MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Robert Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2014 in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson Unlimited Contractor

David G. Foster

John T. Higgins, Jr.

Philip H. Benoit

Unlimited/General Contractor
Unlimited Journeyperson
Sheet Metal Journeyperson

Members Absent:

Thomas F. Casey, Jr.

Cameron G. Champlin, Jr.

Michael Rosario

Unlimited Contractor
Unlimited Journeyperson
Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies: Four Public Members, Sheet Metal Contractor

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Karen Layman, Secretary Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep. Present: Paul Femia

Public Present: Damian Gray Michael Carafotes Aaron Crafa

David Johnston

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

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

David Johnston appeared to inquire about the status of his (ST-1) application. It was determined that this application had been conditionally approved at the March 2013 board meeting, however, he must submit a new application at this time, as the original application is over one year old.

APPEARING IN PERSON FOR APPEAL:

Aaron Crafa, South Glastonbury, CT - (S-1) Unlimited Contractor - Denied

Mr. Crafa appeared to appeal the Board's denial of his (S-1) application on 2/20/14. The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Crafa's (S-1) application due to lack of proof of on-the job training. Mr. Crafa was advised to obtain a letter from his previous employer which includes a description of his dates and duties of employment and appear at the 11/20/14 meeting with this letter.

Damian Gray, Bridgeport, CT - (D-2) Limited Journeyperson - Denied

Mr. Gray appeared to appeal the Board's denial of his (D-2) application on 9/18/14. The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Gray's application due to lack of registered time as a (D-2) apprentice.

Alex Littman, Bridgewater, MA – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No action taken

Mr. Littman was unable to appear today to appeal denial of his (S-1) application on 9/18/14 and has requested to be placed on the 11/20/14 meeting agenda.

APPEALS:

Charles Vanness, Mount Vernon, NY - (S-2) Unlimited Contractor - Denied

Mr. Vanness submitted additional documentation to appeal the Board's denial of his (S-1) application on 9/18/14, as well as a request for a change in category sought to an (S-2). The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Vanness' (S-2) application due to lack of apprenticeship completion and required related instruction.

Paul Say, Tolland, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – No action taken

No additional documentation submitted: no action taken

APPLICATIONS:

Hector Correa, Norwalk, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Correa's (S-2) application due to lack of apprenticeship completion certificate.

Michael Curry, Brewster, NY - (B-2) Limited Journeyperson - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Curry's (B-2) application due lack of proof of equivalent out-of state license. Mr. Curry holds a New York license, however, has not submitted proof that the scope of work for this license is equivalent to the scope of work for the Connecticut (B-2) license type. The Board will reconsider the application upon submission of this additional information.

Randy Dimitropolis, Belchertown, MA – (S-4) Limited Journeyperson – Approved The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Dimitropolis' (S-4) application.

John Gjokaj, Pawling, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyperson – Approved The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gjokaj's (SM-2) application.

David Horton, Ludlow, MA – (D-2) Limited Journeyperson – Approved The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Horton's (D-2) application.

Adam Lajoie, Chicopee, MA – (D-2) Limited Journeyperson – Approved The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lajoie's (D-2) application

Eric Lockwood, Stamford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – No action taken

John Mallon, Brewster, NY - (S-1) Unlimited Contractor - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Mallon's (S-1) application due to lack of apprenticeship completion certificate, related instruction, and equivalent out-of-state license.

David Ruback, Newburgh, NY – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyperson – Approved The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ruback's (SM-2) application.

Edward Wagner, Jr., Brooklyn, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyperson – Approved The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Wagner's (B-2) application

APPLICATIONS ADDED BY BOARD VOTE

David Beaudoin, Wolcott, CT - (B-2) Limited Journeyperson - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Beaudoin's (B-2) application due to lack of related instruction as required.

Paulo Reis, Plainville, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Reis' (S-2) application due to lack of apprenticeship completion letter and related instruction as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An Act Concerning Home Performance Technicians – Draft Legislation No discussion took place on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pipeline Safety brochure Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board reviewed a complaint status report submitted by Trade Practices Division dated 10/14/10 to 10/14/14. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to request that Director Richard Maloney appear at the 11/20/14 Heating and Cooling Board meeting to clarify the Department's policies regarding enforcement and the revocation of licenses.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman, Board Secretary

2014 Meeting Schedule:

- November 20, 2014
- December 18, 2014

Meetings will be held in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut at 10:00 a.m.