

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 13, 2015

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Present: Peter Akamu, Industry Member, Chairperson
Matt Brady, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member
Vernon Ta'a, Public Member
Randal Hiraki, Industry Member
Randall Kaya, Public Member

Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General
Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer
Christine Hironaka, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Shannon Alivado – General Contractors Association
Joy Kimura - Hawaii Laborers Employers Cooperation & Education Trust
("LECET")
Troy Silva – Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program
("HEMEP")
Ryan Takahashi – HEMEP

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 Akamu called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Additions/
Revisions to
the Agenda: None.

Approval of
the Minutes:

Chairperson Akamu asked the Board members if there are any amendments to the minutes of August 11, 2015. Vice Chairperson Brady responded that on page 1, "Call to Order", Vice Chairperson Akamu should be Chairperson Akamu. It was moved by Vice Chairperson Brady, seconded by Mr. Ta'a, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 Board Meeting.

Executive Officer's
Report:

a. Hawaii State Ethics Commission Training Class

The Executive Officer informed the Board that the ethics training class for State Board and Commission members was held on August 26, 2015.

Examinations:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered September 2015)

	<u>EJ</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>EJI</u>	<u>ESI</u>	<u>EJS</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>EM</u>
Exams Administered	15	5	0	0	6	0	0
Successful	14	4	0	0	1	0	0
Unsuccessful	1	1	0	0	5	0	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered September 2015)

	<u>PJ</u>	<u>PM</u>
Exams Administered	19	4
Successful	7	1
Unsuccessful	12	3

Applications:

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

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

CASSE, Mark
CEZAR, Johnny
KROLL, Dayne
MCCARTHY, Robert
PONGASI, Keith
PURDY, Guy
RAMIREZ, Micah
RIVERA, Darren

SALES, Perfecto
STANISLAVOV, Alexander
WOO, Marvin

HUTCHINGS, Erik – Deferred for more information.

2. Supervising Electrician (“ES”) – Approved

HUGHES, Steven
POLLIARD, Jason
SCHENK, Isaiah

3. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (“EJI”)

None.

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

DOVICH, Larrie

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

CUNNINGHAM, Lawrence - Approved for EJS license.
Deferred application for ESI
license.

KIM, Dayne
PRECIADO, Gabriel
ROBIDOUX, Gerry

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)

None.

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”)

None.

b. PLUMBERS

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

AUWAE, Iokepa
CHINEN, Wade
CHU, Charlie
CURTIS, William
GASCON, Rey
LAMB, Jason
LEE, Si Hyung
MARTIN, Bryan
SMITH, Chester

2. Master Plumber ("PM")

None.

c. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

CANDELO, Darrel (PJ)
CUNNINGHAM, Lawrence (ESI)
JIM, Shai (ES)
MAIAVA, Punaoli (PJ)
PANED, Jerry (EJ)

d. DENIALS

None.

e. RENEWALS

None.

f. RATIFICATIONS

None.

Act 35, SLH 2010
Update Regarding
Electrical Academic
Coursework:

a. University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College Approved Curricula.

- ABC Massachusetts Chapter-Gould Construction Institute
- Electronics Institute of Hawaii

New Business:

a. Regulated Industries Complaints Office Electricians and Plumbers Advisory Committee and Addendum Language for the 2016 term.

The Executive Officer stated that the Advisory Committee members are licensees who volunteer to assist RICO with complaints. They also may serve as witnesses at hearings. The addendum language allows the Regulated Industries Complaints Office to include additional interim appointees, if necessary to assist in their investigations.

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Ta'a and unanimously carried to approve the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") Electricians & Plumbers Advisory Committee Effective January 1, 2016 and the Addendum language to RICO Electricians & Plumbers Advisory Committee.

Correspondence: a Email letter from At Your Pace Online Offering an Online Format for CE. (Deferred August 11, 2015)

The Board again reviewed the email letter from At Your Pace Online ("AYPO") offering an online format for a continued competency course for license renewal. Mr. Hiraki stated that he prefers the classroom setting format where all attendees would benefit from the question and answer portion in the Plumber's course that is specific to Hawaii. Mr. Ta'a expressed his concern about verification of information covered in the online format for CE. Board members engaged in general discussion of the importance and relevance of students having teacher contact as well as certainty of attendance.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Brady, seconded by Mr. Ta'a, and unanimously carried that continuing competency courses for both electricians and plumbers be delivered in such manner that there is teacher/student contact and which affords opportunity for class discussion. The Executive Officer was directed to notify APYO that the online format does not meet these requirements.

b. Letter from Eric Tomasu asking to be allowed to take the electrician renewal exam in lieu of reapplying for his EJS license.

The Executive Officer informed the Board that HRS §448E-8 requires electricians to renew their license every three years effective with the July 1, 1996 renewal. Failure to renew constitutes license forfeiture. The forfeited license may be restore, under the law, within one year from the date of forfeiture. (June 30, 2014 expiration date. June 30, 2015 restoration deadline).

Mr. Tomasu related that his employer renewed its employees' licenses but failed to renew his license. He is requesting the Board to allow him to take the electrician's continued competency exam and restore his license. He reasoned that the failure to renew is the direct result of his employer's failure to act. He added that if he is not allowed to restore the license, he will endure hardship because his pay rate will be reduced; and he will have to pay the tuition cost complete the required coursework.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Brady, seconded by Mr. Kaya and unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to HRS sections 92-4 and 92-5, to consider and evaluate person information relating to the applicant applying for licensure at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Kaya and unanimously carried to reconvene to the Board's regular order of business at 11:44 a.m.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Brady, seconded by Mr. Kaya and unanimously carried to deny Mr. Tomasu's request to take the electrician's continued competency exam and allow him to restore his EJS license. In accordance with HRS §448E-8 and HAR §16-80-6 (g), Failure to restore a forfeited license within one year from the date of forfeiture shall require a person to file as a new applicant.

- Scope:
- a. Email Inquiry Regarding Protective Relays for Industrial and Utility Scale Customers; Testing, Maintenance and Commissioning.
(Deferred June 9, 2015 meeting)

The Executive Officer stated that the requestor has not replied to the Board's request for more information.

It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Vice Chairperson Brady, and unanimously carried to remove from the agenda due to the lack of apparent interest from the requestor.

- Announcement:
- a. Next Applications Committee Meeting
Tuesday December 8, 2015
9:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813
 - b. Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
10:30 a.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski
Christine Rutkowski
Executive Officer

/s/ Christine Hironaka
Christine Hironaka
Secretary

CR:ch
11/12/15

[X] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____