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987th BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - MARCH 13,

The Board Minutes of March 13, 2024, have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its next meeting of April 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 March 13, 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 March 12, 2024, by e-mailing Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director, tuckerp@dca.njoag.gov. The Board made its best efforts to read any comments received during the meeting.

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The Board saluted the Flag.

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March 13, 2024

## ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Gino Pasqualone

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

## 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 Brenda Daughtry, Administrative Assistant

Fifteen (15) guests attended the meeting.

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Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the  $984^{\rm th}$  Open Session Business Meeting held December 13, 2023.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the 985<sup>th</sup> Open Session Business Meeting held January 10, 2024.

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Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone 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. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (16) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2027.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (6) of the (10) Initial Business Permits Previously Issued effective March 13, 2024 to March 31, 2027. (#3, #5, #8 and #10 are being held pending further review).

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve (8) Changes in Business Permits effective March 13, 2024 to March 31, 2027.

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Check in the amount of 33,000.00 received from John H. Brodzicki, License 10922, t/a M & R Electrical Contractors, 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.

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Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from Giovanni Dituri, License #16992, t/a E N E L Electrical Corp., as the first and second installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of 8.3. 8.3. 8.3. 8.3. 8.3. Payments started January 18, 2024 and the balance due is \$1,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Money Order in the amount of \$200.00 received from Joseph Gornicz, License #16039, t/a Mid-State Services, Inc., as the eighteenth and nineteenth installments 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 \$200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$700.00 received from Kevin R. Lyle, License #16297, t/a Lyle Electric, as the fifteenth 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 December 2, 2021 and the balance due is \$300.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from Sean McFadden, License #16534, as the first 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 \$1,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from John P. Mitacek, License #15049, t/a JMCC Electrical Contracting, Corp., as the sixteenth 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 \$600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Anthony McFadden, Jr., License #11882, as the fifth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,200.00 for violation of  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  13:31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started October 4, 2023 and the balance due is \$400.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$600.00 received from Brad T. Kleinman, License \$17747, t/a Electric Doctor, LLC, as the seventh 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.

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The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate Class A Journeyman Electrician License #1492 received from Dennis M. Miller.

Office files reflect that Mr. Miller's Registration #1492 expired on December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Miller's Class A Journeyman License #1492 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

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The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate Qualified Journeyman Electrician Registration #503 received from Louis M. Rotello.

Office files reflect that Mr. Rotello's Registration #503 expired on December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Rotello's Class A Journeyman License #503 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

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The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Marcel Renson requesting approval to add an instructor to teach three (3) previously approved courses.

Additionally, Mr. Renson is requesting that the Board approve his son, Marcel Renson, IV, to teach previously approved courses. At its March 15, 2023 meeting, the Board approved Mr. Renson's request to allow his son to assist him when teaching continuing education courses. Mr. Renson was advised that his son could seek approval to become an instructor after teaching a minimum of six courses.

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

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The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Emmanouil Zervakis, Inspections on Time, requesting approval of one (1) new instructor to teach four (4) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve four (4) new courses and one new instructor.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Audra Kellams, ProTech Skills Institute, requesting approval of one (1) new instructor to teach eleven (11) previously approved courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve one new instructor to teach previously approved courses.

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

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve a previously approved instructor to teach two (2) new approved courses.

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The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Steve High, High Environmental Health & Safety Consulting Ltd., requesting approval for one (1) approved instructor to teach two (2) new courses.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve a previously approved instructor to teach two (2) new approved courses.

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The Board reviewed an e-mail dated February 22, 2024, received from Donna Vespa requesting an extension to complete one outstanding project under Business Permit #5754. Mrs. Vespa stated all other warranty and maintenance projects were completed, however, the architect/engineer was required to produce a redesign, which then had to be approved by the Department of Community Affairs.

Office files reflect Vespa Electric Company, Inc. was granted a second and final continuance of business under permit #5754. Dave Fetterman, License #15943, was approved to qualify the business.

The extension expired on March 1, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, that pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$ . 45:5A-14 the firm of Vespa Electrical Company, Inc. is granted a third and final continuance of business under permit #5754. This extension will allow Vespa Electrical Company, Inc. the ability to complete the one project on an already open electrical permit. Upon the issuance of the final passing inspection certificate and Certificate of Occupancy, the firm of Vespa Electrical Company, Inc. is to immediately cease and desist from engaging in the business of electrical contracting in the State of New Jersey under Business Permit #5754.

Letter dated January 10, 2024, received from Bryan Sullivan requesting a six-month continuance of business under Permit #4403 according to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The licensee, Edward Sullivan, died on December 25, 2023.

Bryan stated he has worked for his father's company for over 17 years and is enrolled in an electrical apprenticeship program.

Office files reflect Bryan was approved in November 2020 to take the electrical contractor's examination.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$ . 45:5A-14 the firm of Edward Sullivan Electrical Contractor is granted a six-month continuance of business under permit #5503. The Board approved Bryan Sullivan to qualify the business. The extension will expire on June 25, 2024.

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E-mail dated January 30, 2024, asking if employees of a school district, who install or repair electric generators, must first complete a continuing education course on the installation of natural or manufactured gas piping relevant to installing or repairing electric generators pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.7 (d) (7).

Mr. Flaherty stated employees who are installing gas piping should be required to take the two-hour gas-piping course.

Mr. Flaherty also stated the installation of gas-fired boilers is not under the Board's purview.

DAG Donofrio stated the Board might have concerns regarding the experience of employees who have the civil service title of "electrician" who are installing gas piping without taking the required gas piping continuing education courses.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that a letter be sent to the school district asking if the individuals who are performing the installation of gas piping have the requisite experience to perform this installation. The Board would also like to know whether the employees of the school district are licensed as electrical contractors; licensed as Class A Journeyman Electricians; or have the designation of a civil service "electricians" title.

This matter is being held in abeyance.

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

Anthony Menafro, DCA, advised the Board the department is moving forward with the electronic submissions.

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Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, 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, April 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director