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990th BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - JUNE 12, 2024

The Board Minutes of June 12, 2024 have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its next meeting of July 10, 2024, or soon thereafter as it may be considered. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been complied with according to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6.

The June 12, 2024 meeting of the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors was held virtually as permitted by the OPMA and began at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to the OPMA, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, notice was provided electronically within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting began at 9:00 A.M. and was accessed by the public via the (now inactive) link:

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Any public comments were submitted by 2:00 P.M. on June 11, 2024, by e-mailing Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director, at tuckerp@dca.njoag.gov. The Board made its best efforts to read any comments received during the meeting.





The Board saluted the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

Also in attendance:

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law Amy L. Ramirez, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director Sadiqa Roe, Government Representative Kathleen Moran, Administrative Assistant Koi Nivins, Administrative Assistant Brenda Daughtry, Administrative Assistant

Five (5) guests attended the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the 988nd Open Session Business Meeting held April 10, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (12) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2027.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone, unanimously passed, to approve (12) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2027.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (9) of the (15) Initial Business Permits Previously Issued effective June 12, 2024 to March 31, 2027. (#7,8,9,10,11 and 12 are held in abeyance pending further review).

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approved (2) Changes in Business Permits effective June 12, 2024 to March 31, 2027.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Gerald E. Allamby Jr., License #15729, t/a JAE Electric LLC, as the first installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1). Payments started May 10, 2024 and the balance due is \$3,300.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Daniel M. McGaw, License #18019, t/a DMG Master Electric, LLC, as the fourteenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13-31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started August 3, 2022 and the balance due is \$450.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from Matthew J. Sczesny, License #18315, t/a Brightview Electric LLC. as the first and final payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13: 31-3.3 (c)(1).

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from Jamey Ruggiero, License #14967, t/a Skylite Electric, LLC, as the Eighth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started September 20, 2023 and the balance due is \$400.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from John P. Mitacek, License #15049, t/a JMCC Electrical Contracting, Corp., as the nineteenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started November 2, 2022 and the balance due is \$150.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Giovanni Dituri, License #16992, t/a E.N.E.L. Electrical Corp., as the fifth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3(c)(3). Payments started January 18, 2024 and the balance due is \$1,000.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$250.00 received from Christopher B. Saunders, License #15343, t/a Vanguard Energy Partners, LLC as the second installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started February 16, 2024 and the balance due is \$1,500.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Albert G. Hosley III, License #13598, t/a Albert G. Hosley Jr. & Son, Inc., as the twenty-fourth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$ 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started February 20, 2020 and the balance due is \$200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Money order in the amount of \$200.00 received from Anthony W. Silva, License #16837, t/a A. Silva Electrical Services LLC, as the tenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). The balance due is \$900.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from Sunil Dixit, Unlicensed, t/a Sun-Conscious Minds Inc. as the first and final payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of \$N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9. Mr. Dixit also signed the cease-and-desist agreement.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from Bhaskar B. Patel, License, t/a A and A Electrical Construction LLC., as the first and final payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

The Board accepted the payment.

Money order in the amount of \$500.00 received from Gregory J. Cardillo, License \$15000, t/a Power Tech Electrical Contracting, LLC, as the tenth and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1).

The Board accepted the payment.

Two Online payments in the amount of \$205.88 received from Giuseppe M. Catalano, License #16777, t/a Elite Electrical & Lighting Contracting, LLC, as the fifth and sixth installments of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,500.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3(c) (1). Payments started November 30, 2023 and the balance due is \$2,264.72.

The Board accepted the payments.

Check in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from Joji Thomas, Unlicensed, t/a Thomas Controls Inc. as the first and final payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45: 5A-9(a).

The Board accepted the payment.

Two Money orders in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from Nestor E. DeLeon, License #15883, t/a Ned Tech Electrical & HVAC Service LLC. as the first and final payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1).

The Board accepted the payments.

Cashier checks in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from Daniel Lichtman, Unlicensed, as the first and second payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the violation of N.J.S.A.45:5A-9(a).

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$200.00 received from Nicolas A. Lordo, License #12001, t/a Terrapin Electric, Inc., as the seventh installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13-31-3.3(c)(3). Payments started November 10, 2023 and the balance due is \$1,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from Brian Cummings, unlicensed, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 of which \$5,000.00 shall be stayed for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9(a).

The Board accepted the payment.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Jose D. Goncalves, License #14864.

Office files reflect that License #14864 expired on March 31, 2018.

Office files also reflect Business Permit #14864 expired on March 31, 2015. Pressure seal issued to Merjo Electric Corporation was returned on June 25, 2015.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Goncalves' License #14864 as he demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirements for reactivation.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate a Class A Journeyman Electrician License #1427 received from Steven J. Krippel.

Office files reflect that Mr. Krippel Registration #1427 expired on December 31, 2021.

Motion made by James Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Krippel's License #1427, as he demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirements for reinstatement.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Christopher M. Borsello, License #15664.

Office files reflect that License #15664 expired on March 31, 2021.

Office files also reflect that Business Permit #15664 expired on March 31, 2021. Office files do not reflect that Mr. Borsello returned the pressure seal issued to Christopher Michael Electrical Contractor.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Kristoffer M. Bush, License #17519.

Office files reflect that License #17519 expired on March 31, 2015.

Office files also reflect that Business Permit #17519 expired on March 31, 2015. Office files do not reflect that Mr. Bush returned the pressure seal issued to Norseman Electrical & Communications Contractors Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session.

The Board received an Application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from James T. Higgins, License #12604.

Office files reflect that License #12604 was placed in inactive status on March 18, 2015.

Office files also reflect Mr. Higgins was never issued a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. James Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Higgins License #12604, as he demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirements for reinstatement.

Application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from Loring F. Hosley, License #10815.

Office files reflect that License #10815 was placed in inactive status on March 19, 2015.

Office files also reflect Mr. Hosley was never issued a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Hosley License #10815, as he demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirements for reinstatement.

Application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractor's License #15499 received from Andrew J. Sadley.

Office files reflect that License #15499 was placed in inactive status on September 19, 2023.

Office files also reflect Business Permit #15499 was placed in inactive status on September 19, 2023. Office files reflect Mr. Sadley returned the pressure seal issued to Andrew J Sadley Electrical Contractor LLC on September 18, 2023.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Sadley License #15499, as he demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirements for reinstatement.

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley announced Mr. Constantinos Papademas was recused from all Continuing Education Course discussions and motions, as he is a Continuing Education instructor.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar received from Carey Walker, IEC Chesapeake Apprenticeship & Training, Inc., requesting approval for five (5) previously approved instructors and one (1) new instructor to teach four (4) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve five (5) previously approved instructors and one (1) new instructor to teach four (4) new courses.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar received from Richard F. Van Wert, Electric Education Center LLC., requesting approval for one (1) previously approved instructor to teach one (1) new course.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve one (1) previously approved instructor to teach one (1) new course.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar received from Greg Chontow, IAEI New Jersey Skylands Chapter requesting approval for four (4) previously approved instructors and two (2) new instructors to teach eight (8) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve four (4) previously approved instructors and two (2) new instructors to teach eight (8) new courses.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar received from Arlene Sonnleitner, National Technology Transfer, Inc., requesting approval for six (6) previously approved instructors and one (1) new instructor to teach two (2) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve six (6) previously approved instructors and one (1) new instructor to teach two (2) new courses.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar received from Elisa Sellars, E-Hazard Management, requesting approval for thirteen (13) previously approved instructors and fourteen (14) new instructors to teach thirteen (13) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve (13) previously approved instructors and fourteen (14) new instructors to teach thirteen (13) new courses.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar received from Gary Scotto, The Institute for Continuing Education, requesting approval for one (1) new instructor to teach one (1) previously approved course.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve one (1) new instructor to teach one (1) previously approved course.

The Board discussed N.J.A.C. 13:31-5.5(a) (1) and N.J.A.C. 13:31-6.5 that states a Class A Journeyman Electrician Class B Wiremen must complete 15 hours of continuing education on the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code. The 15 credit hours shall be conducted in-person. Webinars and electronic media distance learning courses shall not satisfy this requirement.

Mr. Schooley stated it is the opinion of the Board that this regulation be amended as journeymen and wiremen should be allowed to take webinars and electronic media distance learning courses to satisfy the continuing education requirement.

Mr. Schooley also stated while the Board is in the process of amending this language, the Board will allow journeymen and wiremen to take webinars and electronic media distance learning courses to fulfil their continuing education requirement. However, the nine hours of code changes and one hour of laws, rules, and regulations must be taken in-person.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, that the regulatory analyst draft a proposal to amend N.J.A.C. 13:31-5.5 Class A Journeyman Electrician and N.J.A.C. 13:31-7.5 class B Wiremen as follows:

Class a Journeymen and Class B Wiremen shall attest to having completed fifteen (15) credit hours of continuing education on the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code.

Class A Journeyman Electrician and a Class B Wireman may earn a maximum of eight credits per triennial registration period in correspondence, self-study, televised, videotaped, teleconferences, webinars, and electronic media distance learning courses that have been approved by the Board. No more than two credit hours may be obtained per approved course.

Webinars and electronic distance learning courses that are live and synchronous, permitting the instructor and licensee to interact with each other in real time, shall not be subject to the credit amount limitations as reflected above.

Class A Journeyman or Class B Wireman who chose to attend the nine hours of code changes and one hour of laws, rules and regulations towards the fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credits must attend that course in-person; webinars and electronic media distance learning courses shall not satisfy this requirement.

Mrs. Tucker stated she has nothing to report to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Gino A. Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to go into Executive Closed Session to consider and to review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of the law, including Board regulations have occurred. The results of the deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary action or other law enforcement action.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

A Zoom Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director