

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 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
Charles Tanabe, Industry Member
David Kamakea III, Industry Member
James Paige, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Paige”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

Excused: None

Guests: 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 10:30 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Vice Chair Barrett, seconded by Mr. Kamakea and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session minutes of the January 31, 2023, Board meeting as distributed.

Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters: Chair Wong asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

Hearing that there were none, Chair Wong called for a recess from the meeting 10:31 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS.

- a) ENP 2023-8-L, in the Matter of the Journey Worker Plumber License of Jesse M. Mitchell, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice Chair Barrett, seconded by Mr. Kamakea, and unanimously carried, to approve the aforementioned Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on this matter, pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Wong announced that the Board will reconvene to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Executive
Officer's Report:

- a) Exam Results for Electricians and Plumbers

Executive Officer Green stated that she has not yet received exam results, though she currently working with PSI and the PVL Exam Branch to obtain the results to date.

Executive Officer Green also reminded the Board members to submit their Financial Disclosures by May 31, 2023, and to complete the Ethics Training with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Applications:

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

Hearing that there were none, Chair Wong called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss applications and to consult with the Board's attorney.

At 10:44 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Barrett, 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 10:52 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Kamakea, seconded by Mr. Tanabe, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

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

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)

APAKA, BRENDYN - APPROVED
CARMICKLE, TIMOTHY - APPROVED
DIAZ, GABRIEL - APPROVED
FISHER, JAMES - APPROVED
GABUAT, ZACHARIAH - APPROVED
GANAM, JUSTIN - DEFERRED
GANDEZA, JUDE MAR - APPROVED
GERARDO, CHARLIE BOY - DEFERRED
GRANDE, VICK - DEFERRED
HE, YIHUI - APPROVED
HERRERA, KALENA - APPROVED
HISLOP, HAYDEN - APPROVED
IMAMURA, LORENZO - DEFERRED
JAMILE, WHITNEY - APPROVED
KAHANANUI, MELEHO'ALA - DEFERRED
KNAPP, RYEN - DEFERRED
LAUTHERBOREN JR, RUSSELL - APPROVED
MATYUNIN, EUGENE - APPROVED
MICUA, GLENN - APPROVED
MINDO, RONIE - APPROVED
PACO JR, EDWARD - APPROVED
PAHKALA, STEVEN - APPROVED
PITTMAN, RYAN - APPROVED PENDING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION
PLANK, JOSHUA - APPROVED
RILEY, TYLER - DEFERRED
SIGRAH, JOHN - DEFERRED
SOARES, DUSTIN - DEFERRED
STARR, MICHAEL - APPROVED
VELASCO, TOMAS - DEFERRED
WU, QUINTON - APPROVED
YAMAUCHI, EZRA - APPROVED

Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (EJI)
CARBONELL, ELIJAH - APPROVED

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)
WASSON, KERRY - APPROVED

Supervising Electrician (ES)
VAUGHN, JEREMY - DEFERRED

Supervising Industrial Electrician (ESI)
NONE

Supervising Specialty Electrician (ESS)
NONE

Maintenance Electrician (EM)
NONE

b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)
AGUILAR, KEVIN - APPROVED
ANGELO, RICHARD - APPROVED
ARELLANO, RODOLF - APPROVED
CHINEN, WADE - APPROVED
EMMSLY JR, ELI - APPROVED
HEKEKIA, CHRIS - APPROVED
HYUN, KYUNG - APPROVED
KALAHIKI, JOHN - APPROVED
MANDING, ISAIAH - APPROVED
MANSINON, JAMES - APPROVED
MCNAMARA, CADE - APPROVED
OKUDARA, RANCE - APPROVED
SPERL, LEVI - APPROVED

Master Plumber (PM)
SPENCER, TODD - APPROVED

c) Ratifications

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)
ABURAMEN, TYLER
CADIZ, JONAH
CAMBRA, KALEO

CARMACK, ROBERT
CHEEK, RYAN
CHUNN, GREGORY
DAVIS, CHRISTOPHER
DUARTE, BRYSEN
GOSSELIN, JOSEPH
KAWAIHALAU, BRYNTON
KOBATAKE, TREY
MARHOFER, PAUL
MILLER, BRIAN
NISHIDA, BRYCE
OLSON, KEVIN
RAMOS, JUSTIN
REBULA, JOHN
ROBELY, BRAEDEN
TANAKA, KELLY
VIERNES, DANNY
VILLANUEVA, GARETH
YAMASHIRO, CODY
YONTING, DAWSEN

Supervising Electrician (ES)
DUITUTURAGA, TEVITA
KANAELE, KEALIIPONO

Maintenance Electrician (EM)
LYMAN, KAINOA
PASCUA, ABE

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)
BONOFGLIO, DYLAN
BURGOS, BURT
FELIPE, RYAN
HENRIQUES JR, STEVEN
MATTOS, ANDREW
SILVA, RYAN
SPROAT, GAMAN

Master Plumber (PM)
TANAKA, KEVIN
WATSON, SANDY

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

- Hawaii Community College Continuing Education and Training Program – EJ
- Martin Electrical School – EJ

Electrician and
Plumber Exams:

- a) PSI Exam Review

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

Ryan Takahashi introduced himself and asked if the Board planned to discuss the contents of the exams with PSI.

Executive Officer Green stated that subject matter experts for electricians and subject matter experts for plumbers will be reviewing and making recommendations on the questions included in the PSI exams administered for the Board.

Mr. Takahashi shared that he heard exams for other licensing areas have an option to be taken at home, though he did not hear that was an option for electrician exams.

Executive Officer Green stated that the electrician exams may be administered only at the PSI testing centers as it is an “open-book” exam and allows utilization of the National Electric Code book for test-takers during the exam. The plumber exams are “closed-book”, meaning there is no allowable reference for test-takers during the exam. As the plumber exams are “closed-book”, they may choose to sit for the exam at a testing center or via remote proctoring and complete the exam from a remote location with internet access. It is the Board’s understanding that there are operating system, audio, and visual requirements for this option, and the test-taker is required to have a camera that projects a live-stream of the individual sitting for the exam. The event is monitored by a live proctor who, at any time, can request the individual to pan the testing area with the camera.

Announcements: Executive Officer Green announced that Mr. Tanabe's term as a Board member expires on June 30, 2023, and today is his last scheduled meeting as a member. She thanked Mr. Tanabe for his time and service over the last four years.

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 11:02 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Lei Ana Green

/s/ Marc Yoshimura

Lei Ana Green
Executive Officer

Marc Yoshimura
Secretary

LG:my
5/31/23

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____