

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

DECEMBER 8, 2017

The Regular Meeting of December 8, 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
Peter L. Jennings, Unlimited Contractor
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: None.

Member Vacancies: One (1) Unlimited Journeyman
Three (3) Public Members

DCP Board Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, License and Applications Specialist,
Department of Consumer Protection
Michael Elliott Director, Department of Consumer
Protection
John Neumon Director, Department of Consumer
Protection
Paulette Annon Attorney, Department of Consumer
Protection

Others Present: Paul Costello, IBEW - JATC 90

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1. Call to order.

Chairman Mr. Larry Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings: October 13, 2017.

The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Yusza) Mr. Silva abstained from the vote.

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

None.

4. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report;

1. Mr. Neumon addressed particular questions from the Board regarding specific complaints listed on the report. The Board asked Mr. Neumon to provide more details on four closed complaints in particular. This information will be provided to the Board at their next meeting. The effectiveness of Assurances of Voluntary Compliance (AVC) was also discussed, in detail, in relation to some of the complaints listed on the report and also in general terms.

Regarding enforcement, the Board discussed the shortage of Department Investigators as a primary issue. To this point, Mr. Soter noted the potential use of municipal building officials/inspectors as an adjunct to the Department's investigation personnel.

Mr. Jennings noted some of the photo-voltaic related complaints listed on this report, the Board discussed the possibility of eliminating the "PV" license in the future.

5. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Renewal statistics for Electrical Unlimited Contractor and Unlimited Journeyperson license types from 2004 through 2017.

The Board discussed this information. In particular, they noted that the total number of Unlimited Journeypersons compared to Unlimited Contractors in 2017 is very close.

(B) Resignation Letter dated October 15, 2017 from Ms. Faith Gavin Kuhn.

The Board thanked Ms. Gavin Kuhn for her tenure with the Board and her diligence in the same. They regret her departure and will miss working with her.

6. Old Business:

(A) Continuation of request for a discussion with Mr. Michael Elliott, Director, License Services Division, concerning the license renewal process.

Mr. Elliott introduced himself to the Board and answered their questions on many topics, including, the license renewal process. In particular, Mr. Vallieres noted information he received from colleagues who were asked to provide copies of their driver's license as a part of their on-line license renewal procedure. Mr. Elliott explained that, in the past, this was required for applicants who were providing their birthdate for the first time as a way of verifying their identity. He also noted that this is no longer a part of the renewal process.

The Board discussed the interface of licensee's prior enforcement history and/or their continuing education requisite with their renewal procedure. The option of separating the end dates for continuing education period and the license period itself was discussed. This could potentially reduce the amount of licensee's renewing without first having completed their continuing education. Also, the prospect of not issue renewal notices to those individuals who had not completed their continuing education requisite for the prior year was also discussed.

7. New Business:

(A) Proposed Regulation changes to Section 20-332-8 concerning Operational Streamlining of Payments and License Processing.

The Board reviewed all the potential changes in language, some of which, they were not in agreement with; in particular the language which excludes the mention of the Board together with the Department. Mr. Vallieres advised Board Members to make note when the public hearing for these changes is scheduled.

(B) Proposed Consent Agreement(s) from DCP Legal Division.

The Department's Legal Division sought approval by the Board of a Consent Agreement in which the respondent had agreed to voluntarily surrender his unlimited electrical license immediately and cease and desist from practicing and offering to practice his services as an unlimited electrical contractor until such time that his license is reinstated. The Board voted, unanimously, that the respondent must first re-take the E-1 license examination before he can reapply for reinstatement because his license has lapsed more than two years. (Soter/Yusza)

Other business discussed:

1. Mr. Silva raised the discussion of electrical work associated with elevator installations and whether or not this work should be done only by electricians. Mr. Vallieres will contact Mr. John DeRosa, Jr., Chairman of the Elevator Installation, Repair and

Maintenance Work Examining Board, and invite him to a future meeting to further discuss this matter.

8. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

There were no further comments from anyone present.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM. (Soter/Jennings)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Upcoming Electrical Board Meeting Dates:

January 12, 2018
March 9, 2018
May 11, 2018
July 13, 2018
September 7, 2018
November 9, 2018

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.