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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD
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State of Connecticut
Department of Consumer Protection
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The meeting of December 10, 2010 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:29 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Ronald Bish, Contractor
Roger L. Johnson, Jr., Journeyman
David Munsill, Journeyman
Eric B. Collett, Public Member
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician
Sandy Marino, Public Member

Members Absent: Mario Tolla, Public Member
Raymond A. Turri, Contractor

Member Vacancy: None

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,
License and Applications Specialist

General Public: R. Woytowich Tomas Banevicius
J. Malore Veli Ozuni
Gary Terroy Jason Charles
S. Gomez Philippe Lindade
Frederick Staak Matt Ford

Michael Pastore
Paul Costello
Dan McInernes
Scott Huntington
Eric Karstensen
Kenneth Brouwer
Rui M. Reis
Erion Oluni

Tim Tylaska
George Magdon
Dat Nguyen
Angel Perez
Barry Ward
Christian A. Peterson, III
David Tinsley
Michael Kelliher

Keri Lamontagne,

Department of Labor
Labor/Apprenticeship
Training

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1. 8:30 AM Call to order; Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:29 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of November 12, 2010; *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Bish/Johnson)*

3. Report from Trade Practice Division; Mr. Kuzmich distributed this report to the Board at the meeting since it was received subsequent to the mailing of the Board's meeting package.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request; no individuals.

5. Request to Appear Before the Board:

A. Mr. Ian Applegate regarding photo-voltaic (PV) work; Mr. Applegate was not present at the meeting. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to postpone action on this item until Mr. Applegate appears before them. (Soter/Halloran)*

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today; None.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination:

A. Kelliher, Michael R. - E-2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Kelliher's application to sit for the E-2 Electrical Unlimited Journeyman's Examination. (Johnson/Munsill)

B. Lindade, Jr. Philippe - E-2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lindade's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman Examination on the basis of a lack of on-the-job training hours and State of Connecticut certified school related instruction. (Halloran/Soter)

C. Ozuni, Veli - E2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to postpone further action (table) Mr. Ozuni's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman Examination. (Johnson/Munsill) The Board is requiring additional proof of compliance with the required E-2 Electrical Apprenticeship Courses. In addition, they are also requiring a more detailed description of your work experience.

D. Peterson, Christian A. - C-5 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Peterson was not present at the time his application was called for review.

E. Perez, Angel - PV-2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; after brief discussion with the Board, Mr. Perez decided to withdraw his application for the PV-2 examination and reapply for the E-2 examination. He asked to appear before the Board on January 14, 2011.

F. Reis, Rui - L-6 Applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time; the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Reis's application to sit for the L-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman's Examination on the basis of a lack of certified school related instruction. (Johnson/Soter)

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

A. Andreasen, Robert - L-5 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time, and waiver of 2 year requirement as a journeyman (L6); Mr. Andreasen was not present at this meeting.

B. Charles, Jason T. - E-2 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time and asked to show proof of education and employment on business letterhead; the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Charles's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman Examination on the basis of a lack of registered on-the-job training hours. (Soter/Munsill)

C. Dillon, Thomas D. – E-2 applicant seeking re- consideration of his equivalent experience and training; Mr. Dillon was not present at this meeting.

D. Ford, Matthew – E-2 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time and asked to present detailed work history; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Ford's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination. (Halloran/Johnson)*

E. Pastore, Michael C. – E-2 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time and asked to present detailed work history; *the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pastore's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination conditional upon completion of (7) credit hours of continuing education courses in accordance with Section 20-334d-1 of the Regulation for Continuing Education for Electricians and Plumbers. (Johnson/Bish)*

F. Staak, Frederick J. – E-2 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time and asked to present more detailed information on his related instruction; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Staak's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination. (Halloran/Soter)*

G. Banevicius, Tomas – E-1 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time, and waiver of 2 year requirement as a Journeyman (E-2); **(Agenda Add-On)** *The Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Banevicius's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination based upon lack of the required related classroom instruction and lack of documentation of the required on-the-job training hours. (It was noted by the Board that the applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2.)*

H. Nguyen, Dat – E-2 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time; **(Agenda Add-On)** *The Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Nguyen's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination based upon based upon lack of the required related classroom instruction and lack of documentation of the required on-the-job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)*

I. Terroy, Gary E. – E-2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent and training. **(Agenda Add-On)** Mr. Terroy was asked to reappear by the Board to submit more detailed documentation of his work experience as an apprentice and certifications of his related school instruction. It was noted by Mr. Vallieres that the applicant's application appears as an E1 in the licensing database and shall be changed to an E2. Mr. Terroy distributed this information to the Board.

It was noted that Mr. Terroy holds both a Master's and Journeyman's electrical license in Massachusetts. Mr. Soter noted that he does not see any schooling in Mr. Terroy's supplemental information that correlates with Connecticut's list of the required 722 hours other than code classes. As such, Mr. Soter made a motion to deny the

application based upon a lack of schooling. Mr. Terroy noted that his missing schooling was from an apprenticeship program through a vocational high school which has changed names. This new school cannot locate his records at present. He is in the process of trying to get this documentation from the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Vallieres stated that there appears to be some unofficial evidence in the correspondence before them that indicates that Mr. Terroy was enrolled in an apprenticeship program in Massachusetts.

Mr. Soter still believes that these records should still be available from the State of Massachusetts and that their apprenticeship program is 520 hours. As such, Mr. Terroy is still short 200 hours to meet Connecticut's requirements for apprenticeship training. *After more extensive discussion, Mr. Soter changed his motion to table Mr. Terroy's application pending a certificate of apprenticeship completion from Massachusetts plus 200 extra hours of non-code related school instruction. Mr. David Munsill's seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

8J. Tylaska, Timothy T. - E-2 Applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent and training. (Agenda Add-On) Mr. Barry Ward introduced himself to the Board as Mr. Tylaska's Attorney and is representing him at today's meeting. Mr. Tylaska is reappearing before the Board with documentation detailing his work experience and on-the-job training. Mr. Tylaska's experience is unregistered time served under his father who had an Unlimited Electrical Contractor's license (E-1). *Mr. Soter motioned to deny the application based upon the lack of the required 8,000 registered hours with the State of Connecticut.*

Mr. Ward noted his interpretation of the regulations indicated that any experience could be deemed equivalent to that of a registered apprentice. He explained that Mr. Tylaska's documentation include statements from his father as to why his son's work experience was not registered with the State and that his work was equivalent to that of a registered apprentice. It was noted that Mr. Tylaska owns an industrial park and holds a PhD degree in engineering. Mr. Bish explained that the apprenticeship program in Connecticut today assures the public that the apprentice gains experience in all areas of the electrical profession.

Mr. Ward explained that the reason his client wants the license is to be able to continue to work hands-on in his industrial park under the licensed E-1 electricians he has in his employ. Mr. Soter noted that Mr. Tylaska's E-1 electricians can register him under their employ with the Department of Labor. Mr. Ward questions whether this Board is essentially excluding the provisions of the regulation which allows for equivalent experience and training. Mr. Soter noted that this section of the regulation applies to applicants trained in locations where registered apprenticeship programs do not exist. Mr. Vallieres explained in more detail how the Connecticut Apprenticeship Program assures that registered apprentices are trained in all the required areas of the electrical profession.

After more extensive discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Tylaska's application to sit for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination based upon his lack of completion of a certified apprenticeship program. (Soter/Marino)

9. Applicant(s) for Licensure Appearing in Person:

9A. Brouwer, Kenneth W. – E-1 applicant seeking consideration of unregistered time and waiver of the 2 year requirement as a Journeyman (E-2). Mr. Brouwer noted that he was advised to appear before the Board today and confirmed that he does not hold an E2 Journeyman's license. As such, Mr. Johnson made a first motion to deny this application based upon his lack of holding an E2 license for the period of two years and that the applicant's documentation does not support his request to sit for the E1 Examination without first holding the E2 license. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yusza. Mr. Brouwer asked the Board how to seek a waiver of the two year requirement for holding an E2 license. Mr. Vallieres stated the Board does not have the authority to waive a statutory requirement such as this and that his request for waiver would have to be addressed to the legislature.

After more discussion, Mr. Brouwer asked to change his application from an E-1 to an E-2. The Board now reviewed the applicant's documentation to be considered for an E-2 license type. Mr. Johnson confirmed with the applicant that he completed his Union Local 164 Apprenticeship Program which was a five year program. *As such, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Mr. Brouwer's application for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman's Examination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halloran. The Board also required that this applicant first complete the required 7 hour Connecticut Continuing Education program; specifically the portion of this education that covers Connecticut Business and Law practices prior to sitting for the examination.*

B. Crystle, Richard M. – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Crystle was not present at this meeting.

10. Request for Renewal of License: None

11. Request for Reinstatement:

A. Bosser, Eric W. – E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (9/30/2009) without retesting; Mr. Bosser was not present at this meeting.

B. Gomez, Skirmantas – E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (9/30/2009) without retesting; *the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Gomez's reinstatement of his lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. (Bish/Johnson)*

C. Huntington, Scott N. - L-6 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09/30/2007); the Board voted, unanimously, to deny the reinstatement of Mr. Huntington's lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the L-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

D. Tinsley, David J. - E-1 seeking reinstatement of lapsed license (09/30/2010) with hardship; after a brief discussion with Mr. Tinsley, the Board advised him that his license lapsed on September 30, 2010. As such, he has until September 30, 2011 to reinstate his license by paying the license fee plus late charges and providing proof of compliance with the continuing education requisite. While sympathetic to the hardships facing Mr. Tinsley, they also advised him that they do not have the authority to waive the license fee and late charges. In response to Mr. Tinsley's question the Board stated that has the option of reinstating his lapsed E-2 license in an effort to create more employment opportunities.

E. Karstensen, Eric C. - E-2 seeking reinstatement of lapsed license (09-30-08); (Agenda Add-On) the Board voted, unanimously, to deny the reinstatement of Mr. Karstensen's lapsed license and require that he reapply and retake the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman Examination in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. (Johnson/Halloran)

12. Request for Reconsideration; none.

13. Request to Suspend; none.

14. Proposed Settlements and /or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

15. Notice of Continuance; none

16. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss without Prejudice; none.

17. Request to revise; none.

18. Request to Reopen; none.

19. Review of Examination Results; none.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

20. Review of Correspondence;

A. 2011 Occupational/Professional Licensing Division Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council Meetings; this information was given to the Board for their information.

B. Late CE Course Submission from Codeclasses.com, P.O. Box 378, Willimantic, CT 06226; the Board noted that since this submittal was received past the deadline date for Continuing Education Course Submittals, they will not accept it.

21. Old Business; none.

22. New Business; none.

23. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings; none.

24. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision; none.

25. Final Decisions Pending Signature; none.

26. Adjournment;

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. (Bish/Yusza) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2011 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