

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 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
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member
Vernon Ta'a, Public Member

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

Excused: Randal Hiraki, Industry Member
Randall Kaya, Public Member

Guests: Gino Soquena – Hawaii Laborers Union- Local 368
Peter H.M. Lee - Hawaii Laborers Employers Cooperation & Education
Trust (“LECET”)
Al Itamoto – Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (“ECAH”)

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 10:46 a.m.

Additions/
Revisions to
the Agenda: None.

Approval of
the Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero and unanimously
carried to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 and the April 14,
2015 Board meetings.

Board Election
 For Chairperson
 and Vice
 Chairperson:

- a. Board Chairperson

It was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to nominate Mr. Akamu as Chairperson of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. Being no other nominations, Mr. Akamu was unanimously elected Chairperson.

- b. Board Vice Chairperson

It was moved by Chairperson Akamu, seconded by Mr. Ta'a, and unanimously carried to nominate Mr. Brady as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. Being no other nominations, Mr. Brady was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

Executive Officer's
 Report:

- a. Board of Electrician and Plumbers Member Status

The Executive Officer informed the Board that there is still a vacancy on the Board for a public member. Mr. Akamu will be a holdover.

- b. June 2015 Plumber Renewal

The Executive Officer informed the Board that the plumber license renewal period ends June 30, 2015. Maui Community College is correcting their certificates because the certificates did not include the update code year.

Prometric will be working on a continued competency exam for plumbers.

Examinations:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered May 2015)

| | <u>EJ</u> | <u>ES</u> | <u>EJI</u> | <u>ESI</u> | <u>EJS</u> | <u>ESS</u> | <u>EM</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Exams Administered | 18 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Successful | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Unsuccessful | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

Plumbers' Exam (administered May 2015)

| | <u>PJ</u> | <u>PM</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Exams Administered | 26 | 1 |
| Successful | 15 | 0 |
| Unsuccessful | 11 | 1 |

Executive Session: It was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero and unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to HRS sections 92-4 and 92-5, to consider and evaluate personal information relating to the applicant applying for licensure at 11:04 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero and unanimously carried to reconvene to the Board's regular order of business at 11:05 a.m.

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

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

AUWELOA, Jay
BANNISTER, James
BARTOLOME, John
CARPIO, Maika
DULDULAO, Randy
LANE, Daniel
LAYA, Omar
OLSEN, Derek
SORIANO, Ronald
WENNIHAN III, Robert
YAMAMOTO, Paul

2. Supervising Electrician ("ES") – Approved

FONSECA, Teresa
MEDEIROS, Christopher
ROGERS, Nicholas
TEHERO, Jerez

3. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician ("EJI") – None.

4. Supervising Industrial Electrician ("ESI") – None.

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

ARAKAKI, Richard
CABRAL, Travis
URABE, Jon

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician ("ESS") – None

7. Maintenance Electrician ("EM") - Approved

FUNAKI, Popilini

b. PLUMBERS

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

AKIONA, Royce
APO, James
BROBERG, Joshua
GATES, Scott
KALA, Andrew
WANG, Fu Xiang

2. Master Plumber ("PM") – Approved

LUM JR, Robert
PUANA, Edmund
ROSENBERG, James

c. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

GONZALEZ, Jhonatan (EJS)
MIZUSAWA, Shane (PJ)
MONTIHO, Carl (PJ)
POSTER, Jeremy (EJ)
SCHROCK, Kevin (EJS)
TOMBERLIN, John (PJ)
VARGAS, Tony (EJ)

d. DENIALS - None.

e. RENEWALS - None.

f. RATIFICATION - None.

Unfinished Business: a. None.

- Scope: a. Email Inquiry Regarding Protective Relays for Industrial and Utility Scale Customers; Testing, Maintenance and Commissioning.
(Deferred April 14, 2015 meeting)

The Board again reviewed the email inquiry from Deven Matsumoto asking if any license is required to perform testing, maintenance, and commissioning of Protective Relays for industrial and utility scale customers. He further emphasized that the work would contain no installation/replacement/repair of wiring, conduit, equipment, switches, or breakers and the work would be only testing/verification of protective relaying operation and circuitry.

Mr. Matsumoto further explained in his email that some journey worker industrial electricians test relays but due to the high cost of the equipment and the specialization of the field, testing is usually contracted out to the manufacturer of the protective devices.

Mr. Lucero opined that a license is required if the testing, maintenance and commissioning involves electrical work and electrical wiring as defined in HAR chapter 16-80-3 as follows:

"Electrical wiring" means any electrical conductor, material, device, fitting, apparatus, appliance, fixture, or equipment, constituting a part of or connected to any electrical installation attached or fastened to any building, structure, or premises and which installation or portion thereof is designed, intended or used to generate, transmit, transform, or utilize electrical energy within the scope and purpose of the National Electrical Code, as adopted by each county.

"Electrical work" means the installation, alteration, reconstruction, or repair of electrical wiring.'

DAG Tam inquired as to what is involved in the testing, maintaining and commissioning of Protective Relays for industrial and utility scale customers.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero and unanimously carried to defer the email inquiry asking if a license is required to perform testing, maintenance, and commissioning of Protective Relay for industrial and utility scale customers until the Board receives clarification of the testing, maintaining and commissioning process or procedures.

- Announcement:
- a. Next Applications Committee Meeting
Tuesday August 11, 2015
9:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813
 - b. Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
10:30 a.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/Christine Rutkowski
Christine Rutkowski
Executive Officer

/s/Christine Hironaka
Christine Hironaka
Secretary

CR:ch
6/22/15

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