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972<sup>nd</sup> BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
(PUBLIC SESSION) - - - NOVEMBER 9, 2022

## CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors was not held at 124 Halsey Street, but remotely. Pursuant to OPMA,  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$ . 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 November 8, 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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The Board saluted the Flag.

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## ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. Gino Pasqualone

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone was absent.

## 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 Minutes of the  $971^{\rm st}$  Open Session Business Meeting were not ready for approval.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas 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. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (4) Initial Business Permits which will expire on March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (2) Initial Business Permits Previously Expired effective November 9, 2022 to March 31, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas and seconded by Mr. James H. Flaherty, and unanimously passed, to approve (3) of the (4) Changes in Business Permits effective November 9, 2022 to March 31, 2024. (#4 is being held in abeyance pending further review).

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Daniel M. McGaw, License #18019, t/a DMG Master Electric, LLC, 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)(1). Payments started July 28, 2022 and the balance due is \$2,400.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$400.00 received from Christopher P. Arnhold, License #16458, t/a Arnco Electric LLC, as the third 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 July 20, 2022, and the balance due is \$1,200.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Joseph A. Signa, License #15831, t/a MAS Electrical Maintenance, LLC, as the twentieth and final 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 Board accepted the payment.

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Cashier's Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Kevin R. Lyle, License #16297, t/a Lyle Electric, as the eighth 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 \$2,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Christopher Meyers, License #13140, t/a Christopher Meyers Electrical Services, as the twenty-sixth 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 \$2,100.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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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 twentieth 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 \$900.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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

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 eighth installment of a civil penalty in the amount \$3,000.00 for violation of  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C}}$ . 13:31-3.3 (c)(1). Payments started March 29, 2022 and the balance due is \$1,800.00.

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 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 July 7, 2022 and the balance due is \$1,400.00.

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-first 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 \$1,850.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Glenn R. Sheats, License #16255, as the first and final payment 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).

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Melvin N. Cherry, License #17603, as the first and final payment 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).

The Board accepted the payment.

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Money Orders in the amount of \$200.00 received from Joseph F. Gornicz, License #16039, t/a Mid State Services, Inc., as the third installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for violation of 8.3.4.00.00. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1). Payments started August 19, 2022 and the balance due is \$3,400.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Checks in the amount of \$200.00 received from William K. Graetz, License #14135, as the first and second 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). The balance due is \$1,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Joseph D. Voci, License #16261, as the first and final payment 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).

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Alexander Gomez, License #16466, as the first instalment 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). Balance due is \$3,800.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 received from Daniel B. Miller, License #18106, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.3 (c) (1).

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$500.00 received Michael A. Sica, License #10810, 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 \$1,500.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 received from Glenn W. McCoid, License \$5733, 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 Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$300.00 received from Thomas S. Ferrie, License #16931, as the first 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). 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 fifth 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 \$1,000.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

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Check in the amount of \$150.00 received from Joseph F. Kiss, License #15304, t/a L B Electric Inc., as the sixteenth 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 \$2,600.00.

The Board accepted the payment.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License #14359 received from Michael D. Niclaus.

Office files reflect that License #14359 expired on March 31, 2018.

Office files also reflect that Business Permit #14359 expired on March 31, 2012. Pressure seal issued to Niclaus Electrical Contracting was not returned to the Board office.

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

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The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Electrical Contractors License #10185 received from William D. Samiljan.

Office files reflect that License #10185 expired on March 31, 2003.

Office files also reflect that Mr. Samiljan never held a business permit.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Samiljan's License #10185 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

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Mr. Gino Pasqualone recused himself from the following discussion and motion.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reinstate an Expired Qualified Journeyman Electrician Registration #25 received from Robert T. Beerhalter.

Office files reflect that Qualified Journeyman Electrician Registration #25 expired on December 31, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and passed, to reinstate Mr. Beerhalter's Qualified Journeyman Electrician Registration #25 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

The Board reviewed an Application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License #10105 received from Barry P. Beck.

Office files reflect that Mr. Beck chose inactive status for License and Business Permit #10105 on March 12, 2021.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seal issued to Nooter Construction Company was returned on August 19, 2019.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, to reinstate Mr. Beck's License #10105 as he has demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he meets the requirement for reinstatement.

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The Board reviewed an Application to Reactivate an Inactive Electrical Contractors License #15346 received from Christopher C. Cochrane.

Office files reflect that Mr. Cochrane chose inactive status for License #15346 on June 20, 2018.

Office files also reflect that Business Permit #15346 expired on March 31, 2009.

Office files also reflect that the pressure seal issued to Cochrane Electric was returned to the Board office on January 17, 2018.

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

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Letter dated October 6, 2022, received from Donna Vespa, Vespa Electrical Co. Inc., requesting a six-month continuance of business under Permit #5754 according to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The licensee, Antonio Vespa, died on August 21, 2022.

Ms. Vespa stated that Dave Fetterman, License #15943, has been with the company since 1993 and will remain with the company until current projects are closed.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that the firm of Vespa Electrical Company, Inc. be granted a six-month continuance of business under permit #5754 pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$ . 45:5A-14. The Board approves Mr. Fetterman to qualify the business. The extension will expire on February 21, 2023.

Letter dated October 6, 2022, received from Brian O'Neill, Sunnyhill Electrical Services, LLC, requesting a six-month continuance of business under Permit #6540 according to N.J.S.A. 45:5A-14. The licensee, Roger O'Neill, died on October 20, 2022.

Brian stated he has been with his father's company as a field/lead electrician since 2015.

Motion made by Mr. James H. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that the firm of Sunnyhill Electrical Services, LLC be granted a six-month continuance of business under permit #6540 pursuant to N.J.S.A.45:5A-14. The Board approves Mr. O'Neill to qualify the business. The extension will expire on April 20, 2023.

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The Board reviewed an Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar approval received from Patrick J. Murphy, Instructor #1273, requesting approval to become a sponsor and teach one new course.

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

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The Board reviewed the drafted regulations for reciprocity and a 30-day temporary license under the new electrical contractors licensing statute.

Ms. Nelson stated that reciprocity would apply to all the new licensing categories. Ms. Nelson also stated this Board has never had reciprocity and can, in its discretion, grant reciprocity to an individual living in another state, if that state has equal requirements.

Mr. Flaherty asked if there will be a requirement for the out of state contractor to know the laws of the State of New Jersey.

DAG Donofrio stated that the regulatory committee discussed adding an educational component so that anyone coming in would have a working knowledge of the Board's regulations.

Ms. Nelson stated that the Board can require continuing education in order to qualify for reciprocity.

Mr. Schooley stated that for the record that the legislature drafted the language to allow an individual reciprocity.

Eric DeGesero, New Jersey Independent Electrical Contractors Association, asked if the proposed regulations will be published in the register as one draft.

Ms. Nelson stated that there will be one proposal published in the Register which will encompass all proposed regulations.

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Mrs. Tucker stated that she has nothing to report.

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Motion made by Mr. Constantinos Papademas 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, December 14, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director