

## MINUTES

### ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Larry Vallieres, Chairperson on October 15, 2020 at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

**Members Present:**

Laurence A. Vallieres	Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Peter L. Jennings	Unlimited Contractor
Richard Bird	Unlimited Contractor
Paul Costello	Unlimited Journeyman
Christopher Brown	Unlimited Journeyman
Jacqueline Laramie	Public Member
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician

**Members Absent:** None

**Board Vacancies:** Two Unlimited Journeymen  
Three Public Members

**DCP Board Staff:** Karen Layman, License and Applications Analyst  
Richard Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional Division

**Others Present:** Michelle Seagull, DCP Commissioner  
Paulette Annon, DCP Staff Attorney  
Pamela Brown, DCP Director, Investigations Division  
Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Special Investigator  
Todd Berch, Dept. of Labor, Apprenticeship Division  
Charles Appleby, Chairman, Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board

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### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 25, 2020 Electrical Work Examining Board meeting as submitted.

### **SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Paulette Annon swore in the following new board members:

Richard Bird, Unlimited Contractor Member  
Paul Costello, Unlimited Journeyman Member  
Christopher Brown, Unlimited Journeyman Member  
Jacqueline Laramée, Public Member

### **WELCOMING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Larry Vallieres welcomed the new members and provided a brief background of the Board's responsibilities and functions. DCP staff in attendance introduced themselves and provided information regarding the Department's goals and procedures as they relate to board matters.

### **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Discussion regarding potential changes to regulations and statutes**

Larry Vallieres, at the October 25, 2019 meeting, noted that the Board would like to discuss potential changes to the regulations and statutes in the following areas at future meetings:

- Exemption of continuing education requirements for certain limited license types
- Requirement for continuing education CE providers to hold a minimum of four classes per year
- Combining limited license types

**Larry Vallieres provided an overview of these items and stated that the Board will continue to discuss these items at future meetings.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Application Review Working Group – Update to be provided by designated board member**

Larry Vallieres reported that this group met on October 7 and October 13 and provided a summary of the applications reviewed at these meetings.

### **2. 2021 Board Meeting Dates:**

**The dates for regular board meetings are as follows:  
February 19, May 7, August 13, November 5**

Board so noted.

### **3. Discussion of an extension of time to take on-line continuing education offerings going into the 2021 year.**

Previously, electrical licensees have been granted an extension to take their continuing education classes for the 2020 cycle up until December 31, 2020 per Executive Orders 7GGG and 7EEE.

At today's meeting, discussion took place regarding the option to recommend that the deadline to complete these classes for the 2020 cycle be further extended to February 9, 2021. If the Board votes to make this recommendation, the Commissioner will then forward such recommendation to the Governor's Office for review.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that Executive Orders 7GGG and 7EEE be modified to extend the deadlines for electricians to complete their continuing education requirements and for course providers to continue offering both in person and interactive online courses. This modification shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, February 9, 2021.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Layman,  
License and Applications Analyst

2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- October 23, 2020 – Legal Administrative Hearings
- November 5, 2020 – Legal Administrative Hearings
- November 13, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- February 19, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- May 7, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- August 13, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- November 5, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting