

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 09, 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Present: 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
Olga Reppun, Secretary

Excused: Peter Akamu, Industry Member, Chairperson

Guests: None

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-Chair Brady called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Executive Session: At 10:40 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Lucero, seconded by Mr. Hiraki, 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 10:45, it was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Ta'a, and unanimously carried to return to the Board order of business.

Approval of
the Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Ta'a, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive session and the minutes of the open session of the December 11, 2018, Board meeting as circulated.

Executive
Officer's Report:

a) Board Member Status:

Ms. Tamanaha reminded the Board members that, beginning July 1st, only Mr. Hiraki (in his second term) and Mr. Lucero (as a holdover member) would be remaining on the Board.

Ms. Tamanaha thanked the Board members for talking to potential candidates and encouraging them to submit their applications to the Governor's office.

She informed the Board that, unfortunately, despite several candidates submitting applications, nobody was nominated by the Governor's office so far. Ms. Tamanaha stated that she sent multiple emails and made several calls informing the office that the Board will be unable to do business without quorum. Ms. Tamanaha received assurances that the Governor's office will work to appoint members on an interim basis. No more details were provided.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory
Matters:

Vice-Chair Brady called for a recess from the Board's meeting at 10:56 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to HRS Chapter 91:

a) In the Matter of Electrician's License of George W. Boeckmann; ENP 2018-11--L

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

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Ta'a, 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.

Following the Board's review, deliberation and discussion on this matter, pursuant to HRS Chapter 91, Vice-Chair Brady announced that the Board was reconvening to the Chapter 92 agenda at 11:01 a.m.

Examinations:

a) January 2019 and March 2019 Exam Results for Electricians and Plumbers:

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

Electricians' Exam (administered January 2019)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	20	4	0	3	4	0	1
Successful	17	2	0	1	2	0	0
Unsuccessful	3	2	0	2	2	0	1

Electricians' Exam (administered March 2019)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	25	3	0	2	5	0	1
Successful	8	1	0	0	2	0	0
Unsuccessful	17	2	0	2	3	0	1

Plumbers' Exam (administered January 2019)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	11	3
Successful	5	2
Unsuccessful	6	1

Plumbers' Exam (administered March 2019)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	12	1
Successful	6	0
Unsuccessful	6	1

b) State Building Code Council's Adoption of the 2017 NEC:

Ms. Tamanaha informed the Board members that, on August 21, 2018, the State Building Code Council adopted the National Electrical Code ("NEC"), 2017 edition, and the Uniform Plumbing Code ("UPC"), 2012 edition, as the state electrical code and the state plumbing code respectively. Ms. Tamanaha stated that, in the past, the Board usually waited for one of the counties to adopt a new edition of the code in order to change the licensing examination. However, currently the State Building Code Council adopts the codes, and individual counties have two years to make amendments specific to their county. If none are made, the code in its entirety will be adopted.

Ms. Tamanaha asked the Board members to consider updating the licensing examination as soon as the State Building Code Council

adopts a new edition of the NEC or UPC, as the counties will follow in two years or less.

Ms. Tamanaha explained that, if the Board decides to update the examinations, the Board's office will inform its exam provider, Prometric. Prometric, in turn, will create a bank of new exam questions and submit it for the review of subject matter experts – usually industry members of the Board, county inspectors, and other experts that the Board might recommend.

Ms. Tamanaha informed the Board members that she will check whether Prometric is able to work on both electrician and plumber examinations at the same time or if the changes would be made one examination at a time.

Vice-Chair Brady stated that it would be a good idea for the Board to move to the most current adopted code.

Mr. Hiraki inquired whether the licensees know ahead of time which code they will be tested on.

Ms. Tamanaha responded that this information is provided to the applicants ahead of time so that they can prepare for the examination. She also clarified that even in the past the examination was based on the edition of the code that was currently adopted by the State, even if some of the counties were using other editions.

Mr. Hiraki stated that he was wondering about the reasons for the difference in passing rates between electricians and plumbers. He questioned whether the plumbers have access to appropriate study guides.

Mr. Lucero responded that, probably, part of the reason is that electricians are allowed to refer to the code during the examination, whereas the plumbers have a closed book examination.

Ms. Tamanaha informed the Board members that, when this decision was made by the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the electrician Board members voted for the open book examination because they felt that this would allow them to ask more difficult questions on the exam using the code book. The plumber Board members at the time did not agree with this point of view, and, therefore, the plumbers' exam is not open book.

Mr. Hiraki state that he feels that it is more+ important for the applicants to learn how use their code book properly and the exam

should be testing how well they are able to use the code book as a reference tool on the job site or in the field.

Mr. Hiraki and Vice-Chair Brady asked Ms. Tamanaha whether she thinks that Prometric would be open to making a change for the plumbers' examination.

Ms. Tamanaha responded that this change would be entirely up to the Board. Prometric will implement the Board's decision. When the transition to a new code is initiated, the Board's office can inform Prometric that the Board made a decision to change the format of the test.

Vice-Chair Brady expressed his opinion that the test should be based on the code book, without any additions that individual counties might have.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Brady, seconded by Mr. Hiraki, and unanimously carried that the Board update its licensing examinations based upon the Code year of the NEC or the UPC adopted by the State Building Code Council, which would be 2017 NEC and 2012 UPC for this examination update; and to change the format of the plumbers' examination to an open book format beginning with the new examination, which will be based on the 2012 UPC.

Applications:

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

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

ABITBOL, NATHANIEL
CARROLL, JOHN
COBB, MATTHEW
DALIGDIG, CHRISTIAN
FAUSTINA, AARON
GOMEZ, CAMILO
HAGMANN, JAKOB
HANAFUSA, ROGER
HATORI, LENNY
HERRERA, ADRIAN
HAUANIO, RYAN
INO, CORY
JOHNSON, YUUKI
JULATON, ALLAN

KURANISHI, SEAN
LEUNG, CHUNFAI
MACKAY IV, JOHN
NISHIOKA, ROSS
NOWAK, RYAN
RODRIGUES, DESMOND
ROSSI, STEVEN
SAKAMOTO, CAMERON
TEIXEIRA, LARRY
THOMPSON, KEVIN
YAMASHITA, CHAZ

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

NONE

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

BURCENA, MARIANO
EGGER, CHAD
KEE CHONG, RODNEY

4. Supervising Electrician (“ES”) – Approved

BACA, JUSTIN
CROPP, DEREK
LINDQUIST, JASON
RAGASA, EDDY-ROGER
SIGHTS, JAMES
STAGE, STEVEN

5. Supervising Industrial Electrician (“ESI”)

NONE

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)

NONE

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”) - Approved

NONE

b. PLUMBERS

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

ALTERADO-TUQUERO, ANTHONY
BOKOLAS, CRUZ
CHOW, KENNEY
DEKOV, VANGEL
EDWARDS, JAMES
HOSKINS, DANIEL
LEIGH, GEORGE
MELETIA-CHING, CYRUS
NEKOTA, DREW
NOHARA, CLAYTON
RAVEY, KENNETH
SAGUCIO, CHRISTOPHER
SALMO III, BENJAMIN
SEGOBIA, IREN
TIMMER, CLAYTON

2. Master Plumber ("PM")

MUNDY, WILLIAM

c. DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

CARROLL, ZACHARY (EJ)
HASHIMOTO, BRANDON (EJ)
LAU HEE, KAE0 (EJ)
LE, JOHNY (EJ)
MAKIDA, DRAKE (EJ)
PETERSON, CHRISTOPHER (EJ)
RICKARD, DAVID (EJ)
SATO, KEVIN (EJ)
ANDERSON, DAVID (EJ)
RAMONES, OSCAR (PJ)
RUSNELL, CHRISTOPHER (PM)

d. REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION WAIVER

LUCZON, EARL (EJS) – Approved pending
submission of CE certificate
SALMO III, BENJAMIN (PJ) – Approved pending
submission of CE certificate

e. RATIFICATIONS

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

AKI, JANN-LOUIS
ALENCASTRE, JORDAN

ARIKAWA, JESSE
BIVEN, BRONSON
CORPUZ, FORTUNATO
CRUM JR., CALAVIN
DICKERSON, TODD
GARDUQUE JR, ANTHONY
GOMEZ, JESSE
GRBIC, OSMAN
KINNINGHAM, BRADLEY
MARTIN, ROYCE
MCEACHRAN, JAMIESON
MOOR, AARON
RENON, DELMAR
REZENTES, JUSTIN
THAI, DENNIS

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)

KOA, JOVIN
LUCZON, EARL
RARANGOL, WERDELL
ROSARIO, SHANE

Supervising Electrician (ES)

MCDONALD, RANALD
THOMAS, BENEDICT

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

BARTOLOME JR., ROGELIO
KENOLIO, PAUL
RANDGEL, CHRISTOPHER
RIBAO, ALVERNE
LEWIE, VALENTINE
STRONG, STEPHEN

Master Plumber (PM)

ANDRES, MICHAEL
TODOROV, DIMITRE

Act 35, SLH
2010 Update

The Executive Officer informed the Board that, University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College approved the following electrical academic coursework:

- Local Union #24 IBEW and Maryland Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association Inc.;

- North Dakota State College of Science Electrical Program.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

- Announcement:
- a. Next Applications Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
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 - b. Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
10:30 a.m.
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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

05/27/19

[x] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____