

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 11, 2018

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
Randal Hiraki, Industry Member
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member
Vernon Ta'a, Public Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General
Charlene Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Risé Doi, Executive Officer
Olga Reppun, Secretary

Excused: None

Guests: Ryan Takahashi - Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement
Program ("HEMEP")
Chuck Gaty, Applicant
Travis Yara, Hawaii Electricians Training Fund
Candace Ito, Executive Officer, DCCA-PVL

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, Chair Akamu called the meeting to
order at 10:30 a.m.

**Mr. Gaty, Mr. Yara, and Mr. Takahashi entered the meeting
room at 10:31 a.m.**

Approval of
the Minutes It was moved by Vice-Chair Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and
unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive
session as circulated and the minutes of the open session of the
October 09, 2018, Board meeting with the following amendment:

On page 8 of the open session minutes, the date of the next applications committee meeting and next board meeting should be listed as Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

Executive
Officer's Report:

a) Board Member Vacancies:

Ms. Tamanaha reminded the Board members that there is currently two (2) public member vacancies and that on June 30th, 2019, terms of one (1) electrician member (Mr. Akamu), one (1) plumber member (Mr. Brady), and one (1) public member (Mr. Ta'a) will expire resulting in only two (2) remaining board members (Mr. Lucero and Mr. Hiraki). Without at least two (2) members being appointed, the Board will not have quorum to conduct business.

Ms. Tamanaha asked the Board members to refer qualified candidates to the Governor's web site to submit their applications to serve on the Board.

Examinations:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered November 2018)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	34	10	2	2	4	0	0
Successful	22	3	1	0	1	0	0
Unsuccessful	12	7	1	2	3	0	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered November 2018)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	12	0
Successful	7	0
Unsuccessful	5	0

Applications:

It was moved by Vice-Chair Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to approve/defer the following applications as noted.

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

CAMPAGNA, DAVID
DYCKMAN, IAN
FELIPE, CATALINO
GRANDO, LEANDRO
IRENEO, JAMESON
KELII, SHAWN
LY, TYLER
MANUEL, MICHAEL
NAKAMOTO, KEHL DAN
OSHIRO, ROYCE
POTTER II, ROBERT
RUFO, BOBBY
SADAMARU JR., ERNEST
SANTIAGO, BRAEDEN
TOMONO, CODY

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

COLLINS, JACOB

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

BEAUMONT, JACK
PELLETIER, JOY

4. Supervising Electrician (“ES”) – Approved

GATY, CHUCK
HUI, JOSEPH
JANSSON, DAVID
MCGINTY, CALVIN

5. Supervising Industrial Electrician (“ESI”)

NONE

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)

NONE

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”) - Approved

COY, WESLEY

- b. PLUMBERS

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

AMARAL, ANTHONY
FERREIRA, BRANDON
HERMOSURA, BRENDAN
KONG, BRANDON
RABANG, SEAN
STENSGAARD, KIRK

2. Master Plumber (“PM”)

RUZICKA, DAVIS

c. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

AKI, JANN-LOUIS (EJ)
CORPUZ, FORNATO (EJ)
CRUM JR., CALAVIN (EJ)
GRBIC, OSMAN (EJ)
MOORE, AARON (EJ)
YOUN, AVERY (EJ)
COY, WESLEY (EM)
ARTATES, ALAULA (PJ)
CUELHO, KAEHU (PJ)

d. REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION WAIVER

The Board’s Executive Officer, Ms. Tamanaha, informed the meeting guests and reminded the Board members that the Board’s position regarding exam waivers has been to allow exam waiver for good cause to a forfeited licensee provided that: 1) the exam taken at the initial licensure was the same Code version (electrical or plumbing) as the one currently being administered; 2) the forfeited licensee kept current with the changes to the NEC or UPC. It was the consensus of the Board to reaffirm this position.

KOENIGS, GERT (PJ) - approved

e. RATIFICATIONS

ELWIR, HAMZA (EJ)
VAN DREI, JOSHUA (EJ)
WONG, RODNEY (EJ)

- IEC Chesapeake Maryland Apprenticeship Program
- National Center for Construction Education and Research

2018 Legislative Session:

- a) Report pursuant to Act 060, Relating to Electrical Contractors (SB2297, H.D.2, C.D.1)

Ms. Tamanaha reminded the Board members that Act 060, in Section 3, requires that the Board of Electricians and Plumbers submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. The reports shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Any program in the State that offer vocational training for licensed electricians to perform high voltage electrical work;
- (2) Availability of continuing education, training, or both, necessary for licensed electricians to acquire or keep current those skills related to performing high voltage work;
- (3) The number of licensed electricians in the State qualified to perform high voltage electrical work; and
- (4) Opportunities for growth in the high voltage work subspecialty.

Ms. Tamanaha informed the Board members that the report will be finalized and submitted to the legislature electronically in December 2018. Copies of the report will also be posted on DCCA's web site at <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/reports/>.

The Board Members reviewed the draft of the report.

Ms. Tamanaha thanked Mr. Takahashi for providing the Board's office the requested information, some of which was included in the report.

Ms. Reppun distributed copies of the draft report to the meeting guests.

Chair Akamu stated that he would like to give the Board members and guests a chance to review the report in case there are any questions or comments. He stated that the Board would return to this agenda item at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

- a) Letter from Preshess Willets-Vaquilar, UH Honolulu Community College Education and Training Programs and Training Manager

Ms. Tamanaha stated that the letter was provided to the Board for information.

As a state agency, Honolulu Community College (“HCC”) receives from DCCA-PVL gum labels of all licensed journey worker and supervising electricians in order to assist HCC in its efforts to provide licensees with the means to satisfy the educational training requirement established by the state legislature (HRS §448E-8.5).

- b) Criminal Justice Flow Charts for Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Cases provided by the Department of the Attorney General Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division

Ms. Tamanaha informed the Board members that the provided flow charts will be added to the Board meeting folders for the members’ reference in order to assist them with making decisions in cases where an applicant has a criminal history.

Vice-Chair Brady thanked Ms. Tamanaha for providing this reference information for the Board members.

2018 Legislative Session:

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Chair Akamu announced that the Board is returning to the subject of the Board’s Report Pursuant to Act 060 and invited Board members and meeting guests to comment.

Mr. Takahashi stated that, in his opinion, the report fails to communicate clearly the difference in the State’s definition of high voltage work and HECO’s definition.

Mr. Takahashi inquired whether, if HECO were to utilize the exemption for PV work above 600V in non-emergency situations, for instance at a solar farm project, which would be the kind of work that licensed journeymen electricians are qualified to do, the Board would have an opinion that this was not the intent of the exemption.

Chair Akamu inquired if Mr. Takahashi was aware of any such projects that are currently in process.

Mr. Takahashi responded that, he believes, there are two HECO PV projects in the works right now.

Chair Akamu stated that, currently, most of the PV work is under 600V and is done by licensed journeymen electricians.

Mr. Takahashi informed the Board that there are concerns that, due to evolving technology, this might no longer be the case in the near future.

Ms. Tamanaha pointed out that the only reference to high voltage being “six hundred volts or higher” in the Board of Electricians and Plumbers’ statutes is in **HRS §448E-13 Exemption of public utility and community antennae television company personnel.**

Chair Akamu stated that if that definition were to change, it would have to be done legislatively.

Ms. Tamanaha clarified that there is no express definition of high voltage work in HRS §448E, and the only a reference to high voltage is in HRS §448E-13.

Mr. Takahashi expressed his opinion that the burden of coming up with the more precise language for the exemption would be on the utility and that, currently, as written, the exemption is too wide.

Ms. Tamanaha stated that, no matter who performs high voltage work, they would either have to be licensed under Chapter 448E or be under the public utility and “deemed qualified by the public utility to perform such high voltage electrical work; provided further that in no circumstance shall such persons be less qualified than the public utility’s own employees that perform such high voltage work” (HRS §448E-13(a)(2)(B)).

Chair Akamu addressed Mr. Takahashi to say that the exemption would only apply after a project is turned over to the utility.

Ms. Tamanaha suggested to Mr. Takahashi that, if HEMEP feels that the language of the statute should be different, they should come with a proposal. Once there is a suggestion, the Board can review the language and give its opinion. In the meantime, the Board has only the language of the statutes.

Mr. Takahashi responded that HEMEP submitted its comments when the bill was still going through the hearings and that he did not have any other language suggestions.

Mr. Takahashi was advised that the Board is open to suggestions for clarifying language.

Chair Akamu asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Board members and guest responded in the negative.

The Board agreed by consensus to approve the Board's Report Pursuant to Act 060 SLH 2018 for submission to legislature in December 2018.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting guests were excused from the meeting room at 11:09 a.m.

Executive Session:

At 11:10 a.m., it was moved by Vice-Chair Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero, 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 11:32, it was moved by Vice-Chair Brady, seconded by Mr. Hiraki, and unanimously carried to return to the Board order of business.

Applications:

It was moved by Vice-Chair Brady, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to approve/defer the following applications as noted.

a. ELECTRICIANS

Journey Worker Electrician ("EJ") – Approved

HUTCHINGS, ERIK

Journey Worker Electrician ("EJ") – Deferred

SAKAMOTO, CAMERON

Announcement:

a. Next Applications Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.

King Kalakaua Conference Room
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- b. Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
10:30 a.m.
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Charlene Tamanaha

/s/ Olga Reppun

Charlene Tamanaha
Executive Officer

Olga Reppun
Secretary

CT: or

12/27/18

[x] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____