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953rd BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - JANUARY 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the January 13, 2021 meeting of the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors was not be held at 124 Halsey Street, but remotely. Pursuant to OPMA, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, notice was provided electronically within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting began at 10:00 and was accessed by the public via the below (now inactive) link:

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The agenda was provided below to the extent known at the time of this notice. The meeting was limited to urgent matters and those related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any public comments were submitted by 2:00 P.M. on January 11, 2021 by e-mailing Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director, at tuckerp@dca.njoag.gov. The Board will make its best efforts to read any comments received during the meeting.

The Board saluted the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman
Mr. Constantinos Papademas
Mr. Gino Pasqualone
Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

Mr. James H. Flaherty was absent.

Also in attendance:

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law
Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director
Kathleen Moran, Administrative Assistant, III
Anna Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Schooley thanked those who sent condolences and attending the mass for his wife.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve (4) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (7) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. . Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (1) of the (2) Initial Business Permits Previously Expired effective January 13, 2021 to March 31, 2024. (#2 is held in abeyance pending further review).

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve (5) Changes in Business Permits effective January 13, 2021 to March 31, 2024.

The Board did not have the opportunity to discuss the Minutes of the 949th, 950th, and 951st Open Session Minutes. The Minutes will be placed on the February Agenda for discussion.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Richard Neely, License #13654, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty 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.

Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 received from Alison Ballantyne, License #14204, as the first and final payment 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 Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$150.00 received from John A. Schipani, License #14228, t/a John A. Schipani Electrical Contractor, as the fifth and sixth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9(a). Payments began February 20, 2020 and the balance due is \$1,110.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Richard K. Cotterell, License #12030, as the twelfth 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 22, 2017 and the balance due is \$200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$150.00 received from Christopher Meyers, License #13140, as the first and second installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1). The balance due is \$5,700.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$50.00 received from George Isabella, License #14732, t/a George Isabella Electrical Contractor, as the twenty-six, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c) (1). Payments began July 27, 2018 and the balance due is \$1,000.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Payment in the amount of \$250.00 received from James P. Brown, License #11842 (Suspended), as the fourth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-17(b); N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.2(c); and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2. Payments began May 30, 2018 and the balance due is \$2,363.03.

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$150.00 each received from Philip J. DeNivo, License #15902, as the fourth, fifth and sixth 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 began March 27, 2020 and the balance due is \$1,950.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$450.00 received from James L. Morecraft, License #16513, t/a James Morecraft Electrical Contractor, as the fourth 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 October 29, 2019 and the balance due is \$1,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Postal Money Orders in the amount of \$450.00 and two for \$300.00 received from Robert A. Gramlich, License #12898, t/a Robert A. Gramlich Electric, as the third, fourth and fifth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c). Payments started January 9, 2020 and the balance due is \$4,350.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from Pasquale Onofrio, Telecommunications Wiring Exemption #2121 , as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 received from James P. Doherty, License #17170, as the first and final payment 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 Board accepted the payment.

The Board reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Salvatore Ferrara, Electrical Training Center, Inc., requesting approval to teach new courses and an instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve twenty-six (26) courses and instructors. Mr. Ferrara will be advised that the Course entitled "Master Electrician License Prep" is not approved. The Board does not approve preparation courses in general. Additionally, a preparation course does not meet the criteria of continuing education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.7.

The course entitled "Analysis of Changes - 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) 9 hours of Code and One Hour of Law" is not approved as submitted. Based on the outline provided, it appears that the course is not only on code changes, but also discusses proposals and the role of the National Electrical Code Technical Correlating Committee. Mr. Ferrara may submit a new outline and modify the application to indicate the course will consist of the NEC 2020 code changes and the NJ Board of Examiners Laws, Rules and Regulations.

Furthermore, the course entitled "Electrical Estimating" is being held in abeyance pending receipt of a more detailed description of the course content.

The Board reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Tom Baselice, Technical Sales and Consulting, LLC, requesting approval to teach new courses and a new instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, that a letter be sent to Mr. Baselice advising him that his application to teach continuing education courses is being held in abeyance. The Board requests that Mr. Baselice provide it with a more detailed description of his qualifications to support that he has the knowledge to teach the courses submitted. Additionally, the Board requests confirmation that the courses submitted will be live instructor led webinars.

The Board reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Naomi Yencich, JADE Learning, requesting approval to add instructors to previously approved courses.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve three (3) courses and instructors. Ms. Yencich will be advised that James Fischer, Garnet Menough and Daryl Wolfram are not approved to teach these courses as it does not appear they are qualified to teach the courses submitted. Ms. Yencich may provide additional information concerning their qualifications. The remaining instructors are approved.

Joseph P. Schooley recused himself from the following discussion and motion as the applicant, Joseph P. Schooley, Jr., is his son.

The Board reviewed an application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from Joseph P. Schooley, Jr., License #15091.

Office files reflect Mr. Schooley chose Inactive status for his License #15091 on March 2, 2009.

Office files also reflect that Mr. Schooley has never held a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and passed, to reactivate Mr. Schooley's License #15091 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reactivation.

The Board reviewed an application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from William Parker, License #15877.

Office files reflect Mr. Parker chose Inactive status for his License #15877 on July 2, 2018.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seal issued to Parker Electrical Maintenance, Inc. was returned to the Board office on July 9, 2018.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, reactivate Mr. Parker's License #15877 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

The Board reviewed an application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Andre Drayton, License #16444 (Expired).

Office files reflect Mr. Drayton's License #16444 expired on March 31, 2018.

Office files also reflect that Mr. Drayton has never held a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Drayton's License #16444 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

Letter dated March 13, 2020, (received September 24, 2020), from Victor Daidone, President, Daidone Electric Inc., requesting a third six-month continuance of business under Permit #3677 according to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The licensee, John E. Daidone, died on April 24, 2019.

The extension granted to Daidone Electric, Inc. expired on April 20, 2020.

Mr. Daidone stated Nuno Ribeiro was scheduled to take the electrical contractors examination in May 2020. Mr. Daidone also stated should Mr. Ribeiro not pass the examination, Joseph Di Sarno, License #9531 (Inactive), who is also employed by Daidone Electric, will submit his paperwork to reactivate his license.

Office files reflect that Mr. Di Sarno placed his license in inactive status on February 12, 2018.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that the firm of Daidone Electric, Inc., has been granted a final six-month continuance of business under permit #3677 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The Board is granting a third extension due to the difficulties caused by the pandemic. Mr. Daidone will be advised the Board recommends that Mr. Di Sarno begin the process of reactivating his License #9531 in the event Mr. Ribeiro does not pass the examination.

Letter dated February 19, 2020, received from Patrick J. Kearney, Esq., on behalf of Frank Scazzuso, License #9331, in response to a Settlement Letter offering Mr. Scazzuso the opportunity to settle the matter by paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9 and N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c) (1).

The Board directed that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session.

Letter dated February 10, 2020, received from Francisco De La Torre, License #17477, (Expired), in response to a Settlement Letter offering Mr. De La Torre an opportunity to settle the matter by paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1) and restitution to the consumer in the amount of \$800.00.

The Board directed that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session.

Letter dated November 9, 2020, received from Anthony Melone, License #10611, t/a Anthony's Electric, requesting an extension to complete his continuing education courses pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-13.4.

Mr. Melone stated he is unable to take his continuing education courses due to health issues.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that a letter be sent to Anthony Melone, License #10611, advising him that the Board has granted his request for an additional six-month extension in which to take his continuing education courses.

The Board reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Anna Keating, United Inspection Agency, requesting approval to teach new courses and an instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve three new (3) courses and instructors

The Board discussed the proposed draft amendments to N.J.S.A. 13:31-1.7 to the continuing education requirement to allow for distance learning.

DAG Donofrio stated that the Board had initially proposed an amendment to its continuing education regulations to allow on-line teaching. There may have been a misunderstanding as the Board feels the on-line courses should be a live presentation and not a taped course.

Therefore, the Board requests that the proposal be amended to reflect live on-line webinars.

Ms. Bennett stated there may be questions in the review process as to why the Board is limiting the on-line courses to live webinars.

DAG Donofrio stated although there is no limitation in the current language, the Board is not satisfied of the sponsor's ability to maintain attendance. The Board wants to allow on-line classes, but feels the courses should be conducted as live webinars. DAG Donofrio also stated that licensees should have the ability to talk to the instructor and ask questions.

Ms. Bennett stated the current proposal indicates that the Board will permit educational programs offered by the Professional Engineers Board. However, the regulations for professional engineers do not impose limitations on the type of course.

Mr. Schooley stated he understands; however, most engineers are knowledgeable in their industry and hold an electrical contractors license.

Ms. Bennett asked how the Board would accept a distance-learning course approved by the Board of Professional Engineers, without a live component.

Mr. Papademas stated it is very easy for an electrical contractor to step away from the computer and still receive a certificate. Mr. Papademas also stated he feels very strongly that a live webinar will provide a better education to the licensee.

DAG Donofrio stated but to Ms. Bennett's point, how are we going to accept an engineering course if it is not a live presentation.

Mr. Schooley suggested that licensees be allowed to take no more than eight hours of continuing education courses that are not instructor led and no more than two hours of instruction at one time. Mr. Schooley also stated that the nine hours of code changes and one hour of laws, rules, and regulations must still be an in person course.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that the previous proposal be amended. The Board requests that Ms. Bennett draft a proposal requiring licensees to attend thirty-four hours of continuing education courses. Of the thirty-four hours, nine hours of code changes and one hour of laws rules and regulations must be in person. The remaining 24 hours can be distance learning. Of those 24 hours, eight hours are permitted to be conducted through distance learning without a live instructor and each session cannot exceed two hours. The remaining hours must be conducted as a live instructor led webinar.

DAG Donofrio stated in regards to gas piping, the HVACR regulations stipulate who can install gas piping. DAG Donofrio also stated that electrical contractors are allowed to install gas piping with regard to the installation of generators that provide electrical power. In order for the electrical contractors to perform that work, the electrical contractor must take a course and be qualified.

DAG Donofrio also stated language needs to be drafted to reflect that licensees shall be provided with a certificate that they can present to the inspector to show the licensee has attended such a course.

Mr. Schooley stated that only electrical contractors who install gas piping for generators would be required to take such a course.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, that Ms. Bennett draft a proposal setting parameters for instructors to provide continuing education courses on the installation of gas piping for generators that provide electrical power. The instructor would be required to provide a certificate reflecting that the licensee has attended such a course. This continuing education would only pertain to those electrical contractors who install gas piping for generators that provide electrical power.

Mrs. Tucker stated that she has received questions as to whether or not on-line continuing education courses can continue to be conducted after the March 31, 2021 renewal.

DAG Donofrio stated licensees can attend on-line continuing education courses for their next renewal while the Governor's Executive Order remains in effect.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, 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 2:00 P.M.

An Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2020, at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker
Executive Director

INITIAL LICENSEE APPROVED BY THE BOARD JANUARY 13, 2021
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2024

1. License # 18604 Avram E. Grunstein
2. License # 18612 Curtis T. Corson, III
3. License # 18610 Robert A. Kowal
4. License # 18614 Stephen Doherty

INITIAL BUSINESS PERMITS APPROVED BY THE BOARD JANUARY 13, 2021
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2024

1. Corson Electric, LLC, - (Curtis T. Corson, III,) - (Limited Liability Company) - 305 North Route 9 - Ocean View, New Jersey 08230 - License #18612
2. Schooley Electric, Inc. - (Joseph P. Schooley, Jr.) - (Corporation) - 1812 Garden Avenue - Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 - License #15091
3. 112 Electric, LLC. - (Edward Schilling) - (Limited Liability Company) - 101 Ramapo Hills Blvd., Oakland, New Jersey 07434 - License #18414
4. Newton Electrical Services, Inc. - (Robert A. Kowal) - (Corporation) - 19 Jefferson Street - Newton, New Jersey 07860- License #18610
5. District Electric, LLC - (Matthew R. Barbara) - 286 Cedar Knolls Road - Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927 - License #18545
6. North Crest, LLC - (Kenneth R. Klabouch) - (Limited Liability Company) - 35 Sherman Avenue - Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 - License #13913
7. Hague Electric, LLC - (Michael Hauge) - Limited Liability Company) - 635 Center Avenue - Belford, New Jersey 07718 - License #18546

INITIAL BUSINESS PERMITS PREVIOUSLY EXPIRED
APPROVED BY THE BOARD JANUARY 13, 2021
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2024

1. N. C. & Sons, Inc. - (Scott Eyester) - (Corporation) - 201 Chambersbrook Road - Branchburg, New Jersey 08876 - License # 15047A

Hatzel & Buehler , Inc. - Issued 2/5/2003 - withdrawn - 11/30/20 - P/S - R/T - 11/30/20
2. Andrew Szamreta Electrical Construction, LLC - (Andrew Szamreta) - 63 Cherry Tree Bend Road - Port Murray , New Jersey 07865 - License #16110
Andrew Szamreta Electrical Construction LLC - Issued - 6/1/2011 - Exp 3/31/2015
Still has P/S

CHANGES IN BUSINESS PERMITS APPROVED
BY THE BOARD JANUARY 13, 2021
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2024

1. Right Electric, LLC - (Javier Hurtado) - (Limited Liability Company) - Formerly - Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. - 1072 Sterling Road - Union, New Jersey 07083 - License #17327C
Solar City Corp - Issued 9/5/2012 - P/S R/T 7/10/2018
Solar City Corp /d/b/a Tesla Energy Operations. Inc. Issued - 3/14/18 - P/S R/T- 1/16/18
2. Binsky & Snyder, LLC - (Dean Pesarini) - (Limited Liability Company) - Formerly - Dean A Pesarini Electrical Contractor - 281 Centennial Avenue - Piscataway, New Jersey 08854 - License #11825A
3. Apex Solar Power, LLC - (Greg Demarse) - (Limited Liability Company) - Formerly - Demarse Electric, Inc d/b/a Apex Solar Power - 64 Main Street - Queensbury, New York 12804 - License #18244A
4. JRC Electric Services, LLC - (Ronald Cieplensky, Jr.) - (Limited Liability Company) - Formerly - JRC Electrical Contractors, Inc. - 6 Jockey Hollow Court - Holmdel, New Jersey 07733 - License #13522A
5. Sullivan's Electric LLC- (Matthew T Sullivan) -(Limited Liability Company) - Formerly - KG Solar & Renewable Energy LLC - 235 South Hillside Avenue - Succasunna, NJ 07876 - License # 18241B - Issued - 9/12/2018
Sullivan Electric LLC - Issued 3/9/2017 - P/S/ R/T - 11/7/2018