

921st BUSINESS MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) - - -
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Committee Minutes of September 13, 2017, have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its next meeting of October 11, 2017, 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 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.

Committee meeting of October 11, 2017, was called to order at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present:

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman
Mr. Joseph F. Cantalupo
Mr. Gino Pasqualone

Mr. Constantinos Papademas, Mr. James H. Flaherty, and Mr. Arthur W. Jacobs, Sr. were absent.

Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director, was present from 9:00 A.M. until the close of the meeting.

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law, was present from 9:00 A.M. until the close of the meeting.

Kathleen Moran, Administrative Assistant, III, was present from 9:00 A.M. until the close of the meeting.

Kerrie Shahan, Government Service Representative, was present from 9:00 A.M. until the close of the meeting.

Michael Delaney, Government Service Representative, was present from 9:00 A.M. until the close of the meeting.

Also in attendance were Sam Weinstein, NJESA; Donald Clare; James Kennedy; and Robert Gingerelli.

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The Committee saluted the Flag.

Note: A quorum was not present. All actions are to be ratified at the Board's next meeting to be held on October 11, 2017, or soon thereafter.

Mr. Schooley requested a moment of silence for the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Schooley also requested a moment of silence for Edward H. O'Hara who recently passed away. Mr. Schooley stated Mr. O'Hara was a good family man and friend. Mr. Schooley also stated that Mr. O'Hara was a highly esteemed member who served on the Board from 1981 to 2001.

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve the Minutes of the 920th Open Session Business Meeting held July 12, 2017.

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve (8) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2018. (Licenses were issued from September 13, 2017 through September 21, 2017).

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve (4) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2018. (Permits were issued on from August 18, 2017 through September 18, 2017).

The Committee unanimously recommended, to approve (2) Initial Business Permits Previously Expired which will expire on March 31, 2018.

The Committee unanimously recommended, to approve (4) Changes in Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2018.

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Postal Money Order in the amount of \$500.00 received on July 5, 2017, from Michael H. Oldenburg, License #16391, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1).

The Committee accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received on July 6, 2017, from Harold Force, License #17103, 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 Committee accepted the payment.

Two payments in the amount of \$1,000.00 each received on June 16 and July 17, 2017, from Edward Johnson, License #7469 (Revoked), as the tenth and eleventh installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$30,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9; N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.5(e); and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). Payments began on November 16, 2016 and the balance due is \$20,000.00.

The Committee accepted the payment.

Payment in the amount of \$1,109.00 received on July 11, 2017, from Temple Gibbs, License #10208 (Suspended), as the first installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. Balance due is \$1,391.00.

The Committee accepted the payment.

Cashier's Check in the amount of \$4,000.00 received on July 25, 2017, from William C. Harrison, License #14810, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9. Mr. Harrison also submitted a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 as restitution owed to Paul and Elaine Poultney.

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The Committee accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$300.00 received from Richard K. Cotterell, License #12030, 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 Committee accepted the payment.

The Committee reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Alfred Wright, Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, IBEW Local 351, requesting approval of new courses and an instructor.

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve six (6) new courses and an instructor.

The Committee reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Joanne Vander Kooy, National Technology Transfer, Inc., requesting approval of new courses.

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve two (2) new courses and instructors.

The Committee reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from William Rieth, requesting approval of new courses and an instructor.

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve eight (8) new courses and an instructor.

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The Committee reviewed an application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Sarah Barton, Warshauer Electric Supply, requesting approval of new courses and instructors.

The Committee unanimously recommended to approve two (2) new courses and instructors.

The Committee reviewed an application for Reinstatement of a license received from Michael W. Schneider, License #14254 (Expired).

Office files reflect Mr. Schneider's License #14254 expired on March 31, 2012.

Office files also reflect Business Permit #14254 expired on March 31, 2012.

Pressure seal for Zak Electrical & General Contracting, Inc. returned on July 26, 2017.

The Committee unanimously recommended that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session.

The Committee reviewed an application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from John V. Lane, License #5657 (Inactive).

Office files reflect Mr. Lane chose "Inactive" status on March 31, 2003.

Office files also reflect Business Permit #5657 expired on March 31, 2003.

Pressure seal for John V. Lane Electric, Inc. returned on August 29, 2017.

The Committee unanimously recommended that this matter be discussed in Executive Closed Session.

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The Committee reviewed an application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from Michael J. Rys, License #16449 (Inactive).

Office files reflect Mr. Rys chose "Inactive" status on March 16, 2015.

Office files also reflect Mr. Rys never held a business permit.

The Committee unanimously recommended to reinstate Mr. Rys' License #16449 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement. Mr. Rys will be reminded that he must still attend 24 hours of continuing education courses for the 2018 triennial renewal cycle which must be completed by March 31, 2018 that are not duplicative of the courses accepted by the Board for his 2015 renewal cycle. Mr. Rys will not be required to again take the nine hours of code changes and the one hour of laws, rules, and regulations for the 2018 renewal.

The Committee reviewed an application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License received from Joseph P. Esmerado, License #16199 (Inactive).

Office files reflect Mr. Esmerado chose "Inactive" status for both the license and business permit on November 19, 2015.

Office files also reflect Mr. Esmerado returned his pressure seal issued to Esmerado Bros Electrical Construction, LLC on November 19, 2015.

The Committee unanimously recommended to reinstate Mr. Esmerado's License #16199 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

Letter dated July 27, 2017, received from Donald A. Clare, Construction Official-Electrical Subcode, Borough of Monmouth Beach, requesting an official opinion regarding the installation of a Spectrum Aquatics Aspen Lift which is an ADA lift for a person located pool side and is constructed of metal.

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Mr. Clare would like to know whether or not this installation requires an electrical permit and does it need to be installed by a New Jersey licensed electrical contractor.

The Committee unanimously recommended that this work must be performed by a New Jersey Licensed Electrical Contractor who holds a current business permit. Additionally, the Committee recommends that such work should be inspected as required by the State Uniform Construction Code Act.

Signed acknowledgment received from Pierre Grand Pierre, License #11728, t/a Grand Pierre Electrical Contractor, agreeing to cease and desist from operating two companies under Business Permit #11728 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-15 and failing to issue a W-2 income tax form pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.4.

The Committee accepted the signed cease and desist agreement.

Nicholas J. Brehm, License #15858 (Expired) has failed to respond to the Provisional Order of Discipline filed April 12, 2017, ordering Mr. Brehm's License and Business Permit #15858 be suspended, and not be reinstated, until such time as he appears before the Board, and pays a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00, plus costs, for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2. Mr. Brehm is reprimanded for engaging in professional or occupational misconduct for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e).

The Committee unanimously recommended that Deputy Attorney General Joseph Donofrio finalize the Provisional Order of Discipline and issue a Final Order of Discipline ordering Mr. Brehm's License and Business Permit #15858 be suspended, and not be reinstated, until such time as he appears before the Board, and pays a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00, plus costs, for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2. Mr. Brehm is reprimanded for engaging in professional or occupational misconduct for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21.

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Additionally, the Committee requested that a letter be sent to the surrounding municipalities advising Mr. Brehm's License and Business Permit #15858 to engage in the business of electrical contracting is expired.

Don Clare, Construction Official-Electrical Subcode, stated that he appreciates the assistance of Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Brooks. Mr. Clare also stated that he has dealt with the Board for many years and his dealings with staff have always been very pleasant and he just wanted to say thank you.

Mr. Clare further stated that he appreciates the Board reviewing his letter.

Mr. Clare asked that a customized complaint for inspectors be implemented as the only way to submit a complaint is through the public portal which is designed for a consumer. Mr. Clare also stated many inspectors do not want to submit a complaint utilizing the consumer complaint form located on the Board's website.

Mr. Clare further stated he has submitted his resume to the Governor's office in an effort to be placed on the Board to fill the inspector appointment currently filled by Arthur Jacobs.

Mr. Schooley thanked Mr. Clare for his comments.

The Committee reviewed applications for the licensing examination to be administered by PSI Services, LLC. Fourteen (14) applications were approved.

The Committee unanimously recommended 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.

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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.

An Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker
Executive Director

INITIAL LICENSEES APPROVED
BY THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

1. Robin Riggs
2. Travis Grimes
3. Joseph Martin, Jr.
4. Nicholas Maring
5. David Norman
6. Edwin F Alicea, Jr.
7. Michael J. Hernandez
8. Michael P. Visocchi

INITIAL BUSINESS PERMITS APPROVED
BY THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

1. Open Systems Integrators, Inc - (David Stonaker) - (Corporation) - 289 Highway 33 - Manalapan, New Jersey 07728 - License #16868
2. Live Circuit Electric Inc - (Edward Desiderio) - (Corporation) - 418 Smith Street - Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861 - License #18256
3. 201 Electric LLC - (Michael J Hernandez) - (Limited Liability Company) - 870 Edgewater, Avenue, Ridge , New Jersey 07657 - License #18289
4. Jeremiah Geib - t/a - Geib's Electric - (Individual) - 409 East Moyer Road - Pottstown, PA 19764 - License # 18008

INITIAL BUSINESS PERMITS PREVIOUSLY EXPIRED
APPROVED BY THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2018

1. Dubak Electrical Group LLC - (Don Clare) - (Limited Liability Company) - 10 Beach Avenue, La Grange, IL 60526 - License #15015A
2. John V Lane - t/a - John V Lane Electric - (Individual) - 30 Watchung Drive - Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 - License #5657A

CHANGES IN BUSINESS PERMITS APPROVED
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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 TO MARCH 31, 2018

1. A & K Electrical Contractors Inc - (Anthony R Volk) - (Corporation) - Formerly - A & K Contracting Group LLC - 178 Anthony Road -Glen Gardner, New Jersey 08826 - License #14288A
2. Larry Bisignano Electric Contractor - t/a Larry Bisignano - (Individual) - Formerly - Robert Foss Electric LLC - (Limited Liability Company) - 4 Overlook Court - Bayville, New Jersey 08721 - License #13576A
3. Toth Electric LLC - (Jordan Toth) - (Limited Liability Company) - Formerly - Sky Electrical Systems LLC - (Limited Liability Company) - 44 Church Street - South Orange, New Jersey 07079 - License #17157A
4. Powerworx Electrical Services LLC DBA Case Electric LLC - (Brandon J Case) - Limited Liability Company) - Formerly Powerworx Electrical Services LLC - (Limited Liability Company) - 336 County Road 519 - Stockton, New Jersey 08559 - License #18239A