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980<sup>TH</sup> BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - JULY 12, 2023

The Board Minutes of July 12, 2023, have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its next meeting of September 13, 2023, 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 July 12, 2023, meeting of the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors was not 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 9:00 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 13, 2023, by e-mailing Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director, at <a href="mailto:tuckerp@dca.njoag.gov">tuckerp@dca.njoag.gov</a>. The Board made its best efforts to read any comments received during the meeting.

The notice of the meeting has been mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, and the Trenton Times, and also notice has been posted on the Bulletin Board at the office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Board saluted the Flag.

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## ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

Mr. Gino Pasqualone was absent

## Also in attendance:

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director Kathleen Moran, Administrative Assistant Sadiga Roe, Government Representative

There were also seven (7) guests in attendance.

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The Minutes of the  $978^{\text{TH}}$  Open Session Business Meeting Held May 10, 2023, were not ready for approval.

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Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (15) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (13) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve (2) of the (3) Initial Business Permits Previously Issued effective July 12, 2023 to March 31, 2024. (#1 is being held in abeyance pending further review).

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve (3) of the (4) Changes in Business Permits effective July 12, 2023 to March 31, 2024. (#4 is being held in abeyance pending further review)

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Mr. Constantinos Papademas nominated Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone.

Let the record reflect that Mr. Schooley has been elected Chairman for the Board from this date until the July 2024 meeting pursuant to  $N.J.S.A.\ 45:5A-5$ .

Mr. James H. Flaherty nominated Philameana L. Tucker, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone.

Let the record reflect that Mrs. Tucker has been elected Executive Director for the Board from this date until the July 2024 meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-5.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Todd Ciamei, License #16604, 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 May 13, 2022 and the balance due is \$800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Kenneth Gorman, License #13786 t/a Gorman Electric LLC, as the twenty-ninth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started February 12, 2021 and the balance due is \$650.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Steven T. Scotti, License #16987, t/a Trulite Electric, LLC, as the sixteenth 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 April 22, 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 P. DiCataldo, License #16884, as the sixth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of 8.3. A.C. 13-31-3.3(c)(1). Payments started December 9, 2022 and the balance due is \$800.00.

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 eighth 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 \$1,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$300.00 received from William K. Graetz, License #14135, t/a Schwier Electric, LLC, as the fifth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of 8.3.4.0. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started October 3, 2022 and the balance due is \$500.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Robert K. Bryant, License #15293, t/a Bryant Construction & Electrical Contracting, LLC, as the ninth 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)(1). Payments started November 2, 2022 and the balance due is \$200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Nicholas Mangelli, Jr., License #15080, t/a Gary Kubiak & Son Electric, Inc, as the first installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.2 and N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.5. The balance due is \$9,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$6,000.00 received from Ralph G. Marcantonio, III, License #15923, t/a Jet Electric, LLC, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3(c)(3).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Cody E. Oram, License #17795, t/a Lumio HX, Inc., 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)(3).

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$25.00 received from Richard Agnello, License #18050, LLC, as the first 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)(1). Balance due is \$1,975.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Joseph F. Kiss, License #15304, t/a L B Electric Inc., as the twenty-first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 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 Expired Electrical Contractors License #14267 received from Nicholas Krontiris.

Office files reflect that Mr. Krontiris' License #14267 expired on March 31, 2015, as he failed to pay the renewal fee.

Office files also reflect that Mr. Krontiris paid the business permit renewal; however, the business permit was never updated due to his failure to pay the licensing fee.

Office files further reflect that Mr. Kontiris returned the pressure seal issued to NJK Electric, LLC on May 22, 2023.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony 1. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that this matter be discussed in Executive Session.

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The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Robert Triplett, Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA, requesting approval to teach nine (9) new courses by previously approved instructors and a new instructor.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve eight (8) courses and one instructor. The Board is holding in abeyance the approval of Mr. Turner to teach the course entitled "Safety Principles of Insulate, Isolate, and Personal Protective Grounding" pending receipt of a more detailed resume for Mack Turner to substantiate his qualifications to teach this course.

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The Board reviewed the Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Dennis Campbell, Comprehensive Education Solutions, LLC, requesting approval to teach nine (9) new courses by previously approved instructors.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to approve nine (9) new courses and previously approved instructors.

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The Board reviewed an e-mail received from Anthony Menafro, Construction Official, asking if electrical contractors are allowed to install complete LP gas systems for generators, which includes the LP gas piping as well as underground LP gas tanks with all of the necessary regulators.

Mr. Papademas stated that electrical contractors can only install the gas piping, not the system.

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The Board reviewed an e-mail dated May 11, 2023, received from Suzanne Childers asking whether an excavation contractor can install an electrical duct bank, which is being installed outside to a new building. Ms. Childers stated that the work is being performed under an engineer's supervision; the electrical contractor is not doing any of the work on the Duct Bank but will be installing the service conductors.

Mr. Flaherty stated according to the Attorney General's opinion dated February 28, 1991, the installation of underground conduit outside of a building is not subject to the license and business permit requirements contained in N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9.

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Mrs. Tucker stated that she does not have anything to report to the Board.

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Mike Merrill, New Jersey Gas Association, stated the association is available to offer regulatory guidance to the Board.

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MaryAnn Butler, Southern NJ NECA, thanked the Board for their service to the industry. Ms. Butler stated the new licensing law is creating a complex process of filling out the Work Experience Certifications and verifying the duties and details of over 500 applicants.

Mr. Schooley stated the only change in the law is the requirement of licensure instead of registration. The regulation regarding licensure of Wiremen and Apprentice are not yet being enforced.

Mr. Schooley also stated employers have a duty to cooperate when requested to fill out the Work Experience Certification.

Ms. Butler stated it is not that we do not want to provide the information, but there should be a less burdensome way to provide this information to the Board.

Mr. Schooley stated the Board is only following the regulations drafted by legislature.

Mr. Flaherty stated applicants could request a print out of their work history which can be included with their application.

Mr. Flaherty also stated if an applicant does not qualify as a journeyman or has not completed an apprenticeship program, the applicant must apply for licensure as a wireman.

DAG Donofrio stated that the Board is not enforcing licensure for wiremen at this time, as the application is not yet available.

Dan O'Gorman asked that the Board include on their website under 'frequently asked questions' that licensees/employers have an obligation to complete the Work Experience Certification.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that the August 9, 2023, Board meeting be canceled.

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The Board reviewed an Application for Reinstatement received from Lloyd R. Smith, License #17764.

Office files reflect License and Business Permit #17764 expired on March 31, 2018.

Office files also reflect Mr. Smith submitted an application to reactivate Business Permit #17764, and the monies were deposited on March 3, 2021. However, because the Board did not receive the application to reactive License #17764, the business permit was not updated.

Pressure seal issued to Granite Guard, LLC was not returned.

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

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Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty 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 3:00 P.M.

A Zoom Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director