

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 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
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
Carolin James, Secretary

Guests: 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 Lucero called the meeting to order
at 10:35 a.m.

Ms. Tamanaha introduced Carolin James, new secretary assigned to the
Board.

Approval of
Minutes: It was noted that there should be a correction to the meeting date on
page 1 of the minutes of the executive session and the minutes of the
open session. It should read, “Tuesday, August 13, 2019.”

It was moved by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Hiraki, and unanimously
carried to approve the minutes of the executive session and the minutes
of the open session of the August 13, 2019, Board meeting as amended.

Review/Approval
RICO Advisory Ms. Miyasato informed the Board that she received a list of
industry members to serve on the RICO Advisory Committee and

Committee: explained that because of the nature of the work entailed, the names will remain confidential. Ms. Tamanaha explained the nature of RICO's work and the need for industry expertise to aid RICO in its investigations. To avoid parties reaching out to these advisory members during any investigations, it was decided that it's best to keep the information confidential. It was noted that the Board can approve, deny, recommend, and revise the list.

Executive Session: At 10:43 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Tanabe, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session to consider and evaluate the members recommended for the RICO Advisory Committee.

At 10:53 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Tanabe, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

It was moved by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Tanabe, and unanimously carried to approve 2 members on the RICO Advisory Committee list, the addendum language, and to recommend additional Committee members to RICO.

Executive Officer's Report: Ms. Tamanaha reminded Board members of the upcoming Boards and Commissions orientation which will take place at the State Capitol Auditorium on October 11, 2019. She stated that it is important to attend because they will review relevant issues facing the Boards and Commission members, information, and procedures that Board members should familiarize themselves with such as adjudicatory matters and executive sessions.

Chapter 91, HRS Adjudicatory Matters: None.

Examinations: a) September 2019 Exam Results for Electricians and Plumbers:

Ms. Miyasato reviewed the following results of the Electricians' and Plumbers' examinations:

Electricians' Exam (administered September 2019)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	32	7	0	0	6	0	0
Successful	25	3	0	0	1	0	0
Unsuccessful	7	4	0	0	5	0	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered September 2019)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	26	1
Successful	13	0
Unsuccessful	13	1

Applications:

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

a. ELECTRICIANS

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

ARAKAKI, DONOVAN
BIVEN, COLTON
BUCKIUS, ROBERT
FLORES, DIEGO
GUZMAN, MARK
KAMAKE'EAINA, JOSHUA
KAMIOKA, THOMAS
LAMBERT, STERLING
LAO, NHAN
LOANDO, GILBERT JR.
RAMOS, MICHAEL
STEPHENS, CODY
TANIGUCHI, BRYCE
VENTURA, SAM

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

NONE

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

PIASOURAPANYA, DONALD
TAPANG, SHAWN

4. Supervising Electrician ("ES") – Approved

ARKANGEL-KAWAHA, CLIFFORD

5. Supervising Industrial Electrician ("ESI")- Approved

NONE

6. Supervising Specialty Electrician ("ESS")

NONE

7. Maintenance Electrician (“EM”) - Approved

LACSINA, JESUSITO
HO, SEAN

b. PLUMBERS

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

ABREU, JEREMIAH
ALCANTRA, DALTON-JOSEPH
BARRIOS, DANIEL
BARUT, BILLY JOHN
BRISSETTE, STEPHEN
COLBURN, KYLE
DANO, ZACHARIAS
GASPER, STEVEN
HIRATA, ALEXANDER
HORIE, SHANE
KATADA, RANDE
MIKAMURA, TORY
MITCHELL, JESSE
SCULL, LOUIS II
STEVENS, REYN
WATSON, KALEO

2. Master Plumber (“PM”) - Approved

CHANG, EDWARD
POKIPALA, TRACY
SJULLIE, ROBERT
SPENCE, BRETT

c. RATIFICATIONS

NONE

Act 35, SLH 2010
Update Regarding
Electrical Academic
Coursework:

- a) University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College
Approved Curricula

Ms. Tamanaha stated that we received a letter that Kaplan Career Institute was approved but is unsure of which licensure categories the approval applies. She is waiting for the Honolulu Community College to provide us with the curriculum (EJ, EJI, or approved for all classifications). This agenda item will be deferred and the PVL website will be updated when the information is confirmed.

Unfinished
Business:

a) Experience Verification Form – Plumber Only

The updated Plumbers experience verification form, reflecting the Boards' approved revisions, has been updated on the PVL website. Ms. Tamanaha stated that at the last meeting the Board determined that there should be a 90-day transition period. Moving forward, after the 90 days, applicants will start receiving deficiencies if they are not using the new form. She asked the Board to consider that some of the applicants had their employer sign off on their hours when leaving the company, so they may submit the old form since it was previously signed and notarized. Board members must be aware that there may be situations that will require the Board to accept the old forms, as it may be difficult to reach the former employer, or that employer may have died. She advised that the Board could still request for a project list to determine that the applicant meets the experience requirement.

b) Legislative Report Pursuant to Act 60 SLH 2018

Ms. Miyasato stated, there are minimal updates and the information has been compiled and submitted to the Director's office for review. Ms. Tamanaha will provide a copy of the final report once it is available.

Scope:

a) Update on 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 discussed the inquiry and referenced Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") 16-80-3, which states:

"Plumbing work" means the business, trade, or work having to do with the installation, maintenance, extension, and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with any of the following: Sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, venting systems, potable water-supply systems, and fuel systems within or adjacent to any building, or conveyance; also the practice of and materials used in installation, maintenance, or extension of any storm-waste, liquid-waste, sewage, or potable water-supply systems of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal. **However, this provision shall not prohibit other properly licensed contractors from performing any exterior piping work five feet or more outside the building line without licensed plumbers.**

The Board determined that based solely on the information provided in the email, as the work is being performed inside of the building, a plumber's license is required to perform the installation of the fire lines. In regard to the question about whether the 1:1 ratio must be met, that falls within the purview of the Contractor's License Board.

In accordance with HAR §16-201-90, the above interpretation is for informational and explanatory purposes only. It is not an official opinion or decision, and thus, is not binding on the Board.

b) Email correspondence from Susan & Ryan Ishizu, Picturesque Laser Décor, inquiring as to whether an electrician's license is required to install neon signs.

Chair Lucero stated that purchasing a UL listed product and modifying the product would require a licensed electrician, because there would be no way to know if the voltage has been altered.

Mr. Hiraki stated that cutting and soldering are major modifications.

The Board discussed modifying a UL listed product would require an EJ or EJS, as this would no longer be a "plug and play" appliance. Because UL listed products should not be modified, this poses a public safety concern, as it could result in fire and/or damages.

Mr. Barrett, questioned, "why they would need to hire an electrician if they are the manufacturers of the neon signs?"

Mr. Hiraki and Ms. Miyasato clarified that in the original email, the inquirer states they are purchasing UL listed products, cutting and soldering them to manufacture the signs.

Ms. Tamanaha stated that, the Board's position has been that, any hard wiring requires a licensed electrician.

Mr. Wong asked if it would be possible for the inquirers to come to the next board meeting to show the Board what their work entails.

Mr. Hiraki stated that it's important to reiterate that public safety is the main concern because there is a potential fire hazard, which poses a safety concern and a high risk of liability if the Board approves them to conduct such work.

It was decided that more information is needed before any decision could be determined.

The Board requested schematic drawings that illustrate the soldering terminations, connections, and the location of the transformers they intend to assemble. They may use a sign that they have made as an example. The Board also requested a copy of the installation manuals for the LED Neon rope lights that they are using.

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

Public Forum: Mr. Takahashi asked for clarification on 10a. The Board verified that 10a was discussed and they were at a consensus that any work to be performed in a building, or within five feet of any building, requires a licensed plumber.

The Board moved back to item 7. Applications.

Executive Session: At 11:38 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 11:45 a.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 Chair Lucero, seconded by Mr. Barrett, and unanimously carried to approve/defer the following applications as noted:

1. Journey Worker Electrician ("EJ")

MIRANDA, MELVIN (EJ) - DEFERRED
OROZCO, JAVIER (EJ) - DEFERRED
PFOST, RYAN (EJ) - DEFERRED
PUODZIUNAS, MATTHEW (EJ) - DEFERRED
ROBERTS, BRUCE (EJ) - DEFERRED
SIM, TREVOR (EJ) - DEFERRED

2. Journey Worker Industrial Electrician ("EJI")

ANDERSON, DAVID (EJI) - DEFERRED
PAGADUAN, TRAVIS (EJI) - DEFERRED

3. Supervising Electrician ("ES")

AKI, HOUSTON - APPROVED

4. Journey Worker Plumber ("PJ")

CARVALHO, BENJAMIN - APPROVED
TEICHROEB, LANCE - DEFERRED

Announcement: a. Next Applications Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
9:30 a.m.
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b. Next Board Meeting

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10:30 a.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned
at 11:46 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Charlene Tamanaha

Charlene Tamanaha
Executive Officer

Taken by:

/s/ Carolin James

Carolin James
Secretary

CT: cj
10/18/19

[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____