

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Present: Phillip Lucero, Industry Member, Chairperson Pro Tem/Chairperson
Randal Hiraki, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Charles Tanabe, Industry Member
Sheung Wong, Industry Member
Robert Barrett, Public Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Charlene Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Mika Miyasato, Executive Officer
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary

Guests: Christopher Peterson, Applicant
Matt Brady, Local Union 675
Kika Bukoski, Local Union 675
Ryan Takahashi – Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program (“HEMEP”)

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 Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

Welcome New Board Members: Chair Pro Tem welcomed new board members Charles Tanabe, Robert Barrett, and Sheung Wong. Ms. Tamanaha thanked them for their service and explained that there is still one public member vacancy. Ms. Tamanaha informed the Board members that Mr. Charles Tanabe and Mr. Sheung Wong were appointed by the Governor on July 1, 2019, to serve on the Board on an interim basis, effective immediately and to expire on the last day of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature. Mr. Tanabe will

be filling the Board's electrician vacancy and Mr. Wong will be filling the Board's plumber vacancy.

Approval of the Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Barrett, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive session and the minutes of the open session of the July 12, 2019, Board meeting as circulated.

Election of Officers:

Chair Pro Tem requested that Board members could either indicate their interest in or nominate member(s) for the position of Board Chairperson. Mr. Hiraki nominated Mr. Lucero for the position. Mr. Tanabe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried to elect Mr. Lucero as the Board Chairperson.

Chair Lucero requested that Board members could either indicate their interest in or nominate member(s) for the position of Board Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Lucero nominated Mr. Hiraki for the position. Mr. Wong seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried to elect Mr. Hiraki as the Board Vice-Chairperson.

Executive Officer's Report:

a) Boards and Commissions orientation – October 11, 2019

Ms. Tamanaha briefed the Board members of the upcoming Boards and Commissions orientation on October 11, 2019 at the State Capitol Auditorium. She informed them that the orientation is open to all Board members and encouraged them to attend, as the speakers will go over informative topics that will be encountered during board meetings.

Chapter 91, HRS Adjudicatory Matters:

None.

Examinations:

a) July 2019 Exam Results for Electricians and Plumbers:

Ms. Tamanaha distributed the following results of the Electricians' and Plumbers' examinations:

Electricians' Exam (administered July 2019)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	37	7	1	1	6	0	1
Successful	28	3	1	1	5	0	0
Unsuccessful	9	4	0	0	1	0	1

Plumbers' Exam (administered July 2019)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	24	2
Successful	13	1
Unsuccessful	11	1

Applications: It was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications as noted.

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

AKUI, RONALD
ARMSTEAD, JR, THOMAS
BALISACAN, PHILIP
BOLDT, JOSEPH
BRION, SHERWIN
CADINA, DILLON
CHANG, JR, DAVID
HERNANDEZ, RENANTE
HESTER, JEFFREY
IRBY, BENJAMIN
KAAHU-AHO, KELII
KAAWA, LEIZER
MAKIDA, DRAKE
ORTIZ, VALENTE
OSINTSEV, IVAN
SALES, BRYAN
SHAFER, DRAKE
TAGALICUD, CHRISTOPHER
VASCONCELLOS, TYLER
VROOMAN, ALEXANDER
WAMBERG, CHRISTIAN
YOUNG, PATRICK

2. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician ("EJI") -
Approved

NONE

3. Journey Worker Specialty Electrician ("EJS") –
Approved

AWAKUNI, PAUL
KOTOMORI, ROSS
MALLARI, PAULO
MATSUURA, BRENT
TORRES, ALDWIN

4. Supervising Electrician (“ES”) – Approved

ATKINS, MICHAEL
BRAMEL, LAWRENCE
HICKS, JARED
PERDUE, WILLIAM

5. Supervising Industrial Electrician (“ESI”)- Approved

NONE

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician (“ESS”)

NONE

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”) - Approved

NONE

b. PLUMBERS

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

ANGEL-FRANCO, ALEJANDRO
AUGUSTRIO, ZAINE
BAUTISTA, SHAFF
DAVIS, LADNIN
HEE, RACINE
KAPOI, DANIEL
KIM, JAMES
KNOEPKE, JOSEPH
KODAMA, MARTIN
MAU, KEAHI
MEDEIROS, DEON
PERATTA, DYLAN
RAYNO, STANTON
REECE, JASON
REIMANN, VAN
SCHMIDT, SEAN

STANTCHEV, ANTONIO
SUNIO, ROBERT
SWANSON, ZACH

2. Master Plumber (“PM”) - Approved

BEYER, SCOTT
CANTU, ELIAS

c. RATIFICATIONS

RODRIGUEZ EGANA, FELIPE (EJ)
TACHIBANA, STEFAN (EJ)

Act 35, SLH 2010
Regarding
Electrical Academic
Coursework:

a) University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College Update
Approved Curricula

Ms. Tamanaha reviewed the additional academic coursework approved by the University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College that will now be accepted.

New Business:

a) Experience Verification Form – Plumber Only

Ms. Tamanaha explained that the experience verification form distributed contained revisions that were previously recommended by the Committee during the last meeting. Ms. Tamanaha asked the Board members if additional changes are needed or if they want to move forward with the revisions. Once approved, Ms. Tamanaha and Ms. Miyasato will add the revisions to the application and will work on amending the Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”). Ms. Tamanaha explained that there will be a transition period once the application is revised. From the point that the changes are made, we will need to allow a 90-day grace period for those currently in the application process who already notarized the previous experience verification form. Ms. Tamanaha asked Mr. Brady if he can ask the unions to inform their members that we will be using a new experience verification form. Mr. Brady said that he would be glad to get the word out. Mr. Hiraki also suggested asking the fourth and fifth year teachers to inform their students to use the new form.

It was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the changes to the plumber experience verification form as amended.

b) Legislative Report Pursuant to Act 60 SLH 2018

Ms. Tamanaha provided a copy of the Report Pursuant to Act 60 SLH 2018 submitted in December 2018 for the Board members' information and explained that Act 60 requires yearly reports until 2023 (5 years) and that a 2019 report will be due in December. She advised the Board members to notify her if there are any changes or updates on programs or training listed. Ms. Miyasato has been reaching out to various contacts and has not received any significant updates from last year. The only change is the number of high voltage apprenticeship programs that the Honolulu Community College is supporting.

Ms. Tamanaha reached out to IBEW as to the programs that they have and if there are currently any students in the high voltage apprenticeship program. They currently do not have anyone registered but are ready to start as soon as there is a demand.

Scope:

a) Email correspondence from Ms. Kristine Au, MARYL Group, requesting clarification on whether a plumber's license is required for a fire sprinkler contractor who is installing fire lines.

The Board members reviewed Ms. Au's email dated July 5, 2019. Ms. Tamanaha explained that the inquiry is crossing between the Contractors and the Electricians and Plumbers' statutes and rules. The question about the 1 to 1 ratio falls under the Contractor's law (HRS 444-9.5). The question under the Electricians and Plumbers' purview is if a plumber's license is required to install fire lines.

Mr. Hiraki asked for more information, as the email did not have enough information to be able to tell exactly where the work was being performed. He asked for additional information describing where the work being performed and if it's beyond 5 feet from the building line. If the work performed is within 5 feet of the building, the workers would have to be Hawaii licensed plumbers.

The Board members agreed to defer this agenda item pending additional information.

b) Email inquiry from Anthony Sterling, BakerHostetler, asking whether an electrician's license is required to install new plug-and-play card readers into ATMs.

The Board members reviewed Mr. Sterling's email dated June 9, 2019.

Chair Lucero reviewed HAR 16-80-2 and 3 which states that if the ATM has a cord with an attachment plug, it would be considered an appliance and no license is needed.

Chair Lucero asked for more information, as the email did not have enough information to be able to tell exactly if any hard wiring is involved in the installation or if the ATM machine powers up through a cord with an attachment plug.

The Board members agreed to defer this agenda item pending additional information.

Public Forum: None.

The Board moved back to item 8. Applications.

Executive Session:

At 11:40 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Barrett, 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).

Mr. Peterson entered the room at 11:43 a.m.

At 11:48 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

Mr. Peterson left the room at 11:48 a.m.

At 11:49 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Wong, 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 12:12 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

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

1. Journey Worker Electrician (“EJ”)

PETERSON, CHRISTOPHER - APPROVED
DODSON, SHAWN – APPROVED SUBJECT TO
VERIFICATION OF DISCHARGE
GOLDSMITH, JEFFREY - DEFERRED
MCCORMICK, BRYAN - DEFERRED
RAMIREZ, JUSTIN - APPROVED
RODRIGUEZ, FRANCIS – DEFERRED
STEPHENS, CODY - DEFERRED
WAYMAN, ALEIHA - DEFERRED
WONG, LEN - DEFERRED

2. Journey Worker Plumber (“PJ”)

BRISSETTE, STEPHEN - DEFERRED
DOMINGO, JOEL - DEFERRED
ZHOU, WEI - DEFERRED

Announcement:

a. Next Applications Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
9:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
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b. Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
10:30 a.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Charlene Tamanaha

Charlene Tamanaha
Executive Officer

Taken by:

/s/ Kellie Teraoka

Kellie Teraoka
Secretary

CT: kt

9/9/19

[] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of October 8, 2019