

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

OCTOBER 10, 2014

The Regular Meeting of October 10, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Larry 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
David Munsill, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman

Member Vacancies: One (1) Non-Union Contractor
Two (2) Public Members

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

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Others Present: Anthony Cianfrani, Power Secure
David Adams, Power Secure
Robert Woytowich

Keri Lamontagne, Department of Labor
Thomas O'Connor, Renaissance Builders Group
Jeffrey West, Wayne J. Griffin Electric
Kris O. Pavelko, M.J. Dally, LLC
Paul Costello, J.A.T.C. 90
Kostas Proskinitopoulos, Kostantino Electric
Nicholas Haddad, C.A. Senecal Electric
Douglas Hertz, Sunrise Solar Solutions
Ivan Babic, Babic Electric
Matthew Santos, Poyant Signs
Mario Vieira, Poyant Signs
Mateusz Sudol, Roberts Electric
R. Kuhn, Daven Electric
Jason Cordeiro, Poyant Signs

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

Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of the September 12, 2014.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the *September 12, 2014* minutes as submitted. (Bish/Yusza)

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

4. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board.

Mr. Maloney gave the Board a report which covers open complaints covering the time period August 21, 2010 through October 6, 2014. In addition, he also gave the Board a report of the closed complaints dated October 9, 2014. Mr. Vallieres and the Board reviewed these reports and thanked the Department for their efforts.

5. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;

(A) Mr. Kostas Proskinitopoulos, E-1 license holder, appearing relative to the application of Mr. Eduart Boci for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination. Mr. Vallieres explained the associated circumstances for the Board's request for Mr. Proskinitopoulos to appear before them at today's meeting. Mr.

Vallieres informed Mr. Proskinitopoulos that Mr. Boci stated that he has been working for the past eight years, unregistered with the Department of Labor as an Apprentice, for Kostantino Electric Corporation located in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Proskinitopoulos stated that Mr. Boci was hired initially as a favor to a friend of his family's in recognition of his need to support his family having just coming to this country and in light of a poor economy. Initially, Mr. Boci state to him that he was not sure of his commitment to the electrical profession and as such, Mr. Proskinitopoulos hesitated to register him as an apprentice. As time progressed, Mr. Boci showed more of an interest in the electrical profession and work became more detailed and involved. He also began attending night school to accrue the required related classroom instruction hours for an E-2 Journeyman yet still remained unregistered much to the Board's amazement.

Mr. Vallieres, on behalf of the Board, detailed the serious extent of Mr. Proskinitopoulos actions and his violation of the law by not enrolling his employee as an apprentice despite the fact that he also employs another individual who is registered. In the course of the discussion held, Mr. Proskinitopoulos noted that his registered employee, at present as they speak today, is working performing unsupervised electrical work on a residence in Westport, Connecticut, again, to the Board amazement and in violation of the law.

Mr. Proskinitopoulos took full responsibility for his actions and made no excuses to the Board. He attested to the fact that he remained loyal to helping Mr. Boci support his family by keeping him employed. He also attested the fact that Mr. Boci is a very hard working and ethical individual. The Board recognized his statement yet made it very clear that they are extremely disturbed and concerned by his actions primarily by jeopardizing the public's health, safety, and welfare in the course of performing electrical work illegally and by unlicensed individuals.

The Board discussed this matter extensively and contemplated several courses of action including suspension or revocation of Mr. Proskinitopoulos's license. After a broad discussion by all Board Members, it was decided that they must first consult Mr. Richard Hurlburt, Division Director for direction and for Department protocol. Mr. Vallieres, on behalf of the Board, stated that they would like hold a hearing on this matter and if necessary, Mr. Vallieres will communicate this in writing to the Commissioner.

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) **Adams, David L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve this application conditional upon receipt by the Department of proof of his related classroom instruction. (Soter/Yusza)

(2) **Avila, Andrew F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today's meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(3) **Cianfrani, Anthony J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny this application based upon a lack of the related classroom instruction hours required for the license examination he is applying to take. (Soter/Bish)

(4) **Cook, Harold** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today's meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(5) **Cordeiro, Jason** - C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny this application based upon a lack of the related classroom instruction hours required for the license examination he is applying to take. (Bish/Yusza)

(6) **Foster, Donald S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today's meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(7) **Franco, Paul J.** - C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today's meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(8) **Haddad, Nicholas T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application pending receipt of notarized documents substantiating his related classroom instruction hours and copies of his application sent to the testing company which he did not give

the Board at this meeting. (Bish/Munsill) The Board asked the applicant to return on November 14, 2014 with the above referenced documentation.

(9) **Hertz, Douglas M.** – PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant withdrew his application after a detailed discussion with the Board. The applicant explained his goals in applying for the PV-1 license examination and it was determined, based upon alternate means for his company to provide photo-voltaic work in Connecticut, that he does not need the license.

(10) **Mejias, Angel R.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today's meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

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

(12) **O'Connor, Thomas P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his examination application type at today's meeting per the suggestion of the Board from an E-1 to an E-2. The Board approved applicant for his respective examination type. (Soter/Bish)

(13) **Pavelko, Kresimir** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The application withdrawn by the applicant at today's meeting after a discussion with the Board and a determination that the L-6 license type best suites his needs.

(14) **Pavelko, Kresimir** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The application withdrawn by the applicant at today's meeting after a discussion with the Board and a determination that the L-6 license type best suites his needs.

(15) **Pavelko, Kresimir** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The application withdrawn by the applicant at today's meeting after a discussion with the Board and a determination that the L-6 license type best suites his needs.

(16) **Pavelko, Kresimir** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application pending receipt of an OSHA 30 card. (Soter/Yusza) The applicant will contact the Department to reschedule another appearance to go before the Board with his completed application including the OSHA 30 card.

(17) **Piselli, Jason B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today’s meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(18) **Santos, Matthew G.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application pending receipt of official documentation showing proof of the related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours required for his license examination. (Soter/Yusza)

(19) **Stewart, Brian T.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present, as requested, at today’s meeting as requested. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(20) **Sudol, Mateusz** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve applicant for his respective examination type. (Soter/Bish)

(21) **Vieira, Mario F.** – C-8 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application pending receipt of official documentation showing proof of the related classroom instruction hours and on-the-job training hours required for his license examination. (Soter/Yusza)

7. 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. (Soter/Bish)

(1) **Aforismo, Frank D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Albert, Jeffrey L.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Angarano, William** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.

- (4) **Ballantyne, Fred J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (5) **Bastien, Ezra** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Bortolato, Michael J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (7) **Brito, Luis A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Brown, Jason R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Buechele, Douglas R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Carbon, Yardley T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Cecere, James N.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Cruz, Bobby A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Czapor, Shaun G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **DiMattia, Angelo** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (15) **Dunn, Trevor C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Evans, Jr., Robert J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Evitts, Sarah L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (18) **Farago, Christopher J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (19) **Goodenough, Christopher R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Hallifax, David A.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (21) **Higley, Zachory M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (22) **Judd, Andrew G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **Lopez, Kenneth** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (24) **Mekkelsen, Fred M.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (25) **Morales, Dominick** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (26) **Munson, James W.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (27) **Nai, Thomas A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (28) **Pickus, Aaron M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (29) **Rodriguez, Alex** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (30) **Rosa, Jeronimo C.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (31) **Santangelo, Anthony** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.

(32) **Smallman, Justin R.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(33) **Soropoulos, Steven G.**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the New York City Chapter of N.E.C.A.

(34) **Tomaszewsky, Andrew B.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(35) **Troiano, Michael J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(36) **Waluk, Pawel** - L-6 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 November 14, 2014 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. (Gavin-Kuhn/Bish)

(1) **Cole, Andre O.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Eifling, Ken w.** - C-7 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Emenecker, Douglas R.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Fries, Charles G.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Grimsley, Kent J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Kucera, Kevin J.** - L-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for his respective examination type. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

- (7) **Manfredo, Paul G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (8) **Martone, Kenneth G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (9) **Nadeau, Keith** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (10) **Presho, Jr., Robert A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (11) **Remetta, Lawrence** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (12) **Sessa, Jusin K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (13) **Weissert, Matthew J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.
- (14) **West, Jeffrey A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for his respective examination type. (Soter/Munsill)

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

(1) **Babic, Jr., Ivan** – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit for the examination on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on April 13, 2012, 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. Applicant changed the license type to an E-2 at the suggestion of the Board at their meeting held 01-11-13. The Board tabled his E-2 application at this same meeting pending receipt of proof of completion of related classroom instruction.

The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application pending a complete written and notarized evaluation made by his educational provider (SW BOCES) of his related classroom instruction courses as compared to the curriculum established by the Department of Labor as it relates to the license type examination for which he is applying. (Vallieres)

9. Request for Reconsideration; none before the Board today.

(1) **Kuhn, Raymond S.** – C-6 applicant who originally applied for the E-2 Journeyman License Examination and changed his application type to a C-6 per the Board's recommendation at their August 8, 2014 meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant for the C-6 License Examination. Applicant now is asking for consideration for the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman's License Examination. Mr. Kuhn is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve his application for the E-2 license examination pending receipt by the Department of a notarized letter from Mr. Ray Menzio from the Connecticut Department of Education stating that the applicant's related classroom instruction meets the requirements of the E-2 curriculum as it pertains to the same. (Soter/Bish)

(2) **Van Hecke, Matthew A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board required applicant to come before them on 06-13-2014 as decided at their 05-09-2014 meeting. Applicant has provided the Board with additional documentation and asked that the Department present the same on his behalf.

The Board voted unanimously to table this application and require Mr. Van Hecke to appear before them at a future Board Meeting. The additional information added to his original application was insufficient in answering their questions. (Soter)

10. 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) E-Mail dated September 5, 2014 from Carrington Moore from Defender Security Company concerning wireless desktop units; for response from the Board. Mr. Vallieres read aloud this e-mail which concerns a desktop unit that is less than 25 volts which plugs into an outlet requiring no drilling or wall mount. The unit connects to a power source and modem and all sensors are wireless. The company is asking the Board to confirm in writing that they are exempted from requiring any licensing, including the L-5 low voltage licensing.

Mr. Vallieres stated, on behalf of the Board/Department, that they will not issue a blanket statement of any kind to this company stating that they are exempt. Further they must follow the licensing laws as they apply to their situation.

(C) Brochure from Armstrong - Installation Systems - DC Flexzone Suspension System; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed and discussed this product information.

11. New Business:

1. The Board reviewed additional material submitted by NAT PRO Electrical Seminars Inc. which was not contained in their original 2015 Continuing Education submission reviewed by them on October 3, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve this revised submission. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

2. Mr. Yusza raised an issue concerning potentially illegal electrical work being done by a company. The Board advised Mr. Yusza to speak with the Department's Trade Practices Division for further advice on how he should proceed with the information he has.

12. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. (Soter) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2014 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