

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/91392448801>

Present: Phillip Lucero, Industry Member, Chairperson
Charles Tanabe, Industry Member
Robert Barrett, Public Member
Jason Takara, Public Member
Sheung Wong, Industry Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer
Charlene Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Rise Doi, Executive Officer
Chelsea Fukunaga, Executive Officer
Candace Ito, Executive Officer
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary
Erin Emerson, Secretary (training)
Micah Cadalzo, Secretary (training)

Excused: Randal Hiraki, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson

Guests: Keith Owens
Malcolm Barcarse
Ryan Takahashi
Aaron Deraleau
Taylor Kaina-Holton

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 10:34 a.m.

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

Vice-Chair Hiraki was not present and excused by Chair Lucero.

Chair Lucero provided verbal instructions to attendees on how to connect to the meeting via internet or through phone access. He 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:

Chair Lucero asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

It was moved by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Takara, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the open session and the minutes of the executive session of the October 6, 2020, Board meeting as distributed.

Elections:

Chair Lucero asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

Chair Lucero opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Chairperson. He added that the election of officers is required to be held annually. Mr. Barrett nominated Mr. Lucero for the position.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tanabe, seconded by Mr. Wong, it was voted on and unanimously carried to re-elect Mr. Lucero as the Board's Chairperson

Chair Lucero opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Vice Chairperson. Chair Lucero nominated Mr. Hiraki for the position.

Upon a motion by Mr. Takara, seconded by Mr. Tanabe, it was voted on and unanimously carried to re-elect Mr. Hiraki as the Board's Vice Chairperson.

Applications:

Chair Lucero asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

Mr. Owens raised his hand and was recognized by Chair Lucero to present oral testimony.

Mr. Owens introduced himself and stated that he is applying for the third time for a journey worker electrician (“EJ”) license. He previously applied in 2015 but let his application lapse in 2017. Between then and now, the requirements, specifically the educational hours, have changed.

Mr. Owens explained that he completed over 1,500 hours in an apprenticeship program while in high school, an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (“IBEW”) in a joint venture with the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (“ABC”) program. He stated that his application was being denied due to the missing coursework hours, as his apprenticeship program was not included on the Board’s approved coursework list.

Mr. Owens noted that when new rules take into effect, there is usually a grandfather rule for those who previously applied. He mentioned he is also in the process of re-applying for his electrical contractor license. He noted he is aware that an exam needs to be taken.

Mr. Owens circled back to his initial inquiry of his current hours not being compliant to the current rules. Will he have to reach the minimum hours of 240 or will his apprenticeship program experience, being previously licensed in the state of Hawaii, and being currently licensed in 12 other states suffice with the current requirements?

Chair Lucero stated that as Mr. Owens’ license lapsed and he is currently reapplying for licensure, the Board needs to follow the requirements in HRS section 448E-5, including the academic coursework requirements that went into effect on July 01, 2013.

Mr. Owens stated his previous EJ exam was taken in 2015. He claims that he should have been required to submit his 240 hours when he previously took his exam as the new rule took effect in 2013. He reiterated that his apprenticeship program was previously accepted in 2015 and should be allowed as it was through a joint program with IBEW and the ABC apprenticeship program.

Ms. Green informed Mr. Owens that the academic coursework requirements, and instructions for coursework not completed at the University of Hawaii (“UH”), were sent to him via email. Ms. Green

also noted that, as stated in the email, it is possible to request for his coursework and technical training to be reviewed by UH to see if it qualifies, however all information needs to be submitted to UH so they can review the content of the program that was completed.

Ms. Tamanaha further explained the application process. Being that Mr. Owens applied in 2015 for a second time, if he had submitted his application prior to that date, it may have allowed him to meet the older requirements prior to the new rules taking into effect. Without his previous application in front of her, she is not able to determine the reason why the educational component was not asked of him at the time of his application.

Chair Lucero stated that the Board is required to follow the law, which includes HRS section 448E-5 and the academic coursework requirement that took effect on July 01, 2013, and thanked Mr. Owens for his time and testimony.

Executive
Session:

At 10:54 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Barrett, and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with 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 11:12 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

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

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)
CREPEAU, BENJAMIN - APPROVED
DERALEAU, AARON - APPROVED
GANIR, ALLEN - APPROVED
KAAEKUAHIWI, JAKAN - APPROVED
LOBOSCO, ANDREW - APPROVED
KAINA-HOLTON, TAYLOR - APPROVED
KAMA, PUNOHOU - DEFERRED

MAKANUI, PERRY -- APPROVED
MEREDITH, LAION - APPROVED
MILLO, MICHAEL - APPROVED
NAGY, SPENCER - DEFERRED
OWENS, KEITH - DEFERRED APPLICATION; DENIED WAIVER
OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
POPA, NICHOLAS - APPROVED
RENNOE-ALAPAI, KEONE- APPROVED
RICHARDS, LEIGHTON - APPROVED
ROMEO, MICHAEL - APPROVED
SHAFFER, JOSEPH - DEFERRED
SMITH, JIMMY - DEFERRED
SUGIMURA, TRAVIS - APPROVED
SUZUKI, BRIAN - APPROVED
TAKATANI, BLAKE - APPROVED
UYEDA, DANIEL - APPROVED
WONG, TERREL-KOBE - APPROVED
YAMANE, REID - APPROVED

Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (EJI)
NONE

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)
CORREIA, MAKANA - APPROVED

Supervising Electrician (ES)
WILLIAMS, DANA - APPROVED

Supervising Industrial Electrician (ESI)
NONE

Supervising Specialty Electrician (ESS)
NONE

Maintenance Electrician (EM)
NIEMEYER, ERIC - DEFERRED

b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)
ASATO, NOLAN - APPROVED
EDRADO, ANTHONY - APPROVED
DOMINGO, ARES - APPROVED
DYE, AARON - APPROVED
HEINZ, GREGORY - DEFERRED

KAMEALOHA-ESTAVILLO, COREY - APPROVED
DULDULAO, JUNATHAN - DEFERRED
SACAPULO-UEPA, WILLIAM - APPROVED

Master Plumber (PM)
BUZBY, THEODORE - APPROVED
RIDGELY, PAUL - APPROVED

c) Ratifications

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)
NAKAMURA, NICHOLAS

Act 35, SLH 2010
Update Regarding
Electrical Academic
Coursework:

a) Chair Lucero asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College
Approved Curricula

- Electrical Training Alliance IBEW-NECA - EJ

Announcement:

a) Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 02, 2021
10:30 a.m.
Location: To Be Determined

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Lei Ana Green

/s/ Kellie Teraoka

Lei Ana Green
Executive Officer

Kellie Teraoka
Secretary

LG: kt

12/18/20

[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____