

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Present: Peter Akamu, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson  
Matt Brady, Industry Member  
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member  
Randal Hiraki, Industry Member  
Randall Kaya, Public Member  
Vernon Ta'a, Public Member  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General  
Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer  
Christine Hironaka, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Jim Cahill – Solar City  
Dustin Hoskins – Solar City  
Al Itamoto – Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (“ECAH”)  
Mark Matsumoto – Laborer’s 368  
Harold McDermott – Plumber’s Union Local 675  
Gregg Serikaku – Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of  
Hawaii (“PAMCAH”)  
Troy Silva – Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program  
 (“HEMEP”)  
Gino Soquena – Laborers 368  
Ryan Takahashi – HEMEP  
Jon Yoshimura – Solar City  
May Ferrer, Executive Officer  
Carol Kramer, Executive Officer

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, Vice Chairperson Akamu called the  
meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introduction of  
New Board

Member:

Executive Officer Rutkowski introduced Phillip Lucero, interim Board member to the Board. Mr. Lucero is the Co-President of Electricians Inc. and has been in the electrical trade for 23 years.

Board Election:

It was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Kaya, and unanimously carried to defer the election of the Board Chairperson until at such time a public member is assigned to the Board.

Additions/  
Revisions to  
the Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried to approve the following additions and deletions to the agenda:

7. Applications

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician  
MATEO, Henry

Supervising Electrician (ES)  
MILLER III, William  
MERANTZA, Michael

b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber  
ROSS, Austin  
TAKATA, Warren

Approval of  
the Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 Board meeting.

Executive Officer's  
Report

Executive Officer Rutkowski reported that electricians who renewed online and failed to submit the requisite continued competency information were informed that they have until August 12, 2014 to submit the information. If there is no response, the renewal fee will be refunded and they must restore their licenses within the year.

Executive Officer Rutkowski introduced May Ferrer and Carol Kramer, new executive officers who are auditing the board meetings as part of their orientation.

Examinations: a. The Executive Officer distributed the following results of the Electricians' and Plumbers' examination:

Electricians' Exam (administered May 2014)

	<u>EJ</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>EJI</u>	<u>ESI</u>	<u>EJS</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>EM</u>
Exams Administered	18	3	1	0	3	0	2
Successful	13	3	0	0	3	0	1
Unsuccessful	5	0	1	0	0	0	1

Plumber's Exam (administered May 2014)

	<u>PJ</u>	<u>PM</u>
Exams Administered	19	1
Successful	10	0
Unsuccessful	9	1

Electricians' Exam (administered July 2014)

	<u>EJ</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>EJI</u>	<u>ESI</u>	<u>EJS</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>EM</u>
Exams Administered	17	5	0	0	3	0	3
Successful	10	1	0	0	3	0	0
Unsuccessful	7	4	0	0	0	0	3

Plumber's Exam (administered July 2014)

	<u>PJ</u>	<u>PM</u>
Exams Administered	19	2
Successful	8	0
Unsuccessful	11	2

**Vice Chairperson Akamu announced he was taking the agenda out of order to address item #9 on the agenda, Unfinished Business.**

Unfinished Business:

a. Proposed Rule Revisions - HAR Title 16 Chapter 80, "Electrical Work" as pertains to Photovoltaic installations.

Executive Officer Rutkowski informed the Board and guests that since October 2013, the Board has been soliciting feedback from the public and since April 2014 the Board's interpretation has been posted on the Board's website. At the May 2014 Board meeting, the Board received Solar City's suggested rule draft change language and was assured by Solar City that there will be more contributions from the industry. No additional rule change suggestions have been received as of the last Board meeting. Mr. Yoshimura, from Solar City, asked the Board for a deadline to turn in the language for rule change because the industry is currently concentrating on HECO's proposed changes to the PUC this month. Executive Officer Rutkowski responded that there is

no deadline except that if language is received early then the changes can be drafted.

DAG Tam added that the Board is looking for specific language for rule change. The Board's position as stated on the Board's website will probably be inserted into the rules verbatim.

New Business:

a. Continued Competency – UPC Updates for 2015 Plumber's License Renewals

Executive Officer Rutkowski reported to the Board that the Honolulu Community College informed her that they were ready to mail out information to the licensed plumbers that the continued competency classes were ready for the June 30, 2015 renewal. The Board was never informed that a CE course was created and has not approved this course for the 2015 renewal.

Mr. McDermott stated that he created the 2009, 2011 and 2014 CE classes for the plumbers and never knew that the Board approved the courses. He said Preshess Willets Aguilar organized everything and since she left he was never notified about creating another class. He took it upon himself to start the process because renewal is next year. He also stated that normally a new CE course is not created unless there are significant changes to the UPC. He handed out the syllabus of the CE course to the Board members and informed them that the State will adopt the 2012 UPC.

Executive Officer Rutkowski stated the Building Trades Council has approved moving to adopt the 2012 UPC and 2014 NEC. Mr. Hiraki stated that it is important that the counties adopt the same updates because the county inspectors follow the updates adopted by the counties. Mr. McDermott responded that he just had 9 plumbing inspectors attend his class. Mr. Serikaku added that UPC updates must be adopted in their rules within 6 months of publication and that some updates have been sitting at the Building Trades Council for months mainly because updates are adopted only if there are significant changes. He also added that the counties have 2 years to adopt the updates.

After further discussion, the Board reviewed the syllabus on the CE course on the 2012 UPC distributed by Mr. McDermott and found the course to be comprehensive. It was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Brady, and unanimously carried to approve the syllabus of the Honolulu Community College July 2014 Plumbing Continued Competency Program covering the changes in the 2012 UPC.

Mr. Ta'a thanked Mr. McDermott for all his work in putting together these courses to ensure that the public is protected.

Executive Office Rutkowski requested the two plumbing Board members meet with Prometric to do item writing for the plumbing update exam and Mr. McDermott is also welcome to attend the meeting with Prometric.

**Vice Chairperson Akamu announced he was resuming the order of the agenda.**

Applications: It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady, and unanimously carried to approve to **approve/defer/deny** the following applications as noted.

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

BACATAT, Mark L. A.  
CERALDE, Mateo K.  
KROLL, Martin C.  
LIAO, Stephen  
NEIDIGER, Greg C.  
PERKINS, Jonathan  
SALAZAR, Kalani  
TAYLOR, Matthew D.  
URIBE, Juan E.  
WILSON, Shawn T.

2. Supervising Electrician ("ES") – Approved

BREHM, Dean M.  
KOLBY, Michael  
MERANTZA, Michael  
MILLER III, William

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

None.

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

PENCE, Owen C.

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

None.

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician ("ESS")

None.

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”)

DELACRUZ, Louie D.  
FERNANDEZ, Clayton K.  
MADDELA, Steven J. A.  
MATSUMOTO, Taylor R.  
WU, Raymond Y. L.

b. PLUMBERS

1. Journey Worker Plumber (“PJ”) – Approved

ANDRADE, Byron K.  
AUSTIN, Ross  
BADILLO, Jesse L.  
BEVER, Denny  
CABRAL, Jonathan S.  
CASTANARES, Lyle  
LUX, Seth K.  
NAKAGAWA, Riki K.  
SCHOENING, Nelson  
SOROKOVSKY, Alex  
TAKATA, Warren  
VEA, Raymond C.

2. Master Plumber (“PM”) – Approved

None.

c. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

BLACKER, Martin A. (EJ)  
FUENTES, Ricky (EJ)  
GARCIA, Gerome (PJ)  
GUECK, Steven (EJ)  
HARDEMAN, David W. (ESS)  
KLEIN, Wesley S. (EJ)  
MATEO, Henry (EJ)  
VELLALOS, Jeremy M. (EJ)

d. DENIALS

GUTIERREZ, Wilfredo Q. (EJ)

e. RENEWALS

None.

f. RATIFICATION

None.

Announcement: a. Next Applications Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 21, 2014  
9:30 a.m.  
King Kalakaua Conference Room  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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b. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2014  
10:30 a.m.  
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski  
Christine Rutkowski  
Executive Officer

/s/ Christine Hironaka  
Christine Hironaka  
Secretary

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[ X ] Minutes approved as is.

[ ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.