

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/96101715147>

Present: Phillip Lucero, Industry Member, Chairperson
Randal Hiraki, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Charles Tanabe, Industry Member
Robert Barrett, Public Member
Jason Takara, Public Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer
Charlene Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary
Karyn Takahashi, Secretary to DCCA Director Catherine P.
Awakuni Colón
Terry Akasaka-Toyama, Secretary to DCCA Deputy Director Jo
Ann M. Uchida Takeuchi
Sal L. Nicosia, Senior Systems Engineer, State Office of Enterprise
Technology Services (“ETS”)

Excused: Sheung Wong, Industry Member

Guests: Lei Fukumura, Special Deputy Attorney General
Candace Ito, Executive Officer
Ryan Takahashi
Malcolm Barcarse
Taylor Takeuchi

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”).

A brief video regarding the virtual board meeting, including meeting
procedures and helpful information regarding how members of the

public can participate and interact with the board during the meeting, was played.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Lucero called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Chair Lucero, Vice Chair Hiraki, Mr. Tanabe, Mr. Barrett, and Mr. Takara confirmed that they were present.

Chair Lucero reminded attendees that all microphones will be muted. If anyone would like to speak, they should raise their hand and when called upon they will be limited to five minutes of testimony per agenda item.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Vice Chair Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Barrett, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the open session of the February 4, 2020, Board meeting as circulated.

It was moved by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Hiraki, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive session of the February 4, 2020, Board meeting as circulated.

Chapter 91
HRS Adjudicatory
Matters

Chair Lucero called for a recess from the meeting at 10:41 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS:

- a) In the Matter of the Electrician License of Ody B. Duldulao, ENP 2018-18-L

The Board reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Takara, seconded by Mr. Barrett and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Prior to Filing a Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

New Business:

- a) Virtual Continuing Competency Courses
 - 1) Inquiry from the Community Colleges regarding the ability to conduct online continuing competency courses for plumbers as is allowed for electricians complying with the Board's requirement that there be audio and visual connectivity for interaction between the instructor and students.

Chair Lucero asked if there are any members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item, to which there were none.

Ms. Green asked if the Board would like to consider allowing continuing competency courses online for both electricians and plumbers to be delivered in such a manner that there is instructor and student interaction with audio and video connectivity, which also allows for visual confirmation that the student was present for the duration of the course.

Ms. Green explained that due to pandemic, permission was given to the community colleges to conduct the electrician's continuing competency courses online with open audio and visual connectivity. This allowed the students or instructors to ask questions as needed. This discussion is to consider allowing plumbers to do the same.

Mr. Barrett asked if the online courses will be permanent going forward, or only allowed during the pandemic. Ms. Green stated that some licensees live on another island or on the mainland and are unable to travel to Oahu take the exam so online courses would be beneficial.

Ms. Tamanaha explained that the Board should consider online courses because this is the new normal and community colleges will not be able to conduct in-person classes for a while. Based on the previous approval for the electricians, the online course would be equivalent to an in-person instruction. Ms. Tamanaha suggested that the Board may want to allow these online courses moving forward, even after the pandemic. Community colleges, especially on the neighbor island, are often unable to hold in-person classes due to not meeting the minimum requirements of students. Students then need fly to Oahu to take their exam since there are more classes available here.

Chair Lucero agreed that the universities are moving forward with online, virtual education so the Board should follow as long as there is audio and visual one-on-one contact to allow for student/teacher interaction.

Mr. Barrett asked for clarification as to why the online courses were previously approved only for the electricians, but not for plumbers?

Ms. Tamanaha explained that the online courses was approved for the electricians based on their renewal dates which are different from the plumbers. This would allow plumbers to complete their continuing competency requirements before the upcoming renewal.

Vice Chair Hiraki feels that this is fair for students because if not, it could jeopardize their pay scale. He feels that the Board should support students and workers as much as possible, especially in this tight economy.

Mr. Takara feels that the Board should make as many programs available online as possible. He asked if there is a baseline minimum for other programs which applicants can utilize to achieve what they need to better their pay scale?

Ms. Green clarified that the Board has designated the community colleges as providers of the required education component for licensure. If the applicant utilizes another provider, the applicant can send the course information to Honolulu Community College for approval. If the curriculum is approved by Honolulu Community College, then it is accepted for licensure requirements.

Ms. Tamanaha explained that the statute designates community colleges as providers for both the initial license exam and the continuing education courses and they have the ability to approve curriculum.

Mr. Tanabe added that he is in favor of enhancing the student's ability to receive competency virtually.

It was moved by Vice Chair Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Takara, and unanimously carried approve the community colleges to conduct online virtual continuing competency courses that are required for electricians and plumbers, so long as they are complying with the Board's requirement that there be audio and visual connectivity for the duration of the class, to allow for interaction between the instructor and students.

Executive
Session:

At 11:26 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Tanabe, 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 11:37 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Takara, seconded by Vice Chair Hiraki, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

Applications:

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

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

BAUTISTA, BEN - APPROVED
BURATTI, KALANI -DEFERRED
BOSS, KELTON-DEFERRED
CHONG, RYLEY-DEFERRED
DERRAMAS, JIM-DEFERRED
DOWLING, DUSTIN-APPROVED
HANSON, TRENTON-APPROVED
HEIDER, KIRK-APPROVED
HERMANO, JR., MANUEL-DEFERRED
HERRAS, JAMES-DEFERRED
JENKINS, GABRIEL-APPROVED
KOYAMA, BRIAN-APPROVED
KRANICK, DANIEL-DEFERRED
LODEVICO, JETHRO-APPROVED
MANCINI, JESSE-APPROVED
MILLO, MICHAEL-DEFERRED
OREM, LUKE – DEFERED FROM 02/04/2020 MEETING-
APPROVED
PACHECO, DANIEL-APPROVED
PACHECO, JONATHAN-APPROVED
PROVO, WILLIAM-APPROVED
ROWLAND, KA'AUKAI-APPROVED
SWEENEY, KENNETH-APPROVED
SZURGOT, DOUGLAS-APPROVED
VIERNES, GAMALIEL-APPROVED

Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (EJI)

NONE

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)

AKI, SHELDON-APPROVED

DEGUZMAN, SONNY-DEFERRED
LEOPOLDO, JR., KALABOY-DEFERRED

Supervising Electrician (ES)
LETULLIER, FRANK-APPROVED
MEDEIROS, CHRISTOPHER-APPROVED

Supervising Industrial Electrician (ESI)
NONE

Supervising Specialty Electrician (ESS)
NONE

Maintenance Electrician (EM)
KIM, CHANBUEN-APPROVED

b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)
ALBANO, OJI-APPROVED
BAKER, MICHAEL-APPROVED
CHING, JASHOON-APPROVED
DIXON, MARTIN-DEFERRED
DOMINGO, JOEL – DEFERRED FROM 08/13/19 MEETING-
APPROVED
GANITOEN, JUSTIN-APPROVED
GUIKING, JAYAR-APPROVED
IBEA, HAROLD-APPROVED
KENT, MARK-APPROVED
LAGAMAY, JOSHUA-APPROVED
LAYCO, JUSTIN-APPROVED
LEE, ANDREW-APPROVED
LIGHTFOOT, ANDREW-APPROVED
NAVARRO, JONAH-APPROVED
OLSON, ERIC-APPROVED
QUARTO, JORDAN-APPROVED
RIVAS, BENJAMIN-APPROVED
SUAN, TERRENCE-APPROVED
TAKAYAMA, SHAWN-APPROVED
ZHOU, WEI TAI-DEFERRED

Master Plumber (PM)
DANO, JUSTIN-APPROVED
SILIADO, II, PETTON-APPROVED

c) Ratifications

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

AKAHI, KUAKEA
CONARD, BENJAMIN
CRIBBS, DAVID
DEMELLO, DARIUS
EVERS, LARRY
JUAN, GLENN
LABENNE, BROCK
NELSON, ROBERT
PHONGSAVATH, MARK
RUHD, TIMOTHY
SWANSON, JOSEPH
USHIJIMA, KELLEN
WEST, JORDAN

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)

BALINBIN, RICHARD
DILL, TIMOTHY
TAKASAWA, ADAM

Supervising Electrician (ES)

MARR, MICHAEL
MCCARTHY, ROBERT
MORRISON, WILLAIM
TRAUGHBER, MELVIN

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

AOIKI, AUSTIN
BROWN, HARLAND
CASTILLO, ALLENREY
HIGA, JR., CALVIN
KAANAANA, JUSTIN
MORALES, NOAH
NAKANISHI, STEVEN
RILO, PULEESEA
SMIT, ERIK
SMITH, BRYAN
YOUNG, TYSON

Master Plumber (PM)

VAUGHAN, JOSHUA

Act 35, SLH 2010 a) University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College
Update Regarding Approved Curricula
Electrical Academic
Coursework: Southern California Institute of Technology – EJ
The Electrical Training Company – EJ
College of Southern Idaho – EJ
Boise State University – EJ
North Idaho College – EJ
Anchorage School District, Martin Luther King, Jr. Technical
High School – EJ
Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis; and Indianapolis
Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee – EJ
Emily Griffith Opportunity School, Denver, Colorado – EJ
Saskatchewan Polytechnic – EJ
National Center for Construction Education and Research -
EJ
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – EJS
Ashworth College – EM
LU-112-NECA Electrical JATC – ES

Announcement: a) Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Location: To Be Determined

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned
at 11:52 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Lei Ana Green

Lei Ana Green
Executive Officer

Taken by:

/s/ Kellie Teraoka

Kellie Teraoka
Secretary

LG: kt

8/13/20

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____