

## **MINUTES**

### **FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**APRIL 22, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Acting Chairperson, at 9:50 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor  
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal  
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member  
James M. Barry – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor  
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal

Board Vacancies: Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Anthony Santoro, Administrative Hearings Attorney

Public Present: Paul Lunney  
Bill Rhodes

**Note:** The administrative functions of this Commission are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

**Agency Web site:** [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp)

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the March 25, 2008 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting, with amendments to page-2 reflecting approval of the November 27, 2007 meeting minutes, on page-4 to reflect application for Justin G. Williams, Jr. to be referred to Trade Enforcement Division for not being registered as an apprentice with his current employer (Crest Mechanical), on page-5 under "Old Business" to reflect Mr. Waskowicz reporting on discussion that took place at the 1/16/08 meeting with the DCP Commissioner concerning PSI reviewing and approving Fire Protection applications.

## **BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

Appointment letter dated March 28, 2008 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, concerning the appointment of John Michalewicz as a Public Member to the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board.

John Michalewicz was sworn-in by DCP Attorney Anthony Santoro.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **Thomas P. Bake, Auburn, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Bake's application, contingent upon the Board receiving and reviewing of notarized statement from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment totaling 8,000 hours.

### **Russell E. Bouchard, North Kingstown, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

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

### **Patrick Carvalho, Moosup, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

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

### **Frederick R. Childs, Westfield, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Childs' application.

### **James C. Durand, Jr., Holyoke, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

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

**Jeffrey L. Edick, Southbridge, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Edick's application, contingent upon the Board receiving and reviewing of notarized statement from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment totaling 8,000 hours.

**James S. Jordan, Jr., Worcester, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Jordan's application.

**James A. Lamprey, Worcester, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lamprey's application, contingent upon the Board receiving and reviewing of notarized statement from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment totaling 8,000 hours .

**Kevin J. Mayo, Endwell, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mayo's application.

**Anthony C. Siwczak, Wolcott, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Siwczak's application.

**Gerald E. Stevens, Cambridge, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Steven's application.

**Brett Straten, Montclair, NJ – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**  
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Straten's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

**Matthew J. Toohil, Rutland, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Toohil's application, contingent upon the Board receiving and reviewing of notarized statement from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment totaling 8,000 hours .

**Kenneth E. Warren, Shelton, CT – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Warren's application.

## **LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS**

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

### **Kevin G. Elliott, Jr., South Hadley, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

### **Edward N. Helou, West Springfield, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

### **Brad A. Viola, South Hadley, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

### **Marc Lebel, St. Albans, NY – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lebel's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Report of registered (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentices as of 3/31/08.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Waskowicz provided the Board with a letter dated 3/25/08, addressed to DCP Commissioner relating to the testing vendor (PSI) being sent Fire Protection applications for processing, which if the applicant had no felony convictions and had completed a "bona fide" apprenticeship program, would be approved by PSI to sit for the CT Fire Protection license exam. The letter also stated that the Board voted unanimously at their 3/25/08 meeting to go on record with a written response to DCP Commissioner to strongly oppose the implementation of PSI reviewing Fire Protection applications, which is in direct conflict with Section 20-333 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 20-332-8(e) of the occupational regulations.

Mr. Waskowicz shared with the Board information on the 2007 request for proposal, which the argument stated was that applications were backing-up, PSI given the powers to process applications, review and assess an applicant's qualifications based upon review of application information and related documentation pursuant to specific work rules, contact with DCP as needed, candidate result roster, exam statistics, special accommodations statistics, eligible candidates not scheduled for exam, etc.

Mr. Miller stated that DCP Commissioner cannot deviate from State Statutes. The Board unanimously concluded that they want to review all Fire Protection applications and have hearings conducted before the Board concerning complaints and stipulations brought before the Board for approval. Mr. Waskowicz said he will continue to follow-up on these matters and report back to the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Board is requesting a current list of (F-4) Limited Journeyperson registered apprentices.
2. Mr. Waskowicz announced that there will be a Residential Sprinkler Symposium put on by the Department of Public Safety and the State Fire Marshal's office on June 13, 2008 at the East Hartford Cultural Center.
3. Mr. Miller reports that at his annual fire marshal conference, statistics reflected that of all fire fatalities, 81.9% are in residential one and two family dwellings.

## **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC PRESENT TODAY**

Mr. Rhodes explained to the Board that the Contren Learning Series is a stand alone product, it is not the AFSA's Contren Learning Series. AFSA purchases the books from Contren Learning Series just like Gould does, which is the same program. AFSA purchases the Contren Learning Series through NCCER, they produce it and AFSA helps to produce and write it, and is co-owned, but it is not an AFSA product.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.**