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959th BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - JULY 14, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the July 14, 2021 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 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 July 13, 2021 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.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman
Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone
Mr. Constantinos Papademas
Mr. James H. Flaherty

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, III

Anna Bennett, Regulatory Analyst
Raquel Bristol, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law

The Board saluted the Flag.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the 957th Open Session Business Meeting held May 12, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the 958th Open Session Business Meeting held June 9, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (8) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve (5) 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 (6) of the (10) Initial Business Permits Previously Expired effective July 14, 2021 to March 31, 2024. (#3, #5 #7, #9 and #11 are 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 (5) Change in Business Permits effective July 14, 2021 to March 31, 2024.

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 2022 meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-5.

Mr. Constantinos Papademas 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 2022 meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-5.

Check in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from Brian Earp, Unlicensed, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$50.00 received from George Isabella, License #14732, t/a George Isabella Electrical Contractor, as the thirty-fifth 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 \$650.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$350.00 received from Everton Reid, Unlicensed, as the third installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9. Payments started April 5, 2021 and the balance due is \$4,050.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from Mark Dillon, License #7490, t/a Dillon Electric, LLC, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.2(b).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$300.00 received from Timothy Boyle, License #12643, as the fourth and fifth 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 February 6, 2020 and the balance due is \$2,250.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$450.00 received from Philip J. DeNivo, License #15902, as the eleventh 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 \$600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$450.00 received from Keith E. Rodgers, License #13191, t/a Vexel, Inc., as the third 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 March 26, 2021 and the balance due is \$5,250.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Christopher Meyers, License #13140, Christopher Meyers Electrical Services, as the tenth 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 started October 14, 2020 and the balance due is \$4,650.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from John A. Schipani, License #14228, t/a John A. Schipani Electrical Contractor, as the eleventh and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9(a).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Joseph Signa, License #15841, as the third installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c). Payments started March 24, 2021 and the balance due is \$2,550.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Two checks in the amount of \$1,000.00 each were received from Michael Neppi, License #10442, t/a Claus Electric Services, 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. 13:31-2.3(f).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Antonino Oliveri, License #16580, t/a AC Electrical, 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).

The Board accepted the payment.

Three Money Orders in the amounts of \$1,000.00 each received from Wilfred Jeffrey, License #14733, t/a J K Electrical Contractor, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.5.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Kenneth Gorman, License #13786, as the fifth 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 January 19, 2021 and the balance due is \$4,250.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$150.00 received from Carlos Mendez, License #12614, 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 February 11, 2021 and the balance due is \$2,250.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Albert G. Hoesly, III, License #13598, t/a Albert G. Hoesly Jr. & Son, Inc., as the fifth 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 February 20, 2020 and the balance due is \$3,150.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Letter received June 15, 2021, from Sundeep Anand, Vice President, A & S Electrical Inc., requesting a second six-month continuance of business under Permit #13516 according to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The licensee, Altaf H. Syed-Naqvi, died on January 24, 2021.

Mr. Anand stated that due to Covid, there have been major slowdowns on their open projects due to supply and labor shortages.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that the firm of A&S Electrical, Inc. be granted a second and final six-month continuance of business under permit #13516 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The Board approves Mr. Anand to qualify the business. The extension will expire on January 24, 2022.

Letter dated May 5, 2021, from Adam Belitz, President, Guaranteed Service.Com, LLC, requesting a six-month continuance of business under Permit #10720 according to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The licensee, Thomas Drago, died on December 5, 2020.

Mr. Belitz stated that he has twenty-nine (29) years of experience in the plumbing, HVAC and electrical field.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that the firm of Guaranteed Service.Com, LLC be granted a second and final six-month continuance of business under permit #10720 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The Board approves Mr. Belitz to qualify the business. The extension will expire on December 20, 2021.

The Board reviewed an application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Thomas H. Reeb, License #10200.

Office files reflect that Mr. Reeb's License #10200 expired on March 31, 2018.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seal issued to I.I.S. Corp. Electrical Construction & Maintenance was returned on December 8, 1994. Mr. Reeb then became the licensee for Advanced Electrical Installations, Inc. and returned that pressure seal on December 8, 1999 and withdrew his Business Permit #10200 from the company.

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

After a brief discussion in Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session for the following motion:

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Reeb's License #10200 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reactivation.

Letter dated June 21, 2021, received from Anthony Melone, License #10611, t/a Anthony's Electric, requesting a second extension to complete his continuing education courses pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-13.4.

Mr. Melone stated he continues to be unable to attend his continuing education courses due to health issues.

Mr. Melone was granted six-months in which to take his continuing education courses. The extension will expire in July 2021.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, 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 extension will expire in January 2022.

Anna Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, appeared before the board to discuss removing the amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:31-2.1(c) 1 regarding the licensee's abandonment of an application after passing the examination.

Ms. Bennett stated that the Board had previously indicated that this was really a non-issue as applicants normally seek licensure after passing the examination. Therefore, the Board had requested that this provision be removed from the proposal.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that the Board approves this modification and the deletion of this language from the proposal.

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 29, 2021, received from DAG Donofrio concerning Nissim Sedaka, License #9711 (Expired).

The Board directed that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session to receive advice of counsel.

After receiving advice of counsel, the Board returned to Public Session for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to finalize the Provisional Order of Discipline and issue a Final Order of Discipline ordering Mr. Sedaka's License and Business Permit #9711 are suspended until he provides restitution to the consumer in the amount of \$80.00 and provides copies of continuing education course certificates for the 2015 and 2018 triennial renewal periods; pays a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); and pays a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,500.00 in regards to his non-compliance of the continuing education requirements.

The Board reviewed an e-mail dated June 24, 2021, received from Abby Weiner, Esq., Peckar & Abramson, asking if her client will be exempt from requiring a license and business permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18(e). The client will be engaging in electrical transmission line construction, maintenance (overhead and underground), and substation electrical construction for three electric utilities.

DAG Donofrio stated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18(e), Ms. Weiner's client would be considered exempt from having to obtain a business permit to perform electrical work for the utility.

Mr. Flaherty stated he does not agree as he interprets that statute to exempt "public utilities". Ms. Weiner's client is not a public utility.

DAG Donofrio stated that the statute reads "for" a public utility.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and passed, that a letter be sent to Ms. Weiner advising that her client is not required to secure a business permit to perform electrical work at the utility pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18 which states:

Electrical work or construction which is performed on the following facility or which is by or for the following agency shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting so as to require the securing of a business permit:

(e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-13, organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating works for the generation, supplying, transmission and distribution of electricity for electric light, heat, or power.

Roll call on the motion:

Mr. Constantinos Papademas - Yes
Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone - Yes
Mr. James H. Flaherty - No
Mr. Joseph P. Schooley - Yes

The Board reviewed an application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Steven G. Della Fave, License #13874.

Office files reflect that Mr. Della Fave's License and Business Permit #13874 expired on March 31, 2018.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seals issued to Glacier Electrical Contractor (issued May 2012) and Steven Della Fave Electrical Contractor (issued October 1997) were not returned to the Board office.

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

After a brief discussion in Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session for the following motion:

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Della Fave's License #13874 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reactivation.

The Board reviewed an application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License received from Patrick B. Sharpe, License #16695.

Office files reflect that Mr. Sharpe's License #16695 expired on March 31, 2018. Office files also reflect that Mr. Sharpe's Business Permit #16695 expired on March 31, 2012 and the pressure seal issued to Sharpe Electrical Solutions was returned to the Board office on March 20, 2021.

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

After a brief discussion in Closed Session, the Board made the following motion:

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Sharpe's License #16695 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reactivation.

The Board reviewed an application to Reinstate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from Joseph M. Angello License #10517.

Office files reflect Mr. Angello chose "inactive" status on January 27, 2012.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seal issued to American Plumbing, Heating and Electric Inc. was not returned to the Board office.

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

The Board reviewed an application to Reinstatement a Suspended Electrical Contractors License received from Robert J. Zieniuk, License #7144.

Office files reflect that Mr. Zieniuk's License and Business Permit were suspended on July 30, 1996 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (a), (b), and (e), for a five year period (beginning April 1, 1992 and ending March 31, 1997). The Order stipulated that Mr. Zieniuk may seek reinstatement of his license provided he first establishes his qualifications and takes and passes the examination.

Mr. Zieniuk joined the meeting via Zoom as a guest. Mr. Zieniuk stated that he knows the Board is very busy, but was hoping the Board would allow him a few moments of their time.

DAG Donofrio stated that it appears Mr. Zieniuk has not been in the field of electrical contracting, therefore, Mr. Zieniuk would need to take and pass the examination in order to regain his license.

Mr. Zieniuk stated that the work he performs under his heating company is exempt from having a license and business permit.

Mr. Schooley thanked Mr. Zieniuk for appearing, but requested that the Board discuss this matter further in Executive Closed Session to receive advice of counsel.

The Board reviewed an application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from Jeffrey C. Fisher, License #9022.

Office files reflect Mr. Fisher chose Inactive status for his License #9022 on February 28, 2018. Office files also reflect that Mr. Fisher never held a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Fisher’s License #9022 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 Jason E. Camacho, License #15360.

Office files reflect Mr. Camacho chose Inactive status for his License #15360 on March 31, 2018. Offices also reflect Mr. Camacho’s Business Permit #15360 expired on March 31, 2015. Pressure seal issued to Camacho Electrical Services returned on June 5, 2015 and the pressure seal issued to JJACZ Electrical Services, LLC was returned on February 15, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to reactivate Mr. Camacho’s License #15360 as he has demonstrated to the Board’s satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reactivation.

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

Mr. Schooley stated that due to scheduled vacations and retirements, the August 11, 2021 meeting is canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

An Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Philameana L. Tucker
Executive Director