

# ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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**-MINUTES-**

**APRIL 8, 2011**

The meeting of April 8, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:28 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

**Members Absent:** Sandy Marino, Public Member  
Mario Tolla, Public Member

**Member Vacancy:** None

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

**General Public:** Jason Hickman  
Hain H. Setow  
Robert Woytowich  
Paul Costello  
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 8:28 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review Minutes of Meeting of March 11, 2011; *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Collett/Soter)*

3. Report from Trade Practice Division; the Board acknowledged and reviewed this report which was distributed to the Board by Mr. Kuzmich.

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

5. Request to Appear Before the Board; no individuals.

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

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

A. Bouton, Matthew – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *the Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of detailed documentation from his education provider showing equivalency to Connecticut's related classroom instruction requisite for the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman License type. (Halloran/Munsill)*

B. Geiger, William M. – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *at the recommendation of the Board, the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an E-2. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of more detailed documentation of his on-the job training and related classroom instruction as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Journeyman License type. (Soter/Turri)*

C. Horsa, Eric P. – C-5 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *at the recommendation of the Board, the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an C-6. The Board voted unanimously to*

*table your application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required 360 hours of related classroom instruction as it pertains to the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman License type.*

D. Innes, Peter T. – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *Mr. Innes was not present at today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.*

E. Sage-Heine, John C. – C-6 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *the Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required 360 hours of related classroom instruction as it pertains to the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman License type. (Soter/Yusza)*

F. Sylva, Urim – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; *Mr. Sylva was not present at today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.*

G. Rega, Michael A. – E-1 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; Mr. Kuzmich explained that he is looking for direction from the Board on this application and on others similar to this one. This applicant resides in Missouri and the question is must applicants such as this one appear in person for an interview. Mr. Vallieres stated that it becomes difficult to draw the line regarding what location is considered too far to travel. Most every time an applicant appears before the Board seeking unregistered time, the Board always has questions regarding their qualifications and without them appearing in person, it will become a coordination nightmare for the Board Secretary to communicate to the applicant what the Board needs. Mr. Halloran noted that in most cases since the applicant has work in this State, he/she may already be here doing the same. Mr. Soter also noted that an applicant would have no problem in moving to Connecticut immediately if the Board were simply handing out licenses. As such, the Board holds firm in their policy that applicants seeking unregistered time must appear in person.

Mr. Vallieres did an unofficial review Mr. Rega's application ahead of time and noted that he is applying for an E-1 and will have to change the license type he is applying for to an E-2 since the Board does not grant E-1 license types without first holding the E-2. He also stated that the applicant's paperwork represents work experience verified by his employers with no formal evaluation of his related classroom instruction. In addition, Mr. Vallieres noted that the applicant work description does not sound like he has any installation experience. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to require that Mr. Rega appear in person in order for the Board to consider his application. (Soter/Halloran)*

H. Platt, Philip P. – C-5 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; at the recommendation of the Board, the applicant changed the license type he is applying for to an C-6. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of documentation showing completion of the required 360 hours of related classroom instruction and 4000 hours of on-the-job training as it pertains to the C-6 Limited Electrical Journeyman License type.

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

A. Hanley, Shawn D. – E-2 applicant seeking re-consideration of his equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of official documentation from the Florida Electrical Apprenticeship Association, Inc. addressed to the Board and notarized containing detailed documentation demonstrating equivalency of the required 720 hours of related classroom instruction and 8000 hours of on-the-job training as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman License type. (Soter/Collett)

B. Hayes, Gary R. – E2 applicant seeking re-consideration of his equivalent experience and training; Mr. Hayes was not present at today's meeting. As such, the Board took no action on this application.

C. Herskovits, Ephraim– E-2 applicant seeking re-consideration of his equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to deny his application based upon a lack of 420 hours of the required 720 hours of related classroom instruction and certified documentation of the required 8000 hours of on-the-job training as it pertains to the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyman License type. (Soter/Halloran)

D. Houghtaling, Alfred J. – E-2 applicant seeking reconsideration to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to approve his application. The applicant will receive an examination eligibility postcard from the Department's Test Administrator in the near future. (Bish/Turri)

E. Setow, Hain H. – E-2 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to approve his application 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. Caplan, Fredric A. – C-7 applicant seeking approval to sit on the basis of equivalent experience and training; the Board voted unanimously to approve his application. The applicant will receive an examination eligibility postcard from the Department's Test Administrator in the near future. (Soter/Halloran)

9. Applicant(s) for Licensure Appearing in Person

10. Request for Renewal of License: None

11. Request for Reinstatement:

A. Hickman, Jason; E-2 licensee seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license (09-30-2008) without retesting; Mr. Hickman addressed the Board noting that he is a very punctual and responsible person. He had taken a new job involving extensive travel doing compliance inspections throughout the Northeast and working very long hours. During this busy period, he states he lost track of time regarding his license renewal. Before this, he stated that he was always punctual with his license renewal and his continuing education credits. He cited many additional personal and family reasons in addition to his work schedule that contributed to his lapsed license.

Mr. Vallieres noted that the law is very clear in this situation and states that when a license has lapsed for more than one year, the applicant must retest. Mr. Hickman noted that this action is unfair and that he doesn't plan on retesting because he doesn't have the time and claims he can never get the information back that he needs to retest. Mr. Halloran noted that his license lapsed in 2008 and asked Mr. Hickman if he has any paperwork that proves otherwise. Mr. Hickman presented the Board with a renewal notice that he received from the Department that proved that the license did in fact lapse in 2008 and this documentation was the reason that prompted him to come before the Board today.

Mr. Vallieres confirmed that the documentation Mr. Hickman presented to the Board is a renewal notice which he received in approximately August of 2008 which gave him adequate time to renew without being late. Mr. Hickman stated that he was unaware that this paperwork was his renewal notice and that he found out his license lapsed from a continuing education provider the following summer subsequent to when his license lapsed. When Mr. Hickman spoke with the Department in April or May of 2010, he was informed that his license has been lapsed for more than one year and could not simply renew by paying back fees. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to deny Mr. Hickman's application to reinstate without testing and to require Mr. Hickman to retest for his E-2 license. (Johnson/Soter)*

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:

21. Old Business:

A. Mr. Bish reported that on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 he attended a Hearing regarding Albaitis vs. The Electrical Work Examining Board seeking the court's approval for Mr. Albaitis to sit for his E-2 Examination. The Judges explained to Mr. Albaitis that his work experience was illegal and that even if they heard his case and the case had some merit, he still needed approval from this Board. After hearing this, Mr. Albaitis withdrew his case.

22. New Business:

A. Discussion regarding Continuing Education Course Outline for Calendar Year 2012: Mr. Kuzmich noted that Mr. Hurlburt asked that this item be on the agenda to remind the Board. As an aside but in a related matter, Mr. Vallieres noted that he received a call from Mr. Leo Quillette, a continuing education provider whose course submission was late to the Board who was unaware the Board had a deadline and was very upset. Mr. Vallieres confirmed to Mr. Quillette that the Board did not approve his submission because it was received late and offered him the chance to submit material by e-mail to him or the Department for reconsideration. To date, no material has been received

B. Mr. Vallieres notified the Board that Mr. Jack Guerrero has officially retired from State service and has been recently hospitalized. He will keep the Board informed as he

knows more about Mr. Guerrero's situation. The Board would like to perhaps invite Mr. Guerra out to lunch to express their appreciation for his hard work and diligence in association with this Board once his medical condition improves. Mr. Vallieres invited all the Board members to attend. It was noted that the State has no intention of replacing his position.

C. Mr. Vallieres and other members of the Board reviewed the PV-1 and PV-2 applications previously approved by the Department to ensure that the applicant's qualifications are in place. After their review, the Board was basically satisfied with their credentials.

23. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings: none before the Board today.

24. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision: none before the Board today.

25. Final Decisions Pending Signature: none before the Board today.

26. Adjournment:

***The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM. (Vallieres/Halloran) The next regular meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.***

Respectfully Submitted,

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