

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

APRIL 7, 2017

The Regular Meeting of April 7, 2017 was held in the Department of Consumer Protection - North Building, Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Members Present: Ronald Bish, Unlimited Contractor
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Unlimited Journeyman
Laurence A. Vallieres, Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Robert Woytowich, Unlimited Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: David Munsill, Unlimited Journeyman

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

DCP Board Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, License and Applications Specialist,
Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Division Director, Department of
Consumer Protection
John Neumon, Division Director, Department of
Consumer Protection

Others Present: Luis Santana
Jason Piselli, AWS
William J. Casali, Convergint
Darrell Michalek, Solarcity
Paul Costello, IBEW
Matt Markham, Solarcity
Steven Burke, Burke Electric

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860) 706-1202.

1. Call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings: *November 14, 2016 and February 10, 2017.*

The Board voted to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes as submitted. (Bish/Gavin-Kuhn) It is noted that both Mr. Yusza and Mr. Soter abstained from the vote since they were not present at the November 14, 2016 meeting.

The Board voted to approve the February 10, 2017 minutes as submitted. (Bish/Woytowich) It is noted that Mr. Yusza, Mr. Soter, and Ms. Gavin-Kuhn abstained from the vote since they were not present at the February 10, 2017 meeting.

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

4. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the **DCP Investigation Division** including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review by the Board.

Mr. John Neumon introduced himself to the Board as the replacement for Ted Doolittle who left the Department to become the State's Healthcare Advocate. Mr. Neumon is the Department's Frauds Division Director. He is also well versed in the Department's credential management system and has a strong investigative background.

Mr. Neumon addressed the Board noting that he been with the Department since September of 2012. He noted that the Department has combined home improvement and occupational/professional enforcement into one Division. Mr. Neumon reviewed with the Board some brief highlights of the Department's complaint investigation and processing procedures. In addition, he addressed particular questions from the Board regarding specific complaints listed on the report that was given to them at today's meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Neumon for his time with them today and looks forward to working with him in the future.

5. Applications to be acted on by the Board at today's meeting; applicants are scheduled to appear before the Board;

(1) **Burke, Steven M.** – 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 at 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 applicant's OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Bish)

(2) **Casali, William J.** – 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 at 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 applicant's OSHA 30 Certification. (Soter/Bish)

(3) **Piselli, Jason B.** – 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/Bish)

(4) **Santana, Luis 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. (Bish/Soter)

(5) **Simonis, Jeffrey M.** – E-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.

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

(1) **Markham, Matthew T.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was advised by the Board on February 10, 2017 that they need a formal evaluation of his related instruction as compared to that for the E-2 Journeyman's license. In addition, the Board explained their requirement for a Connecticut Journeyman's license to be held for two years prior to applying for the E-1 license examination. Further, they will reconsider the application if the applicant changes the application type from an E-1 to an E-2.

Mr. Markham stated to the Board that it his intention to change his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 as previously suggested by them. Further, he has not been able to get sufficient documentation pertaining to his education to submit to the Board for review. He asked the Board to table his application until further notice. The Board obliged and his application was tabled.

7. Request for Reinstatement;

(A) Chris Deni; E-2 Electrical Unlimited Journeyperson; license expired September 30, 2005. The Board tabled this application at today's meeting and requires the applicant to come before them at their next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2017. The applicant is required to bring notarized statements from all past and present employers as to his dates and duties of employment. (Soter/Bish) Written notification will be sent to the applicant.

(B) Nicholas J. Wilson, E-2 Electrical Unlimited Journeyperson; license expired September 30, 2013. The Board tabled this application at today's meeting and requires the applicant to come before them at their next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2017. The applicant is required to bring notarized statements from all past and present employers as to his dates and duties of employment. (Soter/Bish) Written notification will be sent to the applicant.

8. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms for Continuing Education Courses. The Board acknowledged this documentation.

(B) Department website information concerning verifying licenses, permits, and registrations. The Board acknowledged this documentation.

(C) Building and Fire Safety Code Adoption information from the Division of Construction Services. The Board acknowledged this documentation.

9. Old Business:

(A) 2017 Continuing Education Submittal from NAT PRO Electrical Seminars, Inc. Mr. Vallieres informed the Board that he reviewed the re-submission from Nat Pro by Mr. Stan Kwake for becoming a Continued Education Provider for Electrical 2017 prior to today's meeting and found his Student Handbook to be in order. For the sake of expediting the submission for the provider, Mr. Vallieres approved the submission at that time. Mr. Kwake was notified of his approval. Since there was no quorum at the February 10, 2017 meeting, Mr. Vallieres is informing the Board of his action at today's meeting.

10. New Business:

(A) Occupational Licensing Enforcement Report Pursuant to P.A. 14-210. Mr. Neumon detailed the reports content for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this document and thanked Mr. Neumon and the Department for this information.

(B) Continuing Education Reciprocity Agreement dated December 29, 2016 from Mr. Robert T. Ferguson, Esq., Executive Director, Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians. The Board acknowledged Mr. Hurlburt's draft response, on the Board's behalf, to the original document and agrees with its content.

(C) Discussion concerning low-voltage integrated ceiling suspension systems. Mr. Paul Costello presented the Board with physical samples of this product for their information. The primary discussion by the Board focused on whether or not the installation of this product represents electrical work and, if so, would require electrical licensing to perform the same. At the request of the Board Chairman Mr. Vallieres, the Board voted unanimously that the installation of the product represents electrical work. (Soter/Bish)

(D) Section 21a-8(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning 2017 Annual Report sent to the Joint Standing Committee of the General Assembly. The Board acknowledged this information.

(E) Discussion concerning Statute Section 21a-4 and reinstatement of lapsed licenses. The Board acknowledged this information and asked that the Department provide the Board with the statutes and legislative history detailing the timeframe for the reinstatement of lapsed licenses at their next meeting for further discussion.

(F) E-Mail from James Savoy dated February 22, 2017 concerning sale of electrical devices from Midlite. The Board acknowledged this information and noted that they have discussed a similar situation in the past as it pertained to a major national retailer selling recessed power inlets.

(G) E-Mail dated March 9, 2017 from John W. Yusza concerning CASIA NTS Training Program acceptance. Mr. Yusza explained to the Board that this program's related classroom instruction hours were approved in the past by the Department of Labor. Since that time, the program's approval has been retracted and the required classroom hours have changed leaving the current status of the training program deficient in the number of hours required. This has created problems for apprentices who started with one education standard and now must abide by a different standard in order to graduate. Mr. Yusza is asking the Board for their review and approval of the current curriculum.

After significant discussion, it was decided to invite Mr. Todd Berch, Apprenticeship Manager, with the Connecticut Department of Labor to the Board's next regular meeting scheduled for June 9, 2017 to continue discussion on this matter. Mr. Yusza was asked to bring his curriculum information to this meeting

In addition, the Board also wishes to further discuss with Mr. Berch the Comparative Analysis of Related Instruction and On the Job Training Process as it pertains to occupational license examination applications.

11. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

None.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM. (Bish/Soter)

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist

Upcoming Electrical Board Meeting Dates:

June 9, 2017 December 8, 2017
August 11, 2017
October 13, 2017

Meetings take place at the Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Building, Hearing Room J, Hartford, CT, 06103 beginning at 8:30 AM.