

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:34 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman
Joseph Leggo, Public Member
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman

Members Absent: Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Joseph Minoski, Public Member
Tommasi Fusciello, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Jim McCann, Administrative Hearings Attorney
Robert Nakano, Supervising Special Investigator
Janita Hamel, Supervising Trade Inspector

Public Present:	Robert G. Haburey	Ryan Charland	Mark Goodwin	Chris Barrepski
	Mark Livingstone	Anthony Possidento	Charles Park	Gil Gonzalez
	Mario Pannone	Harold E. Merrill	George Massey	
	Michael White	Michael Kuhla	Craig Wenner	
	Ron Hassey	Raymond Cook	Dennis Miller	
	Mike Wagner	Ezequiel Gonzalez	Michael Seaberg	
	Phil Centinaro	Corey Smith	David Elevechy	
	Rocco Anselmo	Gary Decrescenzo	Kevin Leclerc	
	Brian Hampson	Norman Michaud	Anthony Pagano	

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the September 27, 2007 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Appointment letter dated July 16, 2007 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, concerning the appointment of Tommasi Fusciello to the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board, as a Public Member.

Tommasi Fusciello was not present at today's meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Rocco Anselmo, South Windsor, CT – (S-9) Limited Contractor Application – Approved (S-8)
Mr. Anselmo changed the license category to an (S-8) Limited Journeyperson. After further review of Mr. Anselmo's application, the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-8) Limited Journeyperson application.

Ezequiel Gonzalez, Bridgeport, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Application – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gonzalez application.

Gil Gonzalez, Jr., Norwalk, CT – (S-9) Limited Contractor Application – Approved (S-10)
Mr. Gonzalez changed the license category to an (S-10) Limited Journeyperson. After further review of Mr. Gonzalez application, the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyperson application.

Robert G. Haburey, Jr., Torrington, CT – (B-1) Limited Contractor Application – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Haburey's application.

George F. Massey, Stratford, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – Approved

The Board approved Mr. Massey to sit for the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination at their 7/19/07 meeting. Mr. Massey is requesting waiver of the two year requirement as an (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman based on a hardship.

After further review of Mr. Massey's application and hardship request at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-1) Unlimited Contractor application.

Mario Pannone, Hamden, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board approved Mr. Pannone's application at their 5/24/07 meeting, contingent upon completing (1) one year as a registered (S-10) apprentice with the CT Department of Labor.

After further review of Mr. Pannone's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his (S-10) Limited Journeyman application.

Joseph S. Zara, Amsterdam, NY – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – Approved

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

APPLICANTS REQUESTING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF UNREGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP HOURS

Philip S. Centinaro, Westport, CT – (D-4) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Centinaro's application. Board member David G. Foster and Ronald J. Crabb were opposed.

Paul A. Christoferson, East Haven, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Christoferson's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate and lack of required school related instructional experience.

Raymond Cook, III, New Preston, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Cook's application, contingent upon proof of successful completion of a type-2 refrigeration course.

Ken Crepeau, Milford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Crepeau's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice. Board member Michael Rosario, Cameron G. Champlin, Jr. and Ronald J. Crabb were opposed.

Joseph DeCrescenzo, Glastonbury, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Christopher J. Ezold, Colchester, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman Application – No Action

Mr. Ezold was not present today. Therefore, the Board took no action.

Brian D. Hampson, East Windsor, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hampson's application, contingent upon proof of completing twelve months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice and CFC certification.

Michael J. Kuhla, Waterbury, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Kuhla's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice from 11/29/07 – 5/29/08 and proof of CFC certification.

Richard Lake, III, Meriden, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Kevin M. LeClerc, Stratford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. LeClerc's application, contingent upon of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice.

Mark S. Livingstone, Newington, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Livingstone's application, contingent upon proof of CFC certification.

Peter Loukopoulos, Southington, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman Application – No Action

Mr. Loukopoulos was not present today. Therefore, the Board took no action.

Peter V. McKiernan, Vernon, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Thomas R. Menz, Stratford, CT – (SM-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – No Action

Mr. Menz was not present today. Therefore, the Board took no action.

Harold E. Merrill, Bethlehem, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Merrill's application and requiring Mr. Merrill to be registered as an (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice, verify his (D-2) Limited Journeyman apprenticeship registration time and appear before the Board with his current employer company owner for reconsideration of his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

Norman O. Michaud, Taftville, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Dennis R. Miller, New Milford, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Charles E. Park, II, Moodus, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Park's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice.

Frank Polizzo, Bridgeport, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Polizzo's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice.

Anthony M. Possidento, Stratford, CT – (S-4) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Possidento's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-4) Limited Journeyman apprentice.

Allan J. Savulis, Meriden, CT – (B-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Michael B. Seaberg, Milford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Seaberg's application and requiring him to show proof of being registered as an (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice and appear before the Board with his current employer representative for re-consideration of his application. Board member David G. Foster recused himself from participating on this matter.

Corey J. Smith, Valley Cottage, NY – (S-3) Limited Contractor Application – Approved (S-4)

Mr. Smith changed the license category to an (S-4) Limited Journeyman. After further review of Mr. Smith's (S-4) Limited Journeyman application, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application, and if he successfully passes the (S-4) Limited Journeyman examination, he may then apply and sit for the (S-3) Limited Contractor examination.

Charles E. Sweet, Milford, PA – (D-2) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

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

Mike J. Wagner, Bristol, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved (S-4)

The Board denied Mr. Wagner's application at their 7/19/07 meeting due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Mr. Wagner changed the license category to an (S-4) Limited Journeyman. After further review of Mr. Wagner's (S-4) Limited Journeyman application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application.

Craig A. Wenner, New Milford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Wenner's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice and proof of CFC certification.

Michael R. White, Southington, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. White's application and requiring him to show proof of being registered as an (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice for twelve months, proof of CFC certification and appear before the Board for reconsideration of his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

Charles M. Witkowski, Prospect, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – Approved (S-2)

Mr. Witkowski changed his application category to (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman. After further review of Mr. Witkowski's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application, and if he successfully passes the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination, he may then apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor examination. Board member David G. Foster recused himself from participating on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Connecticut Occupational Trades License Law Update.
2. Public Act No. 07-183 (An act concerning licensure for heating, piping, and cooling work) Section 20-330 of the general statutes is repealed effective July 1, 2007.
3. **"DRAFT"** Sheet Metal Odor Control and Aeration Piping.
4. The procedure for bleeding a burner.

The Board unanimously concluded that bleeding a burner is a licensable item under Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

5. Gas / corrugated stainless steel gas tubing grounding.
6. Corrugated stainless steel tubing for fuel gas distribution in buildings and concerns over lightning strikes.

The Board unanimously concluded this type of work to be classified as incidental work related to the type of work covered by the license.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up report from Richard Maloney, DCP Trade Enforcement Director, concerning trade licensure applicants that have appeared before the Board and have not been properly registered as apprentices and/or have not completed the required apprenticeship program while working in CT, and continue to work in CT without being properly registered as apprentices by their respective employer(s).

Mr. Nakano and Ms. Hamel appeared before the Board today and reported on the passage of Substitute House Bill No. 6983, effective October 1, 2007, making it a Class B misdemeanor for any person who engages in or practices the work or occupation for which a license or apprentice registration is required. Ms. Hamel said that all the Investigators have been well versed on their investigative narrative report writing techniques and will be working with the CT Chief States Attorney office to roll out the enforcement.

FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of Timothy Kennedy Docket No. 07-1106

A Formal Administrative Hearing was held on this matter 9/27/07 and the hearing was continued to the Board's 11/29/07 meeting. Mr. Kennedy is requesting a continuance via his letter dated 10/31/07 due to him being out of the country on business.

The Board voted unanimously at today's meeting to grant Mr. Kennedy a continuance to a "Special Meeting" on Thursday, January 10, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117.