

# SPECIAL MEETING

## MINUTES

### HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 24, 2011

The “**Special Meeting**” was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:40 a.m. in Room-126 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson  
Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor  
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor  
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman  
John T. Higgins, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman  
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman  
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member

Members Absent: Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited, Journeyman  
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor  
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member  
Barbara Riotte, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon  
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Public Present:	Edgardo Aponte	Don Zemo
	Joe Matera	Jorge Candelario
	William C. Beard, Jr.	Larry Satchell
	Michael Seaberg	Chris Cote
	Dwight Gesner	
	Pablo Torres	
	Paul Sharpe	
	Marc Balzarano	
	John Knight	
	Mark Mastropasqua	
	Luke J. Ford	

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the May 23, 2011 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board Special Meeting.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **Edgardo Aponte, Bridgeport, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Aponte withdrew his application for future filing.

### **Marc J. Balzarano, Stamford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Balzarano withdrew his application for future filing.

### **William C. Beard, Jr., West Haven, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-6)**

Mr. Beard changed his license category to (S-6) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-6) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (S-6) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-5) Limited Contractor exam. The Board requested Mr. Beard's application be referred to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation concerning his employer(s) permitting applicant to perform heating and cooling work without required heating/cooling licensure or apprenticeship registration.

### **Jorge M. Candelario, New Britain, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn**

Mr. Candelario withdrew his application for future filing.

### **Bernard W. Cerreta, Milford, CT – (S-9) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Cerreta did not appear today and the Board took no action.

### **Christopher A. Cote, Chicopee, MA – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Cote's application based on equivalent experience and training.

### **Joseph L. Demers, Jr., Newtown, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Demers did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Dwight Gesner, Wallingford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)**

The Board did not find Mr. Gesner approvable for the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman exam. Mr. Gesner changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training.

**Joaquim Goncalves, Fairfield, CT – (S-9) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Goncalves did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**John Knight, Columbia, SC – (G-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (G-2)**

Mr. Knight changed his license category to (G-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (G-2) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (G-2) exam, he may apply and sit for the (G-1) Limited Contractor exam.

**Alexander Lukenberg, Canton, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Lukenberg did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Joseph Matera, Lake Grove, NY – (D-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (D-2)**

Mr. Matera changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (D-2) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (D-2) exam, he may apply and sit for the (D-1) Limited Contractor exam.

**Joseph S. Rogers, W. Cornwall, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Rogers did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Virgil Saliu, Middle Village, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Saliu did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Michael B. Seaberg, Milford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)**

The Board did not find Mr. Seaberg approvable for the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman exam. Mr. Seaberg changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training. Board member Michael Rosario and John Higgins was opposed.

**Paul Sharpe, Woodstock, CT – (B-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (B-2)**

Mr. Sharpe changed his license category to (B-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (B-2) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (B-2) exam, he may apply and sit for the (B-1) Limited Contractor exam.

**Andrew Sirois, Glocester, RI – (S-3) Limited Contractor – No Action**

Mr. Sirois did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Arthur E. Stephens, North Brunswick, NJ – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action**

Mr. Stephens did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Pablo Torres, New Haven, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)**

The Board did not find Mr. Torres approvable for the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman exam. Mr. Torres changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (S-10) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor exam. Board member Thomas Casey, Jr. abstained from voting.

**Jacob Weimann, W. Hempstead, NY – (D-3) Limited Contractor – No Action**

Mr. Weimann did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Robert C. Williams, Wappingers Falls, NY – (B-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Williams did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE**

**Albert DeGuisto, Hillsdale, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/09).**

Mr. DeGuisto did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Kevin Kalinoski, Danbury, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 8/31/07).**

Mr. Kalinoski did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**APPEARING IN PERSON**

**David Johnston** – Mr. Johnston is requesting to appear before the Board to have his experience validated to qualify him for the (ST-1) Limited Solar Thermal certificate examination. The Board denied his (ST-1) Limited Solar Thermal Journeyman application at their January 5, 2011 meeting due to lack of required occupational and school related instruction experience. Mr. Johnston lacked 100% of the required schooling and does not have a plumbing or heating license.

Mr. Johnston did not appear today and the Board took no action.

## **LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS**

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications)

### **Brian A. Fijal, Belchertown, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Fijal's application based on lack of a required Apprenticeship Completion Certificate.

### **Chad M. Jensen, Granville, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Jensen's application based on equivalent experience and training.

### **Anthony Morello, Agawam, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Morello's application based on equivalent experience and training.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **"HES COMBUSTION TESTING PROGRAM"**

Mr. Casey informed the Board at their January 5, 2011 meeting of an e-mail from Mark P. Foley with CT Light and Power and Robert Bartone with United Illuminating Company, authorizing approximately 200 plus unlicensed technicians throughout the state deployed with instructions to perform "Combustion Testing", which is illegal and not permitted without proper licensure pursuant to Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes and Regulations of CT State Agencies Title 20.

After further discussion and input on this matter at the Board's January 5, 2011 meeting, the Board unanimously concluded that "Combustion Testing" is in fact licensure work pursuant to Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes and Regulations of CT State Agencies Title 20, and that their "Combustion Testing" work being performed under their "HES Combustion Testing Program" is in fact licensure work pursuant to Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes and Regulations of CT State Agencies Title 20.

Christopher C. Ehlert, Manager with the United Illuminating Company and Joseph R. Swift, Operations Supervisor with Northeast Utilities appeared before the Board at their May 23, 2011 meeting to discuss their "HES Combustion Testing Program" and provided the Board with an outline of the program and detailed testimony concerning their combustion testing operation.

The Board expressed concern about persons performing combustion testing work who do not have the required heating/cooling license, lack the required knowledge, education, experience and training to perform such work, lack heating systems familiarity, and lack the required knowledge, education, experience and training to perform and interpret diagnosis, test readings and test results accurately, which presents the risk of misdiagnosing and misinterpreting diagnosis and test readings.

The Board also expressed serious concerns with the "HES Combustion Testing Program" in that the persons conducting the "HES Combustion Testing" receive training consisting of a five day, forty hour course covering windows, doors, air leaks, etc., with no time or training spent on efficiency, carbon monoxide or combustion testing.

The Board concluded that the combustion testing goes far beyond measuring for carbon monoxide, which if done by persons lacking the required education, experience and training can result in a false "negative reading", creating a dangerous environment for the homeowner having high levels of carbon monoxide but receiving an inaccurate "negative reading".

Attorney Santoro informed that Board that pursuant to CT General Statutes, Chapter 393, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and assistance of the appropriate board, shall determine the specific area of a trade for which limited licenses shall be issued and the areas for which no license shall be required.

## **DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT**

### **2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays --- January 5, March 2, May, 4, July 6, September 7, November 2.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT TODAY**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.**