July 13, 2012*. After a thorough view by all of these documents, it was noted by Mr. Soter that Applicant Nicholas G. Gizzi's license type should be listed as "E-2" and not "E-1" as presently indicated. The Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected herein. (Soter/Halloran) It is noted that Mr. Bish abstained from the vote since he was not present at the last meeting.

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board. The Board noted that the report was "lean" and had no further coment.

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:

(1) **Walsh, Robert N.**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training with questions regarding his qualifications and apprenticeship. Mr. Walsh is requesting approval or further direction from the Board to enter an Apprenticeship Program for an E-2 license type. Mr. Walsh noted that he has previously contacted the Connecticut Department of Labor - Office of Apprenticeship Training Division and was declined by them to enroll as an electrical apprentice because he holds an Officer's position at Network Installation Services, Inc.; the company of which he is president. Network Systems has an E-1 contractor in their employ.

Mr. Walsh also is currently license in Connecticut as a T-1 Limited Electrical Contractor. He informed the Board that he is planning to enroll in an Electrical Related Classroom Instruction program through a State -Approved Night School to fulfill the requirements for the E-2 program.

The Board advised Mr. Walsh that his main issue is accruing the required on-the-job training hours and in order to so, he needs to step down as a Company Officer or otherwise divest himself of ownership of the same in order to enroll as an apprentice with Network Systems and work under the supervision of their E-1 license holder. Another option offered by the Board was to work for another company that is registered with the Connecticut Department of Labor - Apprenticeship Training Division. It is noted that both Mr. Vallieres and Mr. Bish recused themselves from the discussion since they are both professional acquaintances of the applicant.

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) **Ademi, Kadri** - 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. It was noted that the

experience the applicant accrued working at Foxwoods Resort Casino does not count as registered time. Although the entity is a Sovereign Nation, their program is not registered with the Connecticut Department of Labor -Apprenticeship Training Division. (Soter/Halloran)

(2) **Blake, William** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Bish/Yusza)

(3) **Boone, Colin W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)

(4) **Boutin, William P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of an official course curriculum from his trade high school. This documentation must be accompanied by an official evaluation of his education completed by a qualified educator and show equivalency to the required related classroom instruction requisite for this license type in Connecticut. (Soter/Halloran)

(5) **Carlson, Richard H.** - 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. (Halloran/Bish)

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

(7) **Cuttell, Darryl H.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the advice of the Board, the applicant changed the license type he is applying for from an E-1 to an E-2. After extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of official documentation of apprenticeship completion from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 353, Toronto, Canada. (Halloran/Yusza)

(8) **Donnelly, Michael J.** - PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application due to being incomplete on the basis of a lack of on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

(9) **Fleet, Justin D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

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

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

(12) **Lage, Ivo** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)

(13) **Lusa, Justin M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Halloran)

(14) **Matos, Luis A. arciso, Mark A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Yusza)

(15) **Mikhaylov, Arkadiy** - 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)

(15) **Nageswaran, Gajeethan** -E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant changed license type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending Official Documentation showing completion of the required related classroom instruction requisite. (Soter/Bish)

(16) **Narciso, Mark A.** - 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. (Halloran/Soter)

(17) **Nardone, Ronald J.** -C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Nardone was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(18) **Porat, Kevin W.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant changed license type from an E-1 to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at today's meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Bish/Soter)

(19) **Ritter, Jason J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Ritter e-mailed the Department on August 10, 2012 and noted that due to circumstances beyond his control, he will be unable to attend today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

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

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

(22) **Salvatore, Marc S.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Salvatore was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(23) **Siebert, Michael D.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Siebert was present at today's meeting and informed Mr. Kuzmich prior to the start of the same that he wishes to reschedule. 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/Bish)

(1) **Argueta Sosa, Kilder A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Arreguin, Eduardo** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Bullard, Scott J. A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (4) **Burgon, William D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Butler, Kristopher R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Camacho, Allen A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Carfora, III, Louis W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Cyr, Jarod W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Evans, Patrick E.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Ezarik, Matthew R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **German, Robert J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Graham, Luis E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Krawciw, Weston** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Labate, Richard C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **LaForge, Douglas P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **MacFarland, Justin** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Masanotti, Peter L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (18) **Michaud, Oliva B.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Neuman, Reese** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Noel, III, Raymond E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Pask, William K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (22) **Polverari, Mathew M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **Pratt, Nick W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (24) **Prentiss, Alexander W.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (25) **Proia, Eric A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (26) **Shakeshaft, Nicholas V.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (27) **Stevenson, Sean M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (28) **Strid, Kevin D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (29) **Walczyszyn, Piotr M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (30) **White, Aaron J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (31) **Williams, Emanuel G.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (32) **Wrabel, David E.** – 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 September 14, 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) **Brouillette, Paul H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (2) **Corbin, Adam D.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (3) **Dumas, Jr., James C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (4) **Haynes, Robert B.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (5) **Heath, Randy L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (6) **Kennedy, Daniel R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (7) **Kreutzberg, Garry C.** - C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (8) **Peterson, Eric K.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (9) **Pozniak, Jr., Anthony C.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (10) **Wallace, Stephen R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

- (A) **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 his application pending receipt of official transcripts of his Related

Classroom Instruction. The Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on July 13, 2012, voted unanimously to again 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. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Gavin-Kuhn)

(B) **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 Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on April 13, 2012, voted unanimously to require that he come before them on May 11, 2012 with your complete application package including all work related history and school related instruction. They need to evaluate the document the applicant submitted in the context of his entire application and had additional questions for the applicant to address. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

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) Product Literature from Generlink; to be distributed at the meeting for the Board's information and discussion. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Internet listing from Northern Tool and Equipment for Generlink Auto Transfer Switch; to be distributed at the meeting for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

(A) Matter concerning Application of Mr. Peralta, Francis R. - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board, at their meeting held on July 13, 2012, 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 registered on-the-job training hours and asked the Department for further investigation of his employment background.

Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received an e-mail from Keri Lamontagne with the State Department of Labor in which states that Mr. Peralta is currently employed by and registered by Omega Electric in Waterbury (Mike Siedel E-1 185969). Prior to being registered with them he was registered with Practical Energy Solutions in Wallingford from 2/11-4/12 who employs Angel Martinez (E-1 183498). Mr. Peralta had worked under Mr. Martinez at a company called Enerlume in Hamden from 2007-2009. Enerlume does not have an apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor. Mr. Peralta was not a registered apprentice during the time he worked at Enerlume. Mr. Martinez stopped working for Enerlume in 2009 and started working for Practical Energy Solutions in 2010.

After extensive discussion, the Board voted to turn Mr. Angel Martinez over to the Trade Practice Division of the Department of Consumer Protection for investigation

regarding potential employment of unlicensed mechanic(s) and un-indentured apprentices. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(B) Continuation of discussion concerning Northeast Utilities Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy; for discussion by the Board including E-Mail from Mr. Steven Osuch dated July 19, 2012 regarding Northeast Utilities responses to Homeowner Exemption Law Changes concerning the Generlink product.

Mr. Osuch from Northeast Utilities distributed a revised **Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy** to the Board which now incorporates comments and suggestions presented to them at their last meeting by Department Director Mr. Richard M. Hurlburt. Specifically, Mr. Osuch elaborated on the Homeowner Provisions Section of this document which was not included in the previous draft. In particular, Mr. Osuch addressed Mr. Hurlburt's comment which reads as follows;

*"The DRAFT policy prohibits the homeowner from doing the work and at the same time has the building code apply (i.e., permit and inspections). Either the utility company has sole jurisdiction and ownership of the Generlink as an optional attachment to their meter **or** the building code applies along with the licensing laws of the State of CT. (which allows homeowner to obtain permit and perform own work or hire a licensed Contractor)"*

Although it is neither the Boards nor the Utility Company's preference, the Policy will not prohibit a customer from performing the work themselves under the applicable exemptions as provided by the State Building Code and licensing laws, However, it was noted that a homeowner performing this task would need to perform this work in a dry/new socket that has not yet been energized, or will need to have the Utility Company de-energize their existing service and remove the meter prior to starting work.

Mr. Osuch also addressed the following comment made by Mr. Hurlburt in his previous review of the policy which reads as follows:

"If the customer owns the Generlink, then the barrel lock exclusive to utility personnel only, can not be in place."

Northeast Utilities does not believe that this is the case since there is already precedence set in their existing company policies. The customer owns the meter socket and the Utility Company can and does barrel lock the customer's meter sockets at present. In addition, although the **Meter Socket Transfer Switch** is customer owned, the electric service (utility) is provided and regulated by Northeast Utilities. Mr. Osuch stated that he will provide the Board with a final draft of Northeast Utilities **Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy** incorporating the outcome of today's discussions

Mr. Vallieres summarized the Board's discussions on this topic noting that their primary function was to determine if any aspect(s) of this proposed policy is considered

licensable work; to which their answer is yes there are. Beyond enforcing that the required work is done in accordance with all State Laws and Regulations, other information provided by them are suggestions to the policy. The Board advocated the installation portion of the Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy not cite specific sections of OSHA but instead make note to comply with all their applicable standards leaving the Utility Company with less exposure to potential problems in the future. Mr. Bish also suggested that perhaps the policy can make a recommendation that properly licensed individuals be used on all aspects of the installation beyond just those areas where it is required by law.

Mr. Vallieres noted that in general terms, use of this Transfer Switch is not the Board's first preference. The Board has asked that Northeast Utilities keep track of the device installations and ensure that installation of the same will be in accordance with their (*Northeast Utilities*) policy. Mr. Vallieres also thanked Mr. Gary Boughton, Building Official from the Town of Bethel, for his input at today's meeting and asked that he please communicate the information gathered today to others in his profession.

In conclusion, Mr. Vallieres again thanked Mr. Osuch and Northeast Utilities for requesting the Board's involvement in establishing their Meter Socket Transfer Switch Policy. Further, he noted that it is the Utility Company's responsibility to communicate this information to the Office of the State Building Official who in turn, will then distribute the same to all the local Building Officials.

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 12:32 AM. (Soter/Bish) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist