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986th BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - FEBRUARY 14, 2024

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The Board Minutes of February 14, 2024, have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its next meeting of March 13, 2024, or soon thereafter as it may be considered. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been complied with according to $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$. 10:4-6.

The February 14, 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, $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$. 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 February 13, 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.

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ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Gino Pasqualone

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone was absent

Also in attendance:

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

Five (5) guests attended the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the $983^{\rm rd}$ Open Session Business Meeting held November 8, 2023

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (15) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2027.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve (14) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2027.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (5) of the (6) Initial Business Permits Previously Issued effective February 14, 2024 to March 31, 2027. (#1 is being held pending further review).

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (4) of the (6) Changes in Business Permits effective February 14, 2024 to March 31, 2027. (#2 and #4 are being held in abeyance pending further review).

Money order in the amount of \$500.00 received from Gregory J. Cardillo, License #15000, t/a Power Tech Electrical Contracting, LLC, as the ninth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of 8.3.4.00. 8.3.31. 8.31. 8.31. Payments started July 1, 2021 and the balance due is \$500.00.

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 second 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 24, 2024 and the balance due is \$1,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Robert Fatovic, License #12131, t/a Teski Electric, LLC, as the twelfth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13-31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started March 10, 2023 and the balance due is \$2,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Money order in the amount of \$200.00 received from Joseph Gornicz, License #16039, t/a Mid-State Services, Inc., as the eighteenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13-31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started August 19, 2022 and the balance due is \$400.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Robert A. Gramlich, License #12898, t/a Robert A. Gramlich Electric, as the fourteenth 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). Payments began January 9, 2020 and the balance due is \$1,950.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Nicholas Lordo, License #12001, t/a Suncycle Renewable Energy LLC, d/b/a Juuce Energy, as the first 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 \$2,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from Anthony McFadden, Jr., License \$11882, as the first, second and third installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,200.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). The balance due is \$600.00.

The Board accepted the payments.

Checks in the amount of \$150.00 received from John P. Mitacek, License #15049, t/a JMCC Electrical Contracting, Corp., as the twelfth, thirteenth and 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 November 2, 2022 and the balance due is \$900.00.

The Board accepted the payments.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from John E. Pakenham III, License #16471, t/a Pakenham Electric LLC, as the first and final payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Bruce Rasmussen, License #10851, t/a BJR Development Inc, as the first and final payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3(c)(1).

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Jamey Ruggiero, License #14967, t/a Skylite Electric, LLC, as the fifth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of 8.3. 8.

The Board accepted the payments.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Harold A. Selander, License #17672, t/a HAS Electric LLC, as the third and final payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$3,500.00 received from Constantino R. Sigismondi, License #10667, t/a Tino's Electric Inc., as the first and final payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1).

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 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). The balance due is \$1,700.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Kyle J. Shurack, License #17854, t/a KJS Electric, LLC, as the fifteenth 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.

Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 received from Matthew A. Velozo, License #17854, t/a Mavco Electrical Contracting LLC, as the first and final payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(3).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Kevin A. Laddy, License #16206 (Expired), as the second installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started October 24, 2018 and the balance due is \$683.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

On-line payment made by Jonathan B. Dougherty, License #16728, t/a Amteck of Kentucky, Inc., 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)(3).

The Board accepted the payment.

On-line payment made by Jared D. Oxendine, License #15017, as the first and final payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3(c)(3).

The Board accepted the payment.

On-line payment made by Harry H. Tillim, License #14624, t/a Proqual Electric, LLC, as the first and final payment in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(3).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 received from Christopher B. Guthrie, License #13993, t/a Live Wire Electric Company, as the first and final payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.4(b) and N.J.S.A. 45:5A-15.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$500.00 received from Daniel F. Stroup, License #16443 (Inactive), as the first and final payment in the amount of \$500.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.2(b) and restitution in the amount of \$761.37.

The Board accepted the payments.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reactivate Inactive Electrical Contractors License #16356 received from Brian E. Leahy.

Office files reflect that Mr. Leahy's License #16356 was placed in inactive on March 25, 2021 and Business Permit #16356 was placed in inactive status on May 1, 2014.

Office files reflect that Mr. Leahy returned to the Board office the pressure seal issued to Patridan Electric on May 1, 2014.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Leahy's License #16356 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reactivation.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Robert Triplett, Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA, requesting approval to teach six (6) new courses by previously approved instructors and one (1) new instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve six (6) new courses, previously approved instructors, and one (1) new instructor.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Miriam Butler, Northern New Jersey Chapter Inc., NECA, requesting approval for two (2) approved instructors and five (5) new instructors to teach four (4) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve four (4) new courses, two (2) previously approved instructors, and five (5) new instructors.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Gary T. Sargent, requesting approval to teach two (2) new courses and one new instructor to teach previously approved course.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve two (2) new courses and one (1) new instructor to teach new and previously approved courses.

Letter dated January 23, 2023, received from Miriam R. Butler, Chief Operating Officer, Northern New Jersey Chapter and Joseph Knecht, Jr., Chapter Manager, Southern New Jersey Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association, expressing their concerns regarding the implementation of the Journeyman Class A Licensing Law. Ms. Butler and Mr. Knecht state that the current provision is causing unintended difficulties for individuals who have completed an apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor.

Mrs. Butler stated for that applicants, who are currently managers, supervisors, or field estimators, are being rejected because they do not have five years of experience in the field immediately preceding the submission of their journeyman application. Mrs. Butler stated these individuals have completed their apprenticeship program and have had the required five years of experience, but not immediately preceding the submission of their application.

Mr. Schooley asked that these individuals resubmit their application for the Board's review.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Joseph Imburgia, Construction Official, NJDCA LP-Gas Safety Unit.

Mr. Imburgia stated we are working with the HVACR Board and getting clarification how this legislation was incorporated into the HVACR rules and regulations.

Mike Merrill, Chairman of the LP Gas and Safety Board and NJ Propane and Gas Association stating he would like to offer their expertise during the Board's review of the regulations governing the installation of LP gas piping.

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

Letter dated October 26, 2023, received from James Johannemann, License #13407, requesting that the Board grant him twenty-four (24) continuing education credits pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.7 (d) (2 & 3).

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that Mr. Johannemann be requested to provide a copy of the publication to show that he was involved in the development of these courses.

Letter received from Michael Hoyt, License #11625, requesting a six-month continuance of business under Permit #4392 according to $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$. 45:5A-14. The licensee, Charles Hoyt, died on December 29, 2023.

Mr. Hoyt stated he would complete any projects started under Business Permit #4392 and then submit an application for a business permit under his license.

Office files reflect Michael Hoyt was issued License #11625 on September 2, 1992. Mr. Hoyt has never been issued a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, that Charles Hoyt Electrical Contractor, Inc. be granted a six-month continuance of business under permit #4392. Michael Hoyt is approved to qualify the business.

Mr. Menafro stated he would just like to inform the Board that the requirements concerning electronic submission is moving forward.

Motion made by Mr. Gino 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 2:00 P.M.

A Zoom Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director