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970<sup>th</sup> BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PUBLIC SESSION) cont. - - SEPTMEBER 21, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the September 21, 2022 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 A.M. and was accessed by the public via the (now inactive) link:

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The agenda was provided 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 September 20, 2022 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.

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### ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Mr. Gino Pasqualone

#### Also in attendance:

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director Kathleen Moran, Administrative Assistant Lycette Nelson, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs Sadiqa Roe, Government Representative Marcy Jones, Administrative Assistant

There were also five (5) guests in attendance.

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The Board saluted the Flag.

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Lycette Nelson, Regulatory Analyst, appeared before the Board to present the proposed draft of amendments to the electrical contractor's regulations.

Ms. Nelson stated that the regulations committee have been working diligently to draft regulations for the new license categories.

Ms. Nelson also stated that the new categories and definitions are as follows:

Class A Apprentice Electrician is an individual licensed pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$ . 45:5A-1 et seq. and  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$ . 13:31-7.1 who is enrolled in an electrical apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor and who performs electrical work under the supervision of a licensed electrical contractor or Class A journeyman electrician.

Class A Journeyman Electrician is a person licensed pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$  45:5A-1 et. seq. and  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  13:31-5.1 as a Class A journeyman electrician by the Board.

Class B Wireman is an individual licensed pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$ . 45:5A-11.7 and section 13:31-6.1 of this chapter who performs electrical work under the supervision of an electrical contractor or Class A journeyman electrician.

Ms. Nelson stated that the only change in the definition of a Class A Journeyman Electrician is the increase in the continuing education requirement for renewal from 10 to 15 hours.

Ms. Nelson stated that the Committee recommended the following fees for the new licensing categories.

Initial application fee for each new licensing category - \$100.00. Pro-rated fees for licensure for the three year period as follows: Class A Journeyman Electrician - \$150.00, \$100.00, \$50.00; Class B Wiremen - \$75.00, \$50.00, \$25.00; Class A Apprentice Electrician - \$150.00, \$100.00, \$50.00; Renewal and late renewal fees remain the same.

Ms. Nelson stated because the journeyman, wiremen and apprentice are now licensed, these individuals are subject to the Uniform Enforcement Act.

Ms. Nelson also stated for those individuals who do not meet the training, education and experience requirements for Class A Journeyman Electrician licensure, the Board has the discretion to determine approval on a case-by-case basis pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:31-2.6.

Ms. Nelson stated that the new subchapter under 13:31-6.1(a) defines the licensed Class B Wireman as any person employed to engage in electrical work in the State who is not licensed as an electrical contractor, Class A Journeyman electrician, or Class A Apprentice electrician must be licensed as a Class B Wireman. A Class B Wireman shall work under the direct supervision of an electrical contractor or Class A Journeyman electrician.

A Class B Wireman licensee shall renew the license subject to the triennial cycle established by the Board and present proof of having completed a fifteen (15) hour course of study relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code and one hour of laws, rules and regulations.

Any person engaging in electrical work who is not a licensed electrical contractor, licensed Class A Journeyman Electrician, Class B Wireman, or Class A Apprentice Electrician shall be deemed to be practicing without a license and subject to such disciplinary action as the Board shall determine, including, but not limited to, being prohibited from obtaining a license from the Board.

Class B Wireman shall work under the direct supervision of an electrical contractor or Class A Journeyman electrician. A Class B Wireman licensee shall renew the license subject to the triennial cycle established by the Board and present proof of having completed a 15-hour course of study relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code and one hour of laws, rules and regulations.

Any person engaging in electrical work who is not a licensed electrical contractor, licensed Class A Journeyman Electrician, Class B Wireman, or Class A Apprentice electrician shall be deemed to be practicing without a license and subject to such disciplinary action as the Board shall determine, including, but not limited to, being prohibited from obtaining a license from the Board.

Ms. Nelson stated that the renewal and reactivation provisions do not change.

Ms. Nelson also stated that the Board has the ability to grant a temporary license to a licensee from another state if the Board determines that person qualifies for such license.

Mr. Papademas stated the drafted language under  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  13:31-6.1 reflects a 15 hour course of study and one hour of Statues and rules. Mr. Papademas also stated that the one hour of laws and rules is to be included in the 15 hours.

Ms. Nelson stated the Class A Apprentice Electrician means any person enrolled, and in good standing, in a four year electrical apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor or performs electrical work under the supervision of a licensed electrical contractor or Class A Journeyman electrician, shall be licensed as a Class A Apprentice electrician. A person seeking licensure as a Class A Apprentice electrician shall submit proof that the applicant is enrolled in good standing in a four year electrical apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United State Department of Labor and provide the name and business address of the licensee under whose supervision the applicant performs electrical work.

Ms. Nelson stated if an apprentice chooses to place their license in inactive status, that licensee would be required to go back into the apprenticeship program in order to reactivate.

Mr. Schooley stated that a licensee enrolled in an apprenticeship program would not be required to attend continuing education courses. Mr. Schooley also stated that all employees are required to be W-2 employees regardless of their status.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve the proposed draft of amendments to the Electrical Contractors Regulations as modified.

Roll call vote on the motion:

James H. Flaherty Yes
Gino Pasqualone Yes
Anthony L. Anzelone Yes
Constantinos Papademas Yes
Joseph P. Schooley Yes

Motion carries.

Mr. Schooley stated that Ms. Nelson did an great job and the Board appreciates her hard work.

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Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone 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 11:30 P.M.

A Zoom Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director