

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Present: Norman Ahu, Public Member, Chair
Tyrus Kagawa, Industry Member, Vice-Chair
Randall Kaya, Public Member
Orlando Matias, Industry Member
Morris Kaneshiro, Industry Member
Lindsey Kimura, Public Member
Maurice Torigoe, Industry Member
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General
Charlene L.K. Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Lesley Matsumoto, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Al Itamoto – Electrical Contractor’s Association of Hawaii
Peter Akamu - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Ryan Takahashi -
Harold McDermott – Plumbers Union, Local 675
Gregg Serikaku – Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Association
David McClay – Roto Rooter

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 Ahu called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

Additions/
Revisions to
the Agenda: It was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro and unanimously carried to add, David McClay, PM applicant as an appearance before the Board to discuss his application under PM Applications.

Approval of
the Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Kimura, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting as circulated.

Executive Officer's Report:

a. Office of Information Practices

None.

b. Ethics Commission

The Executive Officer reminded members to submit their financial disclosure form from the Ethics Commission. Forms are due by May 31, 2011.

The Executive Officer informed members that they are required to complete and file the financial disclosure forms with the Ethics Commission by May 31, 2011 even though their term ends on June 30, 2011.

c. Board Policies and Procedures

None.

d. Other

None.

Chapter 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matters:

None.

Examinations:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered March 2011)

	<u>EJ</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>EJI</u>	<u>ESI</u>	<u>EJS</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>EM</u>
Exams Administered	38	5	1	1	0	0	3
Successful	23	2	0	1	0	0	1
Unsuccessful	17	3	1	0	0	0	2

Plumbers' Exam (administered March 2011)

	<u>PJ</u>	<u>PM</u>
Exams Administered	10	0
Successful	5	0
Unsuccessful	5	0

b. Prometric fka Thomson Prometric Report/Announcements

The Executive Officer reported that Prometric started administering the examination and the continued competency based upon the 2008 NEC and the 2006 UPC.

- Appearances:
- a. Richard Carstensen – EJS Applicant
 - b. Norman Herrera – EJS Applicant
 - c. David McClay – PM Applicant

The appearance of Mr. Carstensen and Mr. Herrera was deferred to the next meeting.

Members informed the Executive Officer to remove the above applicant's from the agenda until they are ready to come before the Board.

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

a. ELECTRICIANS

1. Journey Worker Electrician (“EJ”) – Approved

ABRANTES, Rogerio L.
BUCK, Ernie A.
CECCHETTO, Gino
COIL, Angela M.
CONOVER, Douglas B.
CZECK, Anthony J.
DAOANG, Ferdinand D.S. Jr.
DUROPAN, Christopher A.
FUJIOKA, Garrett K.
GREEN, Christopher E.
GREEN, Corey E.
HAGMAN, Reese W.
HERNANDEZ, Lucas P.
HERNANDEZ, Marcos K.
HIROMASA, Abraham J.
KING, Mark A.
KIYAMA, Todd T.
KURISU, Robin J.
KUROSU, Ryan M.
MANALO, Kaika H.
MASUMOTO, Benjamin Y.
MATSUMIYA, Darrin M.
NAKADA, Kevin T.
OLENNIKOV, Vladimir
OROPALLO, Timothy J. – The Board felt the applicant qualifies for a EJ license also and has approved the applicant to sit for the EJ examination.
PEREZ, Richard J. – Approved pending application review committee's review of additional information.
PERRY, Christopher A.
RYAN, Michael P.
SALVADOR, Edwin R. Jr.
SATO, Curtis M.
SONOGNINI, James M.

SUEMORI, Tyler T.

TAKAHASHI, Jacob J.

THOMPSON, Jeffrey T. - The Board felt the applicant qualifies for a EJ license and has approved the applicant to sit for the EJ examination; however, deferred the applicant's application for a ES license.

TODD, William A.

TOKUNAGA, Ty H.

TOM, Channon K.

TRICE, Curtis D. - The Board felt the applicant qualifies for a EJ license and has approved the applicant to sit for the EJ examination; however, deferred the applicant's application for a ES license.

TURNER, Robert L.

UPTEGROVE, Daniel S.

WANG, Fu Xiang

YOSHIMI, Jaryl M. – Approved pending verification of apprenticeship certificate.

2. Supervising Electrician (“ES”) – Approved

BRANDNER, Kurt W.

LICHY, Gregory C.

SMITH, Kenneth J.

WALKER, Allan V.

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

OROPALLO, Timothy J. – The Board felt the applicant qualifies for a EJ license also and has approved the applicant to sit for the EJ examination.

STANFILL, Mark S.

WONG, Scott B.H.

4. Supervising Industrial Electrician (“ESI”)

None.

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

YOKOI, David R.

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)

None.

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”)

None.

b. PLUMBERS

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

AKIONA, Francis A. III
DULDULAO, Ody B.
KOENIGS, Gert J.
MCCLAY, David C. – The Board felt the applicant qualifies for a PJ license and has approved the applicant to sit for the PJ examination; however, deferred the applicant's application for a PM license.
MONTIBON, Nicholas F.
NGUYEN, Tiep H.
STOYANOV, Peter

b. Master Plumber ("PM") - Approved

PANG, Lowell Y.L.
STOCKTON, Raymond L.

Appearance:

Chair Ahu asked Mr. David C. McClay if he would like to move into executive session to discuss his application. Mr. McClay responded no.

Mr. McClay appeared before the Board to discuss his application for PM. The Board felt Mr. McClay qualifies for a PJ license; however, did not feel he qualified for a PM because the license verification submitted verifies a contractor's license and not a journey worker or master plumber's license and therefore does not meet the requisite experience.

Mr. Tam explained that a contractor's license is required to contract to perform plumbing work. The PJ license allows him to perform the plumbing work. Thus if he intends to apply to be a plumbing contractor, the PJ license is sufficient and will allow him to do his own plumbing work without hiring licensed PJs. Mr. McClay withdrew his PM application and accepted the approval of the PJ examination and licensure.

c. Deferred Applications

Mr. Torigoe recused himself from any discussion and action taken on Mr. Kevin S. Fukumoto's application.

BOSHART, Keith R. (EJ)
BOSHART, Kevin (EJ)
DEAN, Josef E. (EJ)
FERREE, Peter J. (EJ)

FUKUMOTO, Kevin S. (PJ)
FUKUNAGA, Daryl S. (EJS)
GARRISON, James L. (EJ)
JU, Seon J. (EJ)
KAPUA, Trevis M.S. (EJS)
KAWANO, Ryan S. (EJ)
LECKINGTON, Michael L. (EJ)
MIZUSAWA, Nicholas K.P. (EJ)
NGUYEN, Minh (EJ)
SALMON, Theodore D. Jr. (EJS)
THOMPSON, Jeffrey T. (ES)
TRICE, Curtis D. (ES)

d. Denials

None.

Unfinished
Business:

a. Rule Revisions

1. Local 675/PAMCA Proposal to Amend HAR §§16-80-2 and
16-80-3

This issue was deferred to the next meeting.

b. Implementation of Act 35 Update

The Executive Officer reported that she is still working with Honolulu Community College ("HCC") to develop the curriculum to implement Act 35. It is their intention to develop a modular system that would allow candidates to be given credit for coursework should they decide to change classification midstream. She also stated that HCC incorrectly assumed they had until July 1, 2013 to develop the curriculum. She advised them that courses need to be up and running before July 1, 2013 to effectuate a smooth transition. Giving candidates as much time as possible is the goal.

The Executive Officer informed members that HCC is also still working on providing delivery options to neighbor island candidates. The first order of business is to develop the curriculum for each license type after which HCC may start addressing other delivery options. After the development of the curriculum, HCC will provide it to the Board for their review and approval.

The Executive Officer will keep the Board apprised of HCC's progress.

c. Reminder Notice to All Licensed Electrical and Plumbing Contractors

Members reviewed Draft #4 of the notice to all licensed contractors whose scope of work involves electrical or plumbing.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Kimura and unanimously carried to approve Draft #4 of the notice with minor amendments. The Executive Officer will present the notice to the Contractors License Board for their review and approval.

Mr. McDermott noted that with the impending changes to be "green" and the use of non potable water in future households, it is more important for public safety to use licensed plumbers for all plumbing work. The Board discussed this issue and concurred that the language of the rules should be revisited. The Executive Officer advised Mr. McDermott that the definition of "Plumbing Work" in HAR, §16-80-3, is where the language of allowing other properly licensed contractors from performing any exterior piping work five feet or more outside the building line without licensed plumbers is housed.

Chair Ahu advised Mr. McDermott to bring their recommendations to the Board's next meeting for review and discussion.

New Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Scope: a. Simplex Grinnell, Michael Onzuka's Inquiry

Members discussed Mr. Michael Onzuka's inquiry regarding whether Simplex Grinnell's technicians are required to obtain a journey worker specialty electrician's license. According to Mr. Onzuka's letter, the only work the technicians perform is "terminating (i.e., landing the wiring) the wiring on the control panels, programming, and assist with the testing of the systems." Simplex Grinnell does not perform any installation of fire alarm systems, security systems, or CCTV systems. The installation is performed by licensed C-13 contractors and the contractors have journey worker electricians that install the conduit, junction boxes, control panels, and wiring, as well as terminating/installing the field devices.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kaya, seconded by Mr. Torigoe and unanimously carried that an electrician's license is required (i.e., journey worker specialty, supervising specialty, journey worker, or supervising electrician's licenses) to terminate the wiring on the control panels of the above systems. However,

programming and testing the above systems does not require a license.

b. Department of Human Resources Development, Lisa Hodges' Inquiry

Members discussed Ms. Hodges' email inquiry if a plumbing license is required to replace a toilet seat and/or cover that does not mechanically or electronically activate any operation of the toilet or the water closet.

After discussion, it was the Board's consensus that a license is not required to replace a toilet seat and/or cover that does not mechanically or electronically activate any operation of the toilet or the water closet.

c. J.E. Kelleher, Michael Willett's Inquiry

Members discussed Mr. Michael Willett's inquiry regarding whether a licensed plumber is required to perform the disconnecting or reconnecting of gas appliances which Mr. Willett describes as follows:

"The disconnecting consists of disconnecting the gas flex line from an existing shutoff valve and capping the valve."

"The reconnect consists of hooking up a new flex line to an existing shutoff valve."

After discussion, it was the Board's consensus that the disconnect of the gas flex line from the shutoff valve does not require a licensed plumber; however, the reconnect (which consists of the hooking up a new flex line to an existing shutoff valve) does require a licensed plumber.

Legislation: None.

Announcement: a. Next Applications Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
9:30 a.m.
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b. Next Board Meeting

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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Charlene L.K. Tamanaha

/s/ Lesley Matsumoto

Charlene L.K. Tamanaha
Executive Officer

Lesley Matsumoto
Secretary

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.