

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 6, 2021

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/96085599867>

Present: Randal Hiraki, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Charles Tanabe, Industry Member
Sheung Wong, Industry Member
Robert Barrett, Public Member
Jason Takara, Public Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary
Micah Cadalzo, Secretary
Faith Nishimura (technical support)
Susan Reyes, Secretary (technical support)
Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer (training)
James Skizewski, Executive Officer (training)
Jenny Yam, Executive Officer (training)
Candace Ito, Executive Officer

Excused: Phillip Lucero, Industry Member, Chairperson

Guests: Cody Bright
Darrell McDonald
James
Ryan Takahashi, Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement
Program
Kika Bukoski

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, Vice Chair Hiraki called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Vice Chair Hiraki, Mr. Tanabe, Mr. Wong, and Mr. Barrett confirmed that they were present. Chair Lucero was unable to attend this meeting.

Mr. Takara left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. due to technical difficulties and re-joined at 10:36 a.m. Mr. Takara confirmed that he was present.

Vice Chair Hiraki 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: Vice Chair Hiraki 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. Tanabe, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the open session and the minutes of the executive session of the February 2, 2021, Board meeting as distributed.

Executive Officer's Report: Vice Chair Hiraki asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

a) Exam Results for Electricians and Plumbers:

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

Plumbers' Exam (administered March 2021)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	20	3
Successful	13	2
Unsuccessful	7	1

Electricians' Exam (administered March 2021)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	26	6	0	0	7	0	0
Successful	7	5	0	0	1	0	0
Unsuccessful	19	1	0	0	6	0	0

Applications:

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

- a) Plumber applicant experience with work performed under a plumbing code other than the UPC.

The Board discussed whether they would accept plumbing experience with work performed under a plumbing code other than the Uniform Plumbing Code ("UPC"). The inquiry came from an applicant with experience in the Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code ("WUPC") and from another applicant with experience in the Illinois Plumbing Code. Ms. Green reviewed an excerpt from the October 16, 2012, meeting minutes where the Board previously discussed accepting electrical experience performed under a code other than the National Electrical Code ("NEC"). The minutes noted the Board discussed accepting foreign experience if an applicant was licensed in Canada or participated in an Australian apprenticeship program and the requirements for licensure were similar to the Hawaii requirements, except for the NEC experience. After discussion, the Board decided that they would accept foreign experience provided that the applicant has at least 2 years and 4,000 hours of experience working under licensed electricians in compliance with the NEC.

Historically, the Board has only accepted plumbing work performed in compliance with the UPC. Hawaii Administrative Rules section 16-80-3 states:

The Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) with amendments as adopted by each county is recognized by each county as the minimum requirement and standard of performing plumbing work.

Ms. Green asked the Board if they could determine if the experience in another plumbing code is equivalent to or greater than the UPC requirements. Mr. Wong stated that he would need to conduct more research to find out the differences

between the WUPC and the UPC before he is able to make a determination. Vice Chair Hiraki agreed and is interested to see how the two codes vary. Mr. Takara suggested looking into Wisconsin's training program, and to reach out to their union, to help determine if the applicant meets the minimum qualifications for licensure in Hawaii.

Ms. Green asked about the differences between the UPC and the International Plumbing Code ("IPC"). Mr. Wong stated that the IPC is a watered-down version of the UPC; it is less stringent, with more variables. The Board has previously not accepted the IPC because its standards are not equivalent to that of the UPC and the Board would like to maintain the standards of the UPC for licensure requirements.

Ms. Green will ask the applicant for a copy of the WUPC code book.

Mr. Takara added that there are similarities with the adoption of fire codes. If a county adopts a fire code, it must be the national code and amendments must be more stringent than the current national code. If Wisconsin adopted the UPC, perhaps they were able to make amendments to make it stricter for their own jurisdiction. He also discussed reciprocity where one code recognizes the requirements of another code.

Vice Chair Hiraki stated that the IPC is more lenient than UPC and is unsure where the WUPC falls as it may not have the same requirements and meet the same standards as the UPC.

The Board's consensus was to defer this agenda item, pending additional research and to request a copy of the WUPC code book.

Executive
Session:

At 10:53 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Takara, 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 11:21 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 Vice Chair Hiraki, seconded by Mr. Wong, and unanimously carried to approve/defer/ratify the following applications as noted.

b) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

ABAT, TALON - APPROVED
ALMEIDA, KALOEIA - APPROVED
ANCHONDO, RUBEN - DEFERRED
BONDS, KEKOA-IKAIKA - APPROVED
CASTANEDA, MARIO - APPROVED
CHUN, JASON - APPROVED
CONE, DONALD - APPROVED
DEMADDIS, MICHAEL - APPROVED
ESLAVA, JOHN - APPROVED
HIRAYAMA, PETER - APPROVED
IMAI, MATTHEW - APPROVED
JAECKEL, CHRISTOPHER - DEFERRED
KEALOHA, CONRAD - DEFERRED
KIM, GAVIN - APPROVED
MARZAN, JAMES - APPROVED
MORIKAWA, ELAN - APPROVED
ONUMA, CODY - APPROVED
PETERS, HENRY - APPROVED
PUCONG, IAN - APPROVED
SMITH, JIMMY - APPROVED
TOGASHI, TREYCER - APPROVED
ULRICH, DEREK - APPROVED
WHALEY, JUSTIN - APPROVED
WILLETT, JUSTIN - DEFERRED
WINHAM, MONICA - APPROVED
YUEN, RICHARD - APPROVED

Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (EJI)

WON, CLIFTON - APPROVED

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)

SWAFFORD, JAMES - APPROVED

Supervising Electrician (ES)

NAMANNY, SCOTT - APPROVED
SHAM, JARED - APPROVED

Supervising Industrial Electrician (ESI)

NONE

Supervising Specialty Electrician (ESS)

NONE

Maintenance Electrician (EM)

NIEMEYER, ERIC - APPROVED

RAMOS, LEX - APPROVED

c) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

ABIVA, BRADEN - APPROVED

CLYMER, BRENT - APPROVED

ESPINDOLA-MAIO, SHOGAN - APPROVED

GAISOA, CALVIN - APPROVED

HEINZ, GREGORY - APPROVED

LUCEY, ADDISON - DEFERRED

MAINA, SAVEA - APPROVED

MCDONALD JR, DARRELL - APPROVED

NE (IV), ALBERT - APPROVED

PUKINI, GARY - DEFERRED

RODRIGUES, JASON - APPROVED

RULONA, RONI - APPROVED

SILAO, CURTIS - APPROVED

SORANAKA, MATTHEU - APPROVED

STEVENSON, GIOVANNI - APPROVED

YANNELL, SPENCER - APPROVED

Master Plumber (PM)

NONE

d) Ratifications

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

SOFA, KEVIN - APPROVED

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)

SUGUITAN, JOSHUA - APPROVED

URSUA, CAMERON - APPROVED

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

CADMAN, NATHAN - APPROVED

CALACAL, KENDALL - APPROVED

SANTOS, THIAGO - APPROVED

Act 35, SLH 2010
Update Regarding
Electrical Academic
Coursework:

a) Vice Chair Hiraki 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

- ABC Institute of Florida – EJ
- College of Southern Nevada – EJ
- Utah Electrical Training Alliance – EJ
- New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions - EJ

Announcement:

a) Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
10:30 a.m.
Location: To Be Determined

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 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

4/26/21

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____