

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: PVL Exam Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Sheung Wong, Industry Member, Chairperson
Robert Barrett, Public Member, Vice Chairperson
Nathan Olanda, Industry Member
Charles Tanabe, Industry Member
David Kamakea III, Industry Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Leong”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary
Lausei Taua, Office Assistant

Excused: None

Guests: Michael Puriri
Ryan Takahashi, Hawaii Electricians Training Fund

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Chair Wong, Vice Chair Barrett, Mr. Olanda, Mr. Tanabe, and Mr. Kamakea were present.

Executive Officer Green advised on corrections to be made to the names of the following applicants:

- Under Journey Worker Electrician (EJ), ‘Sinenci, Preston’ should be **Sinenci, Preston Jr.** and ‘Stevenson, Sales’ should be **Sales, Stevenson**

Approval of
Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Kamakea, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session minutes of the October 11, 2022, Board meeting as distributed.

Executive
Officer's Report:

a) Exam Results for Electricians and Plumbers

Executive Officer Green stated that she did not receive the November 2022 exam results, so she will report it at the next Board meeting.

Applications:

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

Mr. Michael Puriri requested to provide oral testimony.

Mr. Puriri shared that he moved to Hawaii. He is a plumbing contractor from the mainland and wants to obtain his journey worker plumber license in Hawaii where he also is looking to start a plumbing business. He has been in the plumbing industry for 40-plus years and has been a journeyman plumber for 30-plus years. In working to complete his application he has been communicating with Ms. Green and thanked the Board for their time.

Chair Wong called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss applications.

At 10:35 a.m., it was moved by Chair Wong, seconded by Mr. Kamakea, 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 11:20 a.m., it was moved by Chair Wong, seconded by Mr. Kamakea, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

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

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

CACACHO, LEAN – APPROVED
CUNNINGHAM, ANDREW – APPROVED
DELA CRUZ, CLIFFORD – APPROVED
HOOPAI-CHONGTIM, JEROME – APPROVED
KIM, JONG – DEFERRED
KNOLES, CAMERON – APPROVED
NAKATA, TRENT – APPROVED
OMPOY, THOMAS – APPROVED
SANCHEZ, JOSHUA – APPROVED
SANTIAGO, AIDYL-MAR – APPROVED
SILVA, EVAN – DEFERRED
SINENCI, PRESTON JR – APPROVED
SIMON, JONATHAN – DEFERRED
SALES, STEVENSON – APPROVED
TAKITANI, JASON – APPROVED
TUZON, RADLEY – APPROVED
WONG, NATHAN – DEFERRED
WU, QUINTON – DEFERRED
YAMAUCHI, EZRA – DEFERRED
ZAPATA, JEFFERSON – APPROVED

Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (EJI)

NONE

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)

HANGAI, KEAN – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Supervising Electrician (ES)

DASCOULIAS, NICHOLAS – APPROVED
SMITH, AARON – APPROVED

Supervising Industrial Electrician (ESI)

NONE

Supervising Specialty Electrician (ESS)

NONE

Maintenance Electrician (EM)

NONE

b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

JOHN, NORMAN – DEFERRED
MEJIA, EKAHIALII – APPROVED
MOLLER, BRAYDEN – APPROVED
MURAYAMA, ROBIN – APPROVED
PASION, LYLE – APPROVED
PURIRI, MICHAEL – APPROVED
TOWNE, JASON – APPROVED
WILLIAMS, PAYNE – APPROVED

Master Plumber (PM)

WARD, CHAZ – APPROVED

c) Ratifications

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

BERNARDI, MARCO
CABRERA, EVIAN
CACATIAN, JHERSEY
CATALFOMO, NATHAN
CORTEZ, MICHAEL
COY, WESLEY
CUMMINGS, DAYLAN
DEJOS, AWAINOHEA
DELA CRUZ, MICAH
ETRATA, FREDERICK
FRY, JOHN
GILMORE, RICHARD
HAUHIO, DAVIDO
IMASAKA, BRYSON
KAM, HOWARD
KAMA, PUNOHOU
KANESHIRO, CHRISTIAN
KAVANAGH, PATRICK
KLOBUCAR, ROBERT
LEE, BENJAMIN
LUM, COREY
LUM, DAYTON
MANUEL, JACKFREY
MATSUSHIMA, KEONE
MOTONAGA, CYRUS
MURPHY, STEVEN
ONAKA, JARED

PEREZA, TYLER
PHILLIPS, BRYCEN
RAMBOYAN, ISAAC
RANION, CHRISTIAN
RESTREPO, ANDRES
SHAULIS, DAVID
TERAYAMA, NOLAN
UDANI, BRANDON
VILLANUEVA, DUSTIN
WEITAI, ZHOU
WINKYAW, JEREMY
YOSHIDA, GUY

Supervising Electrician (ES)

CLOLAN, DAMIEN
REED, BRYCE
VENNEN, CORY

Maintenance Electrician (EM)

AGULLANA, HARVEY
YONEMORI-LARA, KRISTIN

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)

ALCORAN, MICHAEL
ALCORAN, ROLLAND
AWA, JONAH
CARLOS JR, ROMEL
COLBORN, KYLE
FERRERA, STEPHEN
FURUYA, COREY
GABALLO, ANDEN
GABRES-BATOON, RICHLINE
GIBSON II, JAMES
KEA, QUENTIN
KOSUGA, AARON
LAGUNTE, KEKOA
MOYNIHAN, RONAN
NAKATA, CHANDLER
PIVOTTO, DARCE
RIVERA, DORIAN
STISHER, JACKSON
VANNATTA, RYAN
YAMASHIRO, MYRON
YOUNG, HENRY

Master Plumber (PM)

NONE

- d) Requests for Exam Waiver
MURAYAMA, ROBIN (PJ) – DENIED
WARD, CHAZ (PM) – APPROVED

Act 35, SLH 2010
Update Regarding
Electrical Academic
Coursework:

- a) Chair Wong announced the following additions to the electrical academic coursework.

University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College
Approved Curricula

- Grand Rapids Community College – EJ
- Lane Community College – EJS
- Mike Holt Enterprises – EJ

2023 Legislation:

- a) Legislative Report Pursuant to ACT 60, SLH 2018 (update)

DC 106, Rpt; 2022 Board of Electricians and Plumbers Reports; DCCA from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs dated November 30, 2022, transmitting the 2022 Reports of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers pursuant to Act 60, SLH 2018.

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

Ryan Takahashi, Hawaii Electricians Training Fund, introduced himself. He expressed that they were happy with the way the bill was amended to limit the exemption to transmission distribution line work. Moving forward, they will continue to work with the Legislature and are hoping to eliminate the Board's responsibility in the requirement of submitting this annual report. They have been in discussion with IBEW 1260's new legislative coordinator.

Executive Officer Green informed the Board they have been provided with a copy of the final Legislative report, which is available on the Legislature's website. At the Board's October 11, 2022, meeting, Board members reviewed copies of the draft that was sent to the Director's Office prior to its submittal to the Legislature. As the information that is required in the report is outside the purview of the Board, Executive Officer Green reached out to the appropriate offices and agencies to provide the information what is required, in addition to providing additional information relevant to the intent of the report.

Electrician and
Plumber Exams
(update):

a) Exam Administrator Update

Executive Officer Green informed the Board that the transition to PSI, the new exam administrator, created no significant delay in the licensure process as the January exams with Prometric were historically administered near the end of January. With PSI, applicants could begin registering as of January 18, 2023, and exams were administered as of January 23, 2023. She added that the Board's office has been working with applicants and qualified candidates to provide the information they need in order to register for the exam. Eligible candidates who sat for the exam with Prometric but did not pass the exam by December 31, 2022, and are still eligible for the exam, will receive a new exam notice with instructions on registering with PSI.

Exams are offered continuously with PSI. On Oahu, exams are being offered 5 days a week and one weekend per month. On Neighbor Islands, exams are offered once or twice per month. In addition, candidates may register to take the exam anywhere in the nation that PSI has a testing site.

Executive Officer Green advised the Board that if anyone has concerns about the current exam process with PSI, or if they receive feedback from anyone in the industry who is having difficulty registering for the exam, please advise individuals to contact the Board's office for assistance.

Executive Officer Green asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Takahashi asked which electrical code PSI is utilizing and if handbooks would be provided.

Executive Officer Green responded that PSI is utilizing the 2020 National Electrical Code ("NEC") and the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code ('UPC'). PSI's test centers will be providing the 2020 NEC for electricians, which is the only reference that may be utilized during the exam. However, the plumber exams are closed book and no references may be utilized during the exam.

b) Correction from the State Building Code Council on the compliance and amend and adoption dates of the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code that was reported to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers at its October 11, 2022, meeting.

Executive Officer Green stated the following corrections from the State Building Code Council, regarding the compliance and amend and adoption dates of the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code, were provided to the Board's office after the Board's October 11, 2022, meeting was adjourned:

Pursuant to HRS 107-27 Pursuant to HRS 107-27 the design of all State building construction (defined as any building construction project or program initiated by a state agency or requiring the use of state funds, HRS 107-21), shall be in compliance with the model State Plumbing Code by May 19, [2022] **2021**.

Pursuant to HRS 107-28, each individual county has until May 19, [2023] **2022**, to amend and adopt the State Plumbing Code for its respective county building code ordinance. If a county does not amend the State Plumbing Code prior to May 19, [2023] **2022**, the State Plumbing Code shall become applicable as an interim county plumbing code.

Announcements: a) Next Board Meeting

TBD
10:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Lei Ana Green

/s/ Marc Yoshimura

Lei Ana Green
Executive Officer

Marc Yoshimura
Secretary

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3/1/23

[X] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____