

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 23, 2011

The “**Special Meeting**” was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:33 a.m. in Room-126 of 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
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
John T. Higgins, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member

Members Absent: Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Barbara Riotte, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Richard M. Hurlburt

Public Present:	Robert Houston	Rich Callahan	Joe Branco
	Roger Rousseau	Alex Robles	Rich Budzinovski
	Don Wienke	Nick Morello	Jonathan Dunkle
	Vlad Baranovski	Kevin Duarte	J. Smith
	John Abularrage	Steve Plante	Robert Ward
	Sal Esposito	Jacob Ledsworth	Chris McCarthy
	Scott Fisher	Paul Guimmond	Joe Swift
	John Burns	Bruce Galaski	Chris Ehlert
	Robert Baskay, Jr.	Bernie Szreafr	Dave Steele
	Fred Bayer	Juan Roman	Mark Mastropasqua

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BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Correspondence from Board member Mario DiNatale dated May 3, 2011, announcing his resignation from the Board as a Public Member effective immediately.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the March 2, 2011 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

John Abularrage, Stone Ridge, NY – (S-7) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-8)

The Board did not find Mr. Abularrage approvable for the (S-7) Limited Contractor exam. Mr. Abularrage changed his license category to (S-8) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-8) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-8) Limited Journeyman exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-7) Limited Contractor exam.

Vladislav Baranovski, Long Meadow, MA – (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Baranovski's application.

Robert Baskay, Norwalk, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Withdrawn

Mr. Baskay withdrew his application for future filing.

Fred Bayer, Southbury, CT – (D-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (D-2)

The Board did not find Mr. Bayer approvable for the (D-1) Limited Contractor exam. Mr. Bayer changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (D-2) Limited Journeyman application, contingent upon receipt of his (CFC) Universal Certification.

Joseph M. Branco, Monroe, CT – (S-7) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-8)

The Board did not find Mr. Branco approvable for the (S-7) Limited Contractor exam. Mr. Branco changed his license category to (S-8) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-8) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-8) Limited Journeyman exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-7) Limited Contractor exam.

John F. Burns, Jr., New Milford, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-10)

The Board did not find Mr. Burns approvable for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor exam. Mr. Burns changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-10) Limited Journeyman exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor exam.

John Burrell, New Rochelle, NY – (S-9) Limited Contractor – No Action

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

Richard Callahan, Mt. Holly, NJ – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (D-2)

The Board did not find Mr. Callahan approvable for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor exam. Mr. Callahan changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (D-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Kevin Duarte, N. Dartmouth, MA – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)

The Board did not find Mr. Duarte approvable for the (S-10) Limited Journeyman exam. Mr. Duarte changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (D-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Jonathan L. Duncklee, Mystic, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn

Mr. Duncklee withdrew his application for future filing.

Salvatore Esposito, New Rochelle, NY – (D-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Esposito's application based on a qualifying hardship.

Bruce Galaski, North Haven, CT – (S-9) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-10)

The Board did not find Mr. Galaski approvable for the (S-9) Limited Contractor exam. Mr. Galaski changed his license category to (S-10) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-10) Limited Journeyman exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-9) Limited Contractor exam.

Scott Grodsky, Longmeadow, MA – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Grodsky did not appear today and Board took no action.

Paul Guimond, Windsor, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (S-10)

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

Chad M. Jensen, Granville, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

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

William Laplante, III, Fort Myers, FL – (ST-1) Limited Contractor – No Action

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

Jacob Ledsworth, Bristol, RI – (S-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (S-2)

The Board did not find Mr. Ledsworth approvable for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor exam. Mr. Ledsworth changed his license category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor exam.

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

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

Christopher McCarthy, E. Long Meadow, MA – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. McCarthy's application.

Nicholas Morello, Cromwell, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Morello's application.

Andrew W. Morin, Wilton, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

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

Michael Nero, Hamden, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

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

Richard S. O'Brien, Jr., Derby, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

The Board denied Mr. O'Brien's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application at their 8/4/10 meeting due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Mr. O'Brien did not appear today and Board took no action.

Steven Papp, Goshen, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Papp did not appear today and Board took no action.

Steven Plante, Cumberland, RI – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)

The Board did not find Mr. Plante approvable for the (S-4) Limited Journeyman exam. Mr. Plante changed his license category to (D-2) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (D-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Juan Roman, Hartford, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Roman's application. The Board requested Mr. Roman's application be referred to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation concerning his employer (Kelly Refrigeration and Freezer) permitting applicant to perform heating and cooling work without required heating/cooling licensure or apprenticeship registration.

Roger Rousseau, Harwinton, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Withdrawn

Mr. Rousseau withdrew his application for future filing.

Frederick Smith, Ansonia, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action

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

Dave C. Steele, Bridgeport, CT – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Steele's application based on a qualifying hardship.

James A. Virginia, Manchester, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Virginia's application. The Board requested Mr. Virginia's application be referred to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation concerning his employers (Hop Energy d/b/a Automatic TLC Energy, Teddy's Oil and Peterson Oil Company) permitting applicant to perform heating and cooling work without required heating/cooling licensure or apprenticeship registration.

Robert Ward, Oakdale, CT – (G-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

Mr. Ward currently holds a (G-2) Limited Journeyman license since 1/20/11 and is requesting waiver of the two year requirement as a (G-2) Limited Journeyman.

After further review of Mr. Ward's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application based on a qualifying hardship.

Donald Wienke, Westerly, RI – (B-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Wienke's application.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

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

Richard W. Budzinovski, Naugatuck, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Budzinovski's application. Mr. Foster and Attorney Kent were opposed. The Board requested Mr. Budzinovski's application be referred to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation concerning his employer (Commercial Kitchens, Inc.) permitting applicant to perform heating and cooling work without required heating/cooling licensure or apprenticeship registration.

Scott M. Fisher, Bloomfield Hills, MI – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (SM-2)

The Board did not find Mr. Fisher approvable for the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman exam. Mr. Fisher changed his license category to (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman application.

Robert Houston, Simsbury, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman – Approved (S-8)

The Board did not find Mr. Houston approvable for the (S-4) Limited Journeyman exam. Mr. Houston changed his license category to (S-8) Limited Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-8) Limited Journeyman application. If he passes the (S-8) Limited Journeyman exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-7) Limited Contractor exam.

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.

APPEARING IN PERSON

Alex Robles, Meriden, CT – Mr. Robles has not been registered as a (B-2) Limited Journey person apprentice while working in CT and is requesting occupational related experience credit for time served in the trade.

The Board informed Mr. Robles to submit an application along with his credentials for review.

“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 today 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”.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.