

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

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  
Randal Hiraki, Industry Member  
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member  
Randall Kaya, Public Member  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General  
Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer  
Christine Hironaka, Secretary

Excused: Vernon Ta'a, Public Member

Guests: None.

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.

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

6. Applications

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

BALL JR., Ricky  
LUCAS, Jason  
NANIUS, Robert  
NUSSBAUM, Daniel

Supervising Electrician (ES)

COLTON, James

- b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

FIFITA, Talais  
STAMM, Joshua

Approval of  
the Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to approve the Board minutes and executive session minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting.

Executive Officer's  
Report

- a. University of Hawaii Community College Electrical Academic Coursework

The Executive Officer informed the Board that Maui, Leeward and Hawaii community colleges are now offering the 240 hours of coursework. The classes are already filled and there is a waiting list. Honolulu Community College is also offering the classes in another forum.

Examinations:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered January 2015)

	EJ	ES	EJI	ESI	EJS	ESS	EM
Exams Administered	15	2	0	0	0	0	0
Successful	11	2	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Plumber's Exam (administered January 2015)

	<u>PJ</u>	<u>PM</u>
Exams Administered	21	0
Successful	9	0
Unsuccessful	12	0

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

BALL, JR., Ricky  
GARCIA, Randolph  
HOLDEN, Daniel  
LUCAS, Jason  
MAGGAY, Marvin  
MILLER, Nicholas  
MILNES, Dale  
NANIUS, Robert  
NUSSBAUM, Daniel  
ROSALES, Kekoa  
SHIMAOKA, Kaleolani  
VAN GEEN, Robert  
YOSHIMURA, Ross

2. Supervising Electrician (“ES”) – Approved

COLTON, James  
COYLE, Daniel  
MANOI, Chadwick  
PHILLIPS, Sequoia  
QUILLEN, Dustin

3. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (“EJI”) - Approved

None.

4. Supervising Industrial Electrician (“ESI”) - Approved

None.

5. Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (“EJS”) - Approved

MONIZ, Jordan  
OMO, Julius

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)

None.

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”)

None.

b. PLUMBERS

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

AH MOOK SANG, Kaiulani  
ANDROYNA, Gabriel  
CHONG JR, Alvin  
DITKO-CAMPOGAN, Kaipo  
ESPEJO, Darin  
GABERT, Boise  
GAPP, Dylan  
GISHITOMI, Conrad  
RHODES, Mark  
RYAN, Irving  
URATA, Desmond  
STAMM, Joshua  
WANG, Fu Xiang  
YOUNG, David

2. Master Plumber (“PM”) – Approved

None.

c. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

HAZZARD, Peyton (PJ)  
FIFITA, Talais (PJ)  
WANG, Fu Xiang (PJ)

d. DENIALS

None.

e. RENEWALS

None.

f. RATIFICATION

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and  
unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following  
application and date of approval:

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ) – 1/26/15

SANPHY, Dustin  
YOON, Kwang Ho

2015 Legislative  
Session

a) SB5 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

This measure requires classes that are required as a condition of licensure and offered by a trade union to be made available to all licensees at the same cost, regardless of whether a licensee is a member of the trade union, but only if no equivalent public classes are available. No hearing has been scheduled and the bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Members commented that the plumber's union offers classes to non-union members and each attendee is charged a fee for the class and the electrician's union pays for their members to attend the classes.

It was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Hiraki and unanimously carried to support SB5 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing.

b) HB109 Relating to Taxation

This measure requires a tax clearance before a professional or vocational license may be issued or renewed. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2016.

The Executive Officer informed the Board that tax clearances are done manually by the Department of Taxation. Last year, they issued over 34,000 tax clearances. This bill would place a workload burden on both departments.

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried to support the intent of the bill but the Board has concerns about the process of issuing tax clearances and the impact on timely processing of license renewals.

c) HB713/SB168 Relating to Contractors

House Bill 713 and Senate Bill 168 require the Contractors Licensing Board and Board of Electricians and Plumbers to hire and train private deputies to investigate the use of unlicensed persons by contractors on construction sites. The bills will increase penalties for violation of scope of contracting, requires a report and appropriates moneys from the compliance resolution fund.

The Executive Officer stated that the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment ("Committee") held a hearing on HB 713 on 02/03/2015. The Committee passed the bill with amendments, to require the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

rather than informed the licensing Board to handle the responsibility of volunteer investigators on public works projects. The Executive Officer will monitor SB 168.

d) SB478/HB284 Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Both measures appropriate funds for 30 permanent full-time equivalent multi-skilled worker civil service positions to assist the Hawaii Public Housing Authority in repair and maintenance of low-income housing properties.

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried that the Board has no position on funding as long as the workers performing the trades are in compliance with HRS Chapter 448E.

Scope: a. Email Inquiry Regarding Fire Safety Sensors

The Board reviewed the email inquiry from Lisa Fields asking if a license is required for their wireless, plug and play LifeShield system Fire Safety Sensors.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried that no license is required for the Lifeshield system Fire Safety Sensors since no hard electrical wiring is required.

b. Email Inquiry Regarding Home Theater Equipment Installation

The Board reviewed the email inquiry from Anne Lockner asking if an electrical license is required to install home theater equipment.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried that no license is required to install home theater equipment if no electrical hard wiring is required.

Announcement: a. Next Applications Committee Meeting

Tuesday April 14, 2015  
9:30 a.m.  
King Kalakaua Conference Room  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813

b. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
10:30 a.m.  
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335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/Christine Rutkowski  
Christine Rutkowski  
Executive Officer

/s/Christine Hironaka  
Christine Hironaka  
Secretary

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