

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Sheung Wong, Industry Member, Chairperson
Nathan Olanda, Industry Member
David Kamakea III, Industry Member
Phillip Lucero, Industry Member
James Paige, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Paige”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer
Candace Ito, Supervising Executive Officer
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

Excused: Robert Barrett, Public Member, Vice Chairperson

Guests: Ryan Takahashi, Hawaii Electricians Training Fund
Kika Bukoski, Director of Government Affairs, IBEW 1260

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 10:45 a.m.

Chair Wong, Mr. Tanabe, Mr. Olanda, Mr. Kamakea, and Mr. Lucero were present.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Kamakea, seconded by Mr. Olanda and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session minutes of the May 2, 2023, Board meeting as distributed.

Executive

Officer's Report: a) Exam Results

Executive Officer Green stated she received exam results for both the Electricians & Plumbers exams from January 2023 – June 2023.

Executive Officer Green reviewed the following results of the Electricians' examinations:

Electricians' Exam (administered January 2023)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Successful	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Electricians' Exam (administered February 2023)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Successful	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

Electricians' Exam (administered March 2023)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	28	4	1	0	0	0	0
Successful	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	24	2	1	0	0	0	0

Electricians' Exam (administered April 2023)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	42	2	1	0	0	0	0
Successful	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	33	1	1	0	0	0	0

Electricians' Exam (administered May 2023)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	38	4	1	0	0	0	0
Successful	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	31	3	1	0	0	0	0

Electricians' Exam (administered June 2023)

	EJ	ES	EM	EJI	EJS	ESS	ESI
Exams Administered	25	2	2	1	0	0	0
Successful	4	2	0	1	0	0	0
Unsuccessful	21	0	2	0	0	0	0

Executive Officer Green reviewed the following results of the Plumbers' examinations:

Plumbers' Exam (administered January 2023)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	1	0
Successful	0	0
Unsuccessful	1	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered February 2023)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	7	0
Successful	0	0
Unsuccessful	7	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered March 2023)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	12	0
Successful	4	0
Unsuccessful	8	0

Plumbers' Exam (administered April 2023)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	12	4
Successful	2	0
Unsuccessful	10	4

Plumbers' Exam (administered May 2023)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	13	7
Successful	2	1
Unsuccessful	11	6

Plumbers' Exam (administered June 2023)

	PJ	PM
Exams Administered	16	4
Successful	0	1
Unsuccessful	16	3

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 10:49 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Kamakea, seconded by Mr. Olanda, 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 11:55 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Kamakea, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

Chair Wong recused himself from the application for Gavin Uyeda (PJ).

It was moved by Mr. Lucero, seconded by Mr. Kamakea, and carried by the majority, to approve/defer/deny/ratify the following applications, as noted below:

a) Electricians

Journey Worker Electrician (EJ)
ALONZO, STEVEN – APPROVED

AMONG, KEAHI – DEFERRED
AOUN, MATTHEW – DEFERRED
BAGAOISAN, ROY ALVIN – APPROVED
CHEN, WANG – DEFERRED
CLOOS, KYLE – DEFERRED
COSMA, KAPONO – APPROVED
EBATO, PATRICK – APPROVED
FUENTES, MATTHEW – APPROVED
FUJIURA, ANDY – APPROVED
GRANDE, VICK – DEFERRED
HODGE, TY – APPROVED
HUGHES, DAVID – DEFERRED
JACINTO, RODEL – APPROVED
KAHANANUI, MELEHO‘ALA – APPROVED
KALAHIKI III, SAMUEL – APPROVED
KAMAKAWIWO‘OLE, KALUNA – DEFERRED
KAUWELOA-PILIALOHA, KANOA – DEFERRED
KELLEY, JOEL – DEFERRED
KNAPP, RYEN – APPROVED
LEE, NICHOLAS – DEFERRED
MAIRA, CHRISTOPHER – DEFERRED
MANIBOG, ESTHER – APPROVED
NEVES, ISAIAH – APPROVED
ORNIDO, CHARLES – APPROVED
PASCO, KALANI – DEFERRED
RILLAMAS, JONATHAN – DEFERRED
RILEY, TYLER – APPROVED
SIGRAH, JOHN – APPROVED
SMITH, CHACE – APPROVED
SOARES, DUSTIN – APPROVED
SOUZA, HUNTER – APPROVED
SPOTKAEFF, NICHOLAS – APPROVED
TABULADO, KEYZER JON – APPROVED
TALBOT, CASEY – APPROVED
TAMASHIRO, CALEB – APPROVED
TORRES-TORIOKA, ROYCE – APPROVED
XUE, XIAO QIANG – DEFERRED

Journey Worker Industrial Electrician (EJI)
NONE

Journey Worker Specialty Electrician (EJS)
HOGLUND, PAUL – APPROVED

Supervising Electrician (ES)

AGDEPPA JR, FELICIANO – APPROVED
MILCHLING, ROBERT – APPROVED
POHINA, CHARLES – APPROVED
TOMASZEK, JIM – APPROVED
TOMONO, CODY – APPROVED
TOWNSEND, MATTHEW – APPROVED
VAUGHN, JEREMY – APPROVED

Supervising Industrial Electrician (ESI)
NONE

Supervising Specialty Electrician (ESS)
BERLIER, NATHANIEL – DEFERRED

Maintenance Electrician (EM)
INOUE, MASAFUMI – APPROVED
STEVENS JR, ROBERT – APPROVED

b) Plumbers

Journey Worker Plumber (PJ)
AGCAOILI, HOLDEN – DEFERRED
BALDWIN, XACKARI – APPROVED
BLANKENFELD DAMASO, WILLIAM – APPROVED
BOLO, SHON – APPROVED
CADIZ, GREIDAN – APPROVED
CHENG, BEN – DEFERRED
DELA CRUZ, JAY – DEFERRED
FUKUI, ANDREW – APPROVED
GALICINAO, JORDIN – APPROVED
HUANG, JIE XUAN – DEFERRED
JARRETT, STEVEN-NICHOLAS – DEFERRED
JOHN, NORMAN – DEFERRED
KAUHAAHAA, MOSES – APPROVED
LAPINA, EUGENE – APPROVED
LUM-JOHN, CHRISTIAN – APPROVED
SANCHEZ JR, MAXWELL – APPROVED
UYEDA, GAVIN – DEFER
VARES, SPENCER – APPROVED
VEA, RAYMOND – APPROVED
ZHANG, SHUO – DEFERRED

Master Plumber (PM)
KLESS, MATTHEW – APPROVED

c) Ratifications

NONE

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

- Independent Electrical Contractors, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter – EJ
- United Services Military Apprenticeship Program – EJ

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 time period from approval of the curricula is from when it is approved or if it can be applied to an individual who completed the curricula 5 years ago or prior to. He added that an applicant reached out to his organization as the applicant was informed that the curricula was not approved.

Executive Officer Green stated the approval is effective the date of approval and going forward. However, if the electrical academic coursework an applicant completed was completed prior to the approval date, the individual may send that curriculum to Honolulu Community College (“HCC”) HCC for review. HCC informs the Board when electrical academic coursework is approved for a candidate, and that approval is filed.

Act 68, SLH 2022
Annual Report to
the Board of
Electricians and
Plumbers:

a) Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

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

Executive Officer Green stated that the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., (“HECO”) provided their annual report to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, pursuant to Act 68, SLH 2022. HECO reported that “during the preceding calendar year of 2022 Hawaiian Electric employed ZERO qualified contractors to perform high voltage electrical transmission and distribution line construction, maintenance, and connection to substation work and that the

number of requests for proposals for this high voltage electrical work was also ZERO.”

The Board understands the first statement that “Hawaiian Electric employed ZERO qualified contractors to perform high voltage electrical transmission and distribution line construction, maintenance, and connection to substation work” is in reference to item (i) on the report, “the number of qualified contractors the public utility employed to perform high voltage electrical work”, and the second statement that “the number of requests for proposals solicited for this high voltage electrical was also ZERO” is in reference to item (ii) on the report, “the number of requests for proposals solicited for high voltage work.”

Executive Officer Green informed the Board that Shannon Alivado, Director of Government Relations at HECO, confirmed via e-mail that “Hawaiian Electric is now one company which encompasses all our service territories including Maui County (Maui, Molokai and Lanai), Oahu and Hawaii Island. Therefore the report is inclusive of the territories we serve.”

The Board requested that future reports submitted by Hawaiian Electric provide the data segmented either by county (Hawai'i County, Honolulu County, and Maui County) or by company (Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and Maui Electric Company, Limited). The Board understands that each county may have unique regular services and/or needs, not just in response to service interruptions that may necessitate the utilities' use of unlicensed individuals employed by contractors that it hires. The Board believes that seeing the data segmented by county or company could aid in its discussions and in the Legislature's process in determining the need for the limited exemption from licensure going forward.

The Board has not yet received a report from the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (“KIUC”), so Executive Officer Green will reach out to the KIUC to inquire on the status.

Kika Bukoski requested to provide oral testimony.

Kika Bukoski introduced himself to the Board. He is the Director of Government Affairs with IBEW 1260; previously he was with Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 675, and Executive Director with the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council. He shared that IBEW 1260 represents rank and file members of Hawaiian Electric

Company, Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Company, and that IBEW 1260 is currently in a rebuilding stage, and he has been working with their sister IBEW units in the State. He informed the Board and he is available to provide comments and input as needed, with hopes for IBEW 1260 to be more active with the Board.

Announcements: a) Next Board Meeting

October 31, 2023
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 12:12 p.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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8/11/23

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