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971st BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
(PUBLIC SESSION) - - - OCTOBER 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the October 26, 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 and was accessed by the public via the (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 October 25, 2022 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. Gino Pasqualone

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Constantinos Papademas was absent.

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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 three (3) guests in attendance.

The Board saluted the Flag.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to approve the Minutes of the $970^{\rm th}$ Open Session Business Meeting held September 14, 2022 and September 21, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to ratify the motion to approve (5) Initial Licenses which will expire on March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to ratify the motion to approve (6) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to ratify the motion to approve (3) of (5) Initial Business Permits Previously Expired effective October 12, 2022 to March 31, 2024. (#1, #2, #3 are being held in abeyance pending further review).

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to hold in abeyance six Changes in Business Permits. (#1 through #6 are being held in abeyance pending further review).

Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from Christopher P. Arnhold, License #16458, t/a Arnco Electric LLC, as the first and second 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). The balance due is \$1,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Kenneth Gorman, License #13786, t/a Gorman Electric LLC., as the twentieth 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 \$2,000.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$200.00 received from Christian F. Rupp, IV, License #8149, t/a C R Electrical Contracting, as the second 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 July 7, 2022 and the balance due is \$1,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Daniel M. McGaw, License #18019, t/a DMG Master Electric, LLC, as the second 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 July 28, 2022 and the balance due is \$2,550.00.

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 nineteenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of 8.3.4.00.13. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started February 20, 2020, and the balance due is \$1,050.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$150.00 received from Carlos Mendez, License \$12614, t/a Mega Power and Son Electrical Contractors, LLC, as the twentieth 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.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Anthony Lorenzo, License #9841, t/a BNG Electrical Contracting, LLC, as the fourth 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 May 25, 2022 and the balance due is \$2,200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$500.00 received from Bruce Gordon, License #6633, t/a Bruce Gordon Electrical Inc., as the fourteenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,125.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.7. Payments started July 1, 2021 and the balance due is \$4,500.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Cashier's Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Kevin R. Lyle, License #16297, t/a Lyle Electric, as the seventh 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 \$2,950.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Cashier's Check in the amount of \$7,000.00 received from Gary L. Laks, License #11872, t/a Lin R. Rogers Electrical Contractors, Inc., as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$7,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1).

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$250.00 received from Gregory J. Martelli, License \$15048, t/a GJM Electric, LLC, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45A-16.2(12).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$300.00 received from Thomas S. Ferrie, License #16931, t/a New Jersey Clean Energy Solutions, LLC, as the sixth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for violation of 8.3.8.0. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started May 16, 2022 and the balance due is \$3,700.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Monica E. Merel, License #15260, t/a Clean Energy & Solar, LLC, as the fourth 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 June 2, 2022 and the balance due is \$1,200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Cashier's Check in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from James J. Bodrato, License \$11383, t/a Bodrato Consulting 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. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1).

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Orders in the amount of \$200.00 received from Joseph F. Gornicz, License #16039, t/a Mid State Services, Inc., as the first and second installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of 8.3.2. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started August 19, 2022 and the balance due is \$3,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Joseph A. Signa, License #15841, t/a MAS Electrical Maintenance, LLC, as the nineteenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of 8.3.4. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started April 6, 2021 and the balance due is \$150.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Christopher Meyers, License #13140, t/a Christopher Meyers Electrical Services, as the twenty-fifth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000.00 for violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started October 14, 2020 and the balance due is \$2,250.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Ricardo Rondon, License #15053, t/a Ricardo Rondon Electrical Contractor, as the third 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 June 22, 2022 and the balance due is \$1,400.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Steven T. Scotti, License #16987, t/a Trulite Electric, LLC, as the seventh installment of a civil penalty in the amount \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started March 29, 2022 and the balance due is \$1,950.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Money Order in the amount of \$200.00 received from Michael L. Gray, License #15945, t/a M K Gray Electric, LLC, as the first installment of a civil penalty in the amount \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). The balance due is \$800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Joseph F. Kiss, License #15304, t/a L B Electric Inc., as the fifthteenth 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 June 17, 2021 and the balance due is \$2,750.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License #18103 received from Fred T. Williams.

Office files reflect that License #18103 expired on March 31, 2021.

Office files also reflect that Business Permit #18103 was closed on March 31, 2016. Pressure seal issued to Aerial Lighting & Electric, Inc. returned the Board office on March 21, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Williams' Business Permit #18103 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reactivate Expired Electrical Contractors Business Permit #18418 received from Daniel S. Vankuren, License #18418.

Office files reflect that Mr. Vankuren's Business Permit #18418 expired on March 31, 2021.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seal issued to Decisive Communications, Inc. was not returned to the Board office.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, that this matter be discussed in Closed Session.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Robert Triplett, Pen-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA, requesting approval to teach new courses and a new instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve ten (10) new courses and new and previously approved instructors.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Erin Wilson, Dormakable USA, requesting approval to teach a new course and a new instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that a letter be sent to Ms. Wilson asking if the course she is seeking approval to teach is a proprietary course. If it is not a proprietary course, then the Board approves one (1) new course and a new instructor.

The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Mark Sobhy, Warshauer Electric Supply, requesting approval to teach a new course and a new instructor.

Motion made by Mr. Gino Pasqualone and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, to approve one (1) new course and a new instructor.

The Board reviewed an E-mail dated September 26, 2022, received from Henry F. Furst, Esq. asking if an electrician can lay the pipe from an above ground diesel oil tank to a backup emergency generator.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone, and unanimously passed, that a letter be sent to Mr. Furst advising him that this type of work is out of the scope of an electrical contractor.

Lycette Nelson, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, stated on behalf of the Division of Consumer Affairs, stated P.L. 2021 c. 479 amended the statute governing the Board of Electrical Contractors to establish new license categories for Class A journeyman electricians, Class B wiremen and Class A electrical apprentices. The new statutory requirements for licensure become effective on February 1, 2023.

Ms. Nelson also stated that the Board is in the process of promulgating regulations to implement the statutory requirements for each category of license and to set fees for each type of license. The statute allows any person currently registered as a Qualified Journeyman Electrician to exchange the registration for a Class A journeyman electrician license. The Board has prioritized making this license available as soon as possible because the requirements for the Class A journeyman electrician license will be the same as for the current Qualified Journeyman Electrician registration. The Board anticipates being able to start issuing Class A journeyman electrician licenses to current registered qualified journeyman in the coming months.

Ms. Nelson further stated because the February 1, 2023 deadline is only three months away at this point, the Board intends to exercise its enforcement discretion and to decline to pursue unlicensed practice claims against registered Qualified Journeyman Electricians who fail to obtain a Class A journeyman electrician license by the February 1 deadline. The Board will follow up in the near future to apprise the regulated community of when it intends to end this period of enforcement discretion.

Ms. Nelson stated because the Class B wireman license and Class A apprentice license are new licensing categories for which the Board does not have regulations or fees, the Board will not be able to start issuing these licenses until it has adopted regulations. avoid penalizing anyone for performing electrical work without a license prior to the adoption of regulations, on an interim basis the board will exercise its enforcement discretion and decline to pursue unlicensed practice claims against anyone who would otherwise be required to obtain a Class B wireman or Class A apprentice electrician license after February 1, 2023. The Board will decline to pursue such claims until it has begun issuing Class B wireman and Class A electrical apprentice licenses, and it will allow applicants a reasonable period of time after it begins issuing licenses to obtain the required license. The Board will give the regulated community ample notice when it intends to end this period of enforcement discretion.

Ms. Nelson also stated the Board will continue to provide information to the regulated community and, as with any proposed rulemaking, the proposed rules will be published for comment prior to adoption.

Mrs. Tucker stated that she has nothing to report.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, 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 2:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director