

BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Present: Lindsey Kimura, Public Member, Chairperson
Maurice Torigoe, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Peter Akamu, Industry Member
Matt Brady, Industry Member
Morris Kaneshiro, Industry Member
Randall Kaya, Public Member
Vernon Ta'a, Public Member
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General
Charlene L.K. Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Christine Hironaka, Secretary

Excused: None

Guests: Al Itamoto – Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (“ECAH”)
Troy Silva – Hawaii Electrical Market Enhancement Program (“HEMEP”)
Ryan Takahashi – HEMEP
Gregg Serikakau – Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association
 (“PAMCA”)

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chairperson Kimura called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Additions/
Revisions to
the Agenda: None

Approval of
the Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Akamu, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 Board meeting as circulated.

Examinations: None.

Applications: The Executive Officer asked the Board if they would accept foreign experience if an applicant was licensed in Canada or participated in an Australian apprenticeship program and the requirements for licensure were similar to the Hawaii requirements except for the NEC experience. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Akamu, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro and unanimously carried to accept foreign experience provided the applicant has at least 2 years and 4,000 hours of experience working under licensed electricians in compliance with the NEC.

It was moved by Mr. Kaneshiro, seconded by Vice Chairperson Torigoe, and unanimously carried to **approve/defer** the following applications as noted:

a. ELECTRICIANS

1. Journey Worker Electrician ("EJ") – Approved

AGOTO, Noriel D
ALBRITTON, Ernest E
ALVAREZ, Manual G
AVEGALIO, Samuel P
BEDELL, Mark D
BERRYHILL, Thomas C
BORCE, Clifford N
CASIL, Dustin M K
CASTILLO, Engelbert V
CHAPEL, Joel
DE LEON, David
DE SANTIS, Matthew H
DIAZ III, Carmelo
DULDULAO, Chad H K
FERNANDEZ, Gordon A
FRANCISCO, Dave E
FUENTES, Timothy K
FUKUHARA, Earl A
FULKERSON, Peter D
GOWEN, Andrew M
LAGLIA, Anthony W
LOBRILLO, Jason C
MALUYO, Edwin
MEDEIROS, Punahale I
MILLER, Douglas Lee
NIHIPALI, Duke K
NORWOOD, Raoul C
OWENS, Keith
PACHECO, Michael C
RABOT, Alan C
REAM, Michael A

SIMONSON, Jason R
SORIANO, Cory K A
SOUTHARD, Clayton L
THRUSH, Heath P A
VANE, Anthony L
VICTORINE JR, Clyde J
WALSH, Sean N
WEYGAND, Ian A
WILKINS, Michael A
WRIGHT, Kenny G
ZEPEDA, Roderick J

2. Supervising Electrician ("ES") – Approved

HATECKE, Justin J
LOWELL, Kyla S
WEDDINGFELD, Todd F

3. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician ("EJI") - Approved

MASTANDREA, Timothy R
MATAYOSHI, David W
SCARBOROUGH, Jonathan K

4. Supervising Industrial Electrician ("ESI") - Approved

None.

5. Journey Worker Specialty Electrician ("EJS") - Approved

CARSTENSEN, Richard D
GUALTIER JR, John T
HAYASHIDA, Tad T
YOSHINAGA, Deron

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician ("ESS")

None

7. Maintenance Electrician ("EM") - Approved

None

b. PLUMBERS

1. Journey Worker Plumber ("PJ") – Approved

ADDISON, Carl A
BALCITA JR, Arcenino C M
BURGOS, Burt J

EMMSLEY, Kealohamakua J
HEE, Henry K
JANG, Hojin
KAMAUNU, Joshua V
KEKAUOHA, Kaipohanohano
KOKI JR, Raymond T
LAU, Allen R
LOO, David W
PATINIO, Harry H K
POUJADE, Jeffrey D
QUINONES, Jamie K
RAPHAEL, Jared K
SALIDIVAR, Frank S
TABAR, Jonathan K
WATAI, Lorrin K

2. Master Plumber (“PM”)

CANNIFF, Vincent A
LEDBETTER, Matthew E
ROPER, Elliott W

c. Deferred Applications

BOYD, Jesse K (EJ)
BYAMBADORJ, Avirmed (EJ)
CLEMANS, Martin T (ES)
CRONIN, Brent K F (EJ)
DANSON, Howard W (ES)
HOSHIJO, Rocky M (EJ)
KANG, Brandon K (EJ)
LARSEN , Brent D (ES)
LOTITO, Michael N (EJ)
LOWELL JR, Robert W (EJ)
MAHELONA, Steven K (PJ)
MAKAENA III, Thomas (EJ)
MCCAY, Daniel S (EJ)
MCDONALD, Thomas P (EJ)
MCKEE, Robert K (EJ)
MIYASHIRO, Ross K (EJ)
NAKAMOTO, Garrick S L (EJ)
NASON, Benjamin E (ES)
NG, Samson V (EJ)
PARKER IV, Charles E (EJ)
POLLARD, Jeremiah J (EJ)
SMITH, Lloyd R (ES)
TANABE, Charles J (EJ)
WINROW, David L (EJ)

d. Denials

None

e. Renewals

None.

f. Ratification

It was moved by Mr. Kaneshiro, seconded by Vice Chairperson Torigoe, and unanimously carried to ratify the 9/26/12 Applications Review Committee's approval of the following **approved/deferred** applicants:

i. Journey Worker Electrician ("EJ") – Approved

AKINA, Timothy J
ANDRADE, June
BACH, Bret J
BEN-AVRAHAM, Itamar N
FIESTA, Edward
GAMBLE, Carl M
HALVORSEN, George S
HAVENS, Gregg W
HERNANDEZ, Daniel
KING, Brian C
MALLORY, Ronald P
MARTIN, Nathan S
MATSUMOTO, Kaohinani A
MONIZ, Michael T
NANOD JR, David
PARINAS, Jay A
RICCI, Steven G
TONGI, Rodney G
VECELAS, Jason W
WARD, Jason L
YOGI, Brent H

ii. Supervising Electrician ("ES") – Approved

CARTER, Ruben R

iii. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician ("EJI") - Approved

None

- iv. Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (“EJS”) - Approved
FUKUDA, Ronald A
- v. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”) - Approved
None
- vi. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”) – Approved
FUERTES, Elipidio L
TAKAGISHI, Samuel K

Unfinished
Business:

- a. Rule Revisions
 - i. Local 675/PAMCA Proposal to Amend HAR §§16-80-2 and 16-80-3

Mr. Serikaku stated that Local 675 will be introducing the same legislation that was submitted last year. The Executive Officer requested the legislation be presented to the Board for discussion.
- b. Implementation of Act 35 Update
 - i. Apprentice Programs

Pursuant to HRS 448E-5, the Board shall accept satisfactory completion of electrical academic coursework accepted by the University of Hawaii Community Colleges (“UOHCC”). Thus, apprenticeship programs must submit their programs for review and acceptance by the UOHCC as equivalent to or greater than its coursework and the Board must advise the apprenticeship programs of the new requirements pursuant to Act 35.

It was moved by Mr. Akamu, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro and unanimously voted to have the Executive Officer send a letter on behalf of the Board to the apprenticeship programs advising them that their programs must be approved by the UOHCC for equivalency.

Scope:

- a. Inquiry from Clark A. Tyler, TG Electric LLC regarding license requirements for Smart Meter installations (deferred from the August 14, 2012 meeting).

The Executive Officer indicated that the Board at its April 17, 2012 meeting determined that meter exchanges do not require a licensed journey worker electrician as long as no electrical wiring

is involved. Mr. Tyler than requested the Board reconsider its determination.

The Board discussed the definitions of electrical work and electrical wiring and felt meter installations definitely fell within the definition of electrical work. Mr. Akamu stated that when a meter is removed, energized parts are exposed, which may be hazardous for the person removing the meter if that person is not a licensed electrician as with other "plug-in" type options that the Board has opined that a license is not required, there is no exposure to "live" energized parts and there is no life threatening danger to the installer.

The Board added that the public safety aspect is the risk due to the exposure of live energized parts and that a licensed electrician is required to replace Smart Meters.

It was moved by Mr. Akamu, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro and carried with a vote of 6 for and Vice Chairperson Torigoe voting nay to overturn the Board's April 17, 2012 determination and instead opine that a licensed journey worker electrician is required to perform meter exchanges.

Announcement:

a. Next Applications Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
9:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
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b. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
10:30 a.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at
12:15 p.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Charlene L.K. Tamanaha
Charlene L.K. Tamanaha
Executive Officer

/s/ Christine Hironaka
Christine Hironaka
Secretary

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- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.