

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

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, Chairperson
Matt Brady, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member
Randall Kaya, Public Member
Vernon Ta'a, Public Member
Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Attorney General
Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer
Olga Reppun, Secretary

Excused: Randal Hiraki, Industry Member

Guests: Garen Deweese, Hawaiian Electric Company
Ryan Takahashi - Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program
("HEMEP")
Jody Maunakea
Keali'i Lopez, Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing
Joy Kimura, Hawaii Laborers Employers Cooperation & Education Trust
("LECET")
Peter Lee, Hawaii Laborers Employers Cooperation & Education Trust
("LECET")
Shannon Alivado – General Contractors Association ("GCA")
Ryan Koybayashi, Laborers' Union 368

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 10:39 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Vice-Chair Brady, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Board meeting as circulated.

Executive Session: At 10:41 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Ta'a, and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

At 11:04, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously carried to return to the Board order of business.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory
Matters:

a) In the Matter of Electrician's License of Samuel K. Alameda, Jr.;
ENP- 2016-45-L

Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Vice Chairperson Brady, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

b) In the Matter of the Journey Worker Electrician License of Richard D. Gorloff, Jr. also known as Rick Gorloff; ENP 2017-12-L

Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to defer the Settlement Agreement.

c) In the Matter of the Plumber's License of Nakoa I. Pabre.;
ENP 2017-10-L

Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chairperson Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

Executive Officer's
Report:

a The Executive Officer introduced newly assigned secretary, Ms. Olga Reppun. Board members welcomed Ms. Reppun.

Examinations:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered November 2017)

	<u>EJ</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>EJI</u>	<u>EJS</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>ESI</u>
Exams Administered	41	8	0	0	1	0	1
Successful	29	6	0	0	0	0	1
Unsuccessful	12	2	0	0	1	0	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered November 2017)

	<u>PJ</u>	<u>PM</u>
Exams Administered	29	2
Successful	12	2
Unsuccessful	17	0

Applications:

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

a. ELECTRICIANS

1. Journey Worker Electrician ("EJ") – Approved
 BARCOMA, Glenn
 BENEVIDES, Matthew
 CUSTARD, Claude
 ESPINAS, Bradley
 ESTRELLON, Gregorio
 FREIBERGER, Steven
 HENLEY, Larry
 HO, Donovan
 JUAN, Jerson
 LAMPITOC, Grant
 MAKUNDI, Happygod
 WHIPPLE, James
2. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician ("EJI")- Approved
 SCHOEFFEL, Christopher
3. Journey Worker Specialty Electrician ("EJS") - Approved
 DEGUZMAN, Sunny
 GONZALES, Michael
 HOFILENA, George
 VILLANUEVA, Daniel
4. Supervising Electrician ("ES") – Approved
 ABBOTT, Jon
 BLANCHARD, Isaac
 BOURG, Andrew
 FONSECA, Teresa
 TANAKA, Jeff
 TKACHUK, Roman
 WYATT, James

5. Supervising Industrial Electrician (“ESI”)
NONE
6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)
NONE
7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”)
NONE

b. PLUMBERS

1. Journey Worker Plumber (“PJ”) – Approved
LAGARET, Brison
RODRIGUES, Nicholas
SORIANO, Jordan
WARD, Chaz
YOSHIMORI, Guy
2. Master Plumber (“PM”) - Approved
WEEKS, Melvin

c. RATIFICATIONS

It was moved by Mr. Lucero, seconded by Mr. Ta’a and unanimously carried to ratify the following individual for examination:

AGNO, Willy (EJ)
AKOI, Neil (EJ)
APOSTOLES, Gekas (EJ)
BARROGA JR., Timothy (EJ)
FAATAFUGA JR, Taulaai (EJ)
KUNAU, Matthew (EJ)
MASELLI, Paul (EJ)
QUINN, Corbett (EJ)
PALENCIA, Kyle (EJ)
PUTNAM, Brian (ES)
REESE, Loyd (ES)
WHITNEY, James (ES)

d. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

FOSTER, Corin (EJ)
MARSHALL, John (EJ)
OYAMA, Alec (EJ)
QUITEVIS, Kalei (EJ)
SCHOEFFEL, Christopher (EJ)

VILLANUEVA, Jose (ES)
BAKER, Aaron (PJ)
GILBERT, Jeffrey (PM)

Mr. Brady left the meeting at 11:47.

New Business:

a) Garen Deweese, Government Relations Manager, Hawaiian Electric Company's Proposal to Extend the 5 Year Sunset Date for Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2013 for Another 5 Years.

Mr. Deweese stated the Hawaiian Electric is going to propose to extend the Sunset Date for Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2013, for another 5 years. Mr. Deweese explained that Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii exists to allow utility companies such as Hawaiian Electric to hire contractors to perform high voltage electrical work in case of natural disasters or other emergencies in order to restore power as soon as possible.

Chair Akamu inquired whether Hawaiian Electric had a vetting process in place to insure that the workers are qualified and properly supervised. Mr. Deweese responded that he would have to check and get back to the Board with this information.

Mr. Deweese also informed the Board that whenever high voltage work is required by the State and an outside contractor is brought in by Hawaiian Electric under the licensing exception, the contractor is licensed in another State.

Chair Akamu called for a ten minute recess.

b) Keali'i Lopez, Director of Government Relations, Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, 2018, Legislative Proposal Regarding Exemption for High Voltage Electrical Work.

Ms. Lopes stated that they intend to introduce a proposal similar to Hawaiian Electrics. She sought the Board's input on the proposal and welcomed any comments or question the Board members might have.

Ms. Lopes related the proposal as follows:

Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 448E Electricians and Plumbers
§448E-14 Exemption for high voltage electrical work: (a) employees of an electrical contractor duly licensed under chapter 444 shall be exempt from this chapter; provided that:

- (1) Such contractor is retained to perform high voltage (six hundred volts or higher) electrical work; and
- (2) Such employees are deemed qualified to perform such high voltage electrical work; provided further that such persons shall be certified through an apprenticeship program authorized by the United States

Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration or Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to perform such high voltage electrical work.

(b) Persons retained pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be exempt from the provisions of section 444-9.5.

She added that the concomitant proposal would be submitted for the contractors licensing law.

Ms. Lopes further stated that journeymen linemen are not licensed in the State of Hawaii and, in general, very few states license journeymen linemen.

c) Discussion Regarding Journey Worker Photovoltaic/Solar Electrician License Category.

Board members agreed by consensus to defer this matter until the next meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Announcement: a. Next Applications Committee Meeting
Tuesday February 13, 2018
9:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
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Next Board Meeting
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski
Christine Rutkowski
Executive Officer

/s/ Olga Reppun
Olga Reppun
Secretary

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[] Minutes approved as is.

[x] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of February 13th, 2018, meeting.