

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

The meeting of September 14, 2012 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Ronald Bish, Contractor
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: David Munsill, Journeyman

Member Vacancy: Four (Journeyman, Contractor, & Two (2) Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA, Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer Protection

General Public: Jeffrey Ford
Marc Ross
James Dumas
Stephen Wallace
Stephen J. Frycz
Robert B. Hayes
Adam Corbin
Paul Brouillette
Randy Heath
Keri Lamontagne, State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Kadri Ademi
Guy Lamacchia
Richard Gilllotte
Eric Peterson
Joe Daniele

Jason Ritter

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1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on "silent"). Chairman Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of August 10, 2012. After a thorough view by the Board, the minutes were approved as submitted. (Bish/Soter)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board. Mr. Vallieres noted that the report was again "lean" and noted that he will contact Mr. Maloney to discuss the report.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request:

None before the Board today.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

(A) **Lamacchia, Guy S.** – C-5 examination applicant appearing in person with concerns regarding the C-5 Limited Electrical Contractor Examination. Mr. Lamacchia took the examination in May of 2012 and failed with a score 65. He started the review process and explained to the Board how it was implemented noting that he was asked to record his comments/complaints in writing, again, since they were apparently not transposed when he initially entered them electronically on the day of the examination.

Mr. Lamacchia attempted to protest particular questions but became frustrated with the environment and personnel present and walked out of the review process. Mr. Vallieres reviewed PSI's complete examination review process and noted that since Mr. Lamacchia has not completed the review, coming before the Board is premature at this point in the process. Mr. Vallieres suggested that he either retest or complete the entire review process. He also noted that the Board has encountered very few test question

challenges in their history and stressed how important it is for the candidate to follow procedures.

Mr. Lamacchia stated that he had the three questions that he wishes to challenge with him today to which Mr. Vallieres again stressed that procedure must be followed before the Board discusses the validity of the questions. Mr. Lamacchia noted that he is frustrated by the fact that he would have completely finished the review process before coming before the Board today had he been told this in advance. Further he stated that had been trying to contact the Department for approximately three months to determine what course to take.

Mr. Halloran stated that Mr. Lamacchia is being disrespectful to the Board and that the Board has been very clear to him today on what he should do next. Mr. Lamacchia stated that he no longer cares about getting the C-5 license type since the job has long since been completed and he hired an electrician to do the work. He then stated that he still wishes to pass the C-5 Examination and get his license. Further, he also indicated that he will complete the review process and thanked the Board for their time..

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination: applicant(s) appearing in person.

Mr. Vallieres advised all in attendance at today's meeting of the Board general rules and guidelines as they apply to applicants appearing before them for consideration to sit for their respective license examinations. He made reference to the document sent to all applicants by the Department which details specific information the Board is expecting from the applicants in support of their equivalent experience and training in addition to other more general information.

In addition, Mr. Vallieres also made reference to the Boards Outline for Journeypersons which gives the specific hours for related classroom instruction including course curriculums and the required on-the-job training hours for each license type.

(1) **Brouillette, Paul H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his work history from his past employers and transcripts of your Technical High School Course Curriculum. (Soter/Yusza)

(2) **Corbin, Adam D.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the suggestion of the Board, the applicant changed his application type to an E-2. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. (Soter/Halloran)

- (3) **Dumas, Jr., James C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)
- (4) **Frycz, Stephen J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson’s License Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)
- (5) **Haynes, Robert B.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson’s License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours. (Bish/Soter)
- (6) **Heath, Randy L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Although present at today’s meeting, Mr. Heath asked to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (7) **Illescas, Silvio R. T.** – E-1 applicant seeking waiver of time required to hold E-2 Journeymen’s license to qualify for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor’s Examination. Mr. Illescas was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (8) **Kennedy, Daniel R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that Mr. Kennedy notified him by telephone in advance of today’s meeting and asked to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (9) **Kreutzberg, Garry C.** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that Mr. Kreutzberg notified him by e-mail in advance of today’s meeting and asked to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (10) **Peterson, Eric K.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)
- (11) **Pozniak, Jr., Anthony C.** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that Mr. Pozniak notified him by e-mail in advance of today’s meeting and asked to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (12) **Ritter, Jason J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the suggestion of the Board, the applicant changed his application type to an L-2. The Board voted to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(13) **Ross, Marc C.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Although present at today’s meeting, Mr. Ross asked to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

(14) **Wallace, Stephen R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending notarized official transcripts of your Related Classroom Instruction Curriculum.
(Soter/Halloran

7A. First Review of Application(s) for Licensure Examination – Applicants Not Appearing before Board.

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters: the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to sit for their respective examinations on the basis of a Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor or other Board-Approved Agency. (Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

(1) **Barrett, Jason L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Cirne, Antonio T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Crossdale, Michael A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Derosier, Jason M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(5) **Ginargiros, Panayiotis** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(6) **Giraldo, Nestor R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(7) **Johnson, Jared L.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(8) **Hoefler, Mark J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (9) **Karol, Benjamin D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Mainville, Kevin T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Murawski, Carl A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Sanzone, Matthew J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Skorupski, Pawel K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Smith, Kyle E.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Stern, Thomas O.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Washington, Jesse D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **White, Michael D.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training: the Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including add-ons) to appear before the Board at their October 12, 2012 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types unless as otherwise noted. Mr. Kuzmich will mail back their original applications in addition to Board Meeting Date information and information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journey person license types.

(Soter/Gavin-Kuhn)

- (1) **Andersen, Bret E.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board determined that this applicant had already been approved prior to today's meeting.
- (2) **Catalano, Salvatore A.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted to approve his application. (Halloran/Soter)
- (3) **Glanstein, Jeff.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **Goetz, Jr., John E.** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board determined that this applicant had already been approved prior to today's meeting.

(5) **McCaffrey, John H.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **McNeil, Steven.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

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

A. **Ademi, Kadri** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Electrical Work Examining Board, at their meeting held on August 10, 2012, voted unanimously to deny his application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's License Examination on the basis of a lack of related classroom instruction and on-the job training hours.

Mr. Ademi gave the Board a letter explaining his situation in more detail including his on-the-job training hours accrued after working approximately 2 ½ years at Foxwoods Resorts, a Sovereign Nation in Connecticut, and is asking the Board for reconsideration of his application.

The Board examined the transcripts the candidate presented from Norwich Technical High School. Mr. Ademi also accrued additional related classroom instruction from Griffin Electric in Holliston, Massachusetts and accrued 5,700 hours working there as a registered apprentice with the State of Connecticut under a reciprocal agreement with our State's Department of Labor and the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Soter verified that the Adult Education Program at Norwich is accepted as a related classroom instruction provider in the State of Connecticut. After more discussion, Mr. Halloran motioned to approve Mr. Kadri's application for the E-2 license type pending receipt of notarized transcripts from Norwich Technical High School. Mr. Soter seconded the motion. The Board also confirmed that the Department can enroll the candidate for the examination upon receipt of the requested documentation without having to reappear before the Board.

B. **Bolton, Hervin S.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval to retest. Mr. Bolton's E-1 license was revoked by the Board on November 27, 2000. Mr. Bolton was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

9. Request for Renewal of License; none before the Board today.

10. Request for Reinstatement;

A. **Gillotte, Richard K.;** former E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2006) without retesting. The Board voted to deny the applicant's request to reinstate his license without retesting. (Soter/Halloran) The Board cited the statutory requirement which they are following and mandates retesting in this situation.

B. **Griffith, Daniel B.;** former T-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2011) without retesting based upon hardship. The Board reviewed his letter to Mr. Richard Hurlburt, dated August 14, 2012, concerning his request for a hardship waiver relative to payment for his expired T-2 license.

Although very sympathetic to his situation, unfortunately, they cannot waive or delay the license renewal fee and encouraged Mr. Griffith to renew prior to September 30, 2012. If the license remains lapsed beyond this point, the applicant will have to retest to get his license back in accordance with the Statutes.

11. Request for Reconsideration; none before the Board today.

12. Request to Suspend; none before the Board today.

13. Proposed Settlements and/or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none before the Board today.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance; none before the Board today.

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice; none before the Board today.

16. Request to Revise; none before the Board today.

17. Request to Reopen; none before the Board today.

18. Review of Examination Results; none before the Board today.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

19. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(B) Connecticut Technical School 2012-2013 Apprentice/Extension Course Offerings. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(C) Amendments To The 2011 NFPA 70 National Electric Code. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

(D) Associated Press Article dated August 30, 2012. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

20. Old Business:

No items were discussed.

21. New Business:

No items were discussed.

22. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings; none before the Board today.

23. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision; none before the Board today.

24. Final Decisions Pending Signature; none before the Board today.

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. (Halloran/Soter) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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