

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vallieres at 9:00 am.

Board Members Present:

Laurence A. Vallieres	Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician
Derek Santa Lucia	Unlimited Journeyperson
Keith J. Lacy	Unlimited Journeyperson
Richard Bird	Unlimited Contractor
Paul Costello	Unlimited Journeyperson
Thomas J. Sportini, Sr.	Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Members Not Present:

Peter L. Jennings	Unlimited Contractor
Jacqueline Laramée	Public Member

Board Vacancies: (3) Public Members

DCP Staff:

Rachelle Hyburg	Board Coordinator
John Mesner	Occupational Trades Manager
Janita Hamel	Supervising Special Investigator

Public Present:

Raphael Franca

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Review of July 11, 2025, meeting minutes.
 - Board Member Yusza made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Board Member Santa Lucia seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-2) Abstention: Bird and Costello

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

1. Case Report
 - 07.01.2025 to 08.31.2025
 - Open: 8
 - Closed: 16
 - Closed cases resulted in a total of \$8500 AVC forfeitures

DCP LEGAL DIVISION:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Applications For Review
 - a. Raphael Franca – ELC.0210699-E1
 - b. The applicant will be changing to an E2 application.
 - c. Board Member Bird called for executive session at 9:41am.
 - d. The board ended executive session at 9:56 am.
 - e. After extensive review the Board determined they would like to follow up with the applicants previous employer (Jean Leconte) and IMTI (Robert Kolb) for further review on OJT hours and the equivalent instruction reported.
 - f. Board Member Costello moved to table the application and the Department will contact Jean Leconte and IMTI requesting their attendance at the next meeting. Board Member Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. CE Audit Process Review Update
 - a. There was no update to provide at today's meeting.

3. Continued discussion on limited licenses
 - a. Chairman Vallieres noted that the objective is to reduce the amount of license categories and create a low voltage license that encompasses the C5, L5 and T2. He anticipates this change happening within the next two years
 - b. Currently there are 11 sponsors with about 35 apprentices working towards the T2 license.
 - c. John Mesner noted that the department is working on developing a pathway for these licensees to still qualify for the new license.
 - d. Board Member Yusza discussed fire alarm/life safety concerns with merging these licenses into one. And began brainstorming ways for ensuring the licensees that would qualify are properly trained to work on fire alarm systems.
 - e. Board Member Bird noted that including Class 1, 2, and 3 wiring methods could be beneficial when creating the license.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Vallieres added the following items for discussion
 - Potential licensing pathway with Rhode Island
 - The licensing requirements are similar, but the licensees would need to complete some additional education
 - The Board will begin further discussion in future meetings
 - Ratio Relief Discussion
 - Chairman Vallieres noted that the Board needs to begin to develop a policy regarding the ratio relief requests that would go before the Board.
 - The Board began discussing what would qualify as a hardship and started brainstorming potential items to include in the policy
 - Chairman Vallieres inquired how the Department plans to communicate these new changes to the public

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

- Board Member Bird requested that PSI reporting remain under Old Business
 - John Mesner noted that they should go through the school codes and determine which schools can be removed from that list before a new report is run.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Bird made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Lacy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2025 Scheduled Meetings
November 07