

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vallieres at 9:09 am via Microsoft Teams.

Board Members Present:

Laurence A. Vallieres	Unlimited Contractor, Chairman
Richard Bird	Unlimited Contractor
John W. Yusza	Electronic Technician
Keith J. Lacy	Unlimited Journeyperson
Paul Costello	Unlimited Journeyperson
Derek Santa Lucia	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter L. Jennings	Unlimited Contractor
Thomas J. Sportini, Sr.	Unlimited Journeyperson
Jacqueline Laramée	Public Member

Board Members Not Present:

Board Vacancies: (3) Public Members

DCP Staff:

Rachelle Hyburg	Board Coordinator
Janita Hamel	Supervising Special Investigator
Pamela Brown	Director of Investigations
John Mesner	Occupational Trades Manager
Karen Layman	Application Specialist
Jason Cohen	Director of Operations

Public Present:

Filipe DaSilva
Israel Vazquez

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 12, 2024, meeting minutes.
 - Board Member Costello made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Board Member Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed (8-0-1) Abst: Laramee was not present at this time.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

1. None

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

1. Case Report
 - 05.01.2024-06.30.2024
 - New Cases:11
 - Closed: 10
 - Closed cases resulted in a total of \$5000 AVC forfeitures
 - 07.01.2024-08.31.2024
 - New Cases: 10
 - Closed: 14
 - Closed cases resulted in a total of \$17,000 in AVC forfeitures

DCP LEGAL DIVISION:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continued discussion on limited licenses
 - a. Chairman Vallieres noted that he and DCP's John Mesner have been trying to schedule a time to put together some information to present to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Applications for Review:

- a) Israel Vazquez - ELC.0209755-E-1
 - a. The applicant is before the Board for an application review. Their application was originally recommended for denial due to lacking the required related instruction.
 - b. The Board reviewed the additional documentation for equivalent instruction with the CT licensing requirements. No equivalent related instruction was determined in their review.
 - c. Board Member Jennings made a motion to deny based on the lack of related instruction. Board Member Sportini seconded. The motion passed (8-0-1) Abstention: Chairman Vallieres.

- b) Filipe Dasilva, ELC.0209746-E1
 - a. The applicant is before the Board for an application review. Their application was originally recommended for denial due to a lack of OJT hours and related instruction.
 - b. The applicant inquired about other pathways for licensure, including if an E2 would be possible. The Board noted that once the applicant completes their related training they should come back and apply as an E2.
 - c. Board Member Costello made a motion to deny. Board Member Lacy seconded. The motion passed (7-0-2) Abstention: Chairman Vallieres and Board Member Laramée.

2) Discussion regarding licensing requirements

- a) Paulo Varela
 - a. Not in attendance, no further discussion until the individual is present.

3) Review of the CT Occupational Trades School Passing Rates

- a) The Board asked if the report could separate the data for the first-time vs repeat testers instead of it being all combined into one set of data. As well as if the report could be run for a larger time frame, either 6-month or 12-month.
- b) Chairman Vallieres noted that the data presented shows that the fail rate is higher than the pass rate, which may mean that the Board needs to look at the exam or the programs being provided by the schools.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

- Chairman Vallieres noted that he would like to start a CE audit committee and asked if Board Member Laramie would like to work with DCP to work on a plan for future CE audits.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Laramie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Costello seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2024 Scheduled Meetings

November 8