

MINUTES

UTAH ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSING BOARD MEETING

January 24, 2008

Room 474-4th Floor-9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 9:04 AM

ADJOURNED: 12:01 PM

DOPL STAFF
F. David Stanley, Director
Ross Ford, *Associate Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations Supervisor*
Yvonne King, *Board Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT
Bradley Stevens, *Chairman*
Frank Rydalch
David Kingery
Harold Weight
Dirk Burton

VISITORS
Jason Averett
Ernie Carey, *Utah Valley State College*
Clay Christensen, *Mountainland Applied Tech College*
Trina Hansen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech College*
Nathan Maughan
Renee McDonough, *IEC of Utah*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Jeff Pedersen, *Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors Assoc*
Wil Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Kevin Seeley, *IEC of Utah*
Phil Skeiths, *Mountainland Applied Tech College*
Lori Stewart, *Mountainland Applied Tech College*
Jack Stika
David Told, *Plumber's Board*

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Harold Weight made a motion to approve the November minutes as written. David Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

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**UTAH VALLEY/MOUNTAINLAND
COLLEGES**

Ernie Carey of Utah Valley Community College and Clay Christensen of Mountainland Applied Technical College came before the board to explain the relationship between the two schools. Students from Utah Valley and Mountainland attend the same classes and have the same instructors. However, Mountainland students pay less, but do not receive credit towards an associate degree. Those in the electrical and plumbing industries are concerned Mountainland students do not appear to be fully informed of the non-credit curriculum. An apprentice on the Utah Valley track of education would pay \$6,964 in tuition to obtain an associate degree. However, an apprentice on the Mountainland track that later obtains the same degree through Utah Valley would pay \$9,896 in tuition. The perception is this creates an unfair advantage down the road to those students that later seek an associate degree. Also, the plumbers this year have pursued a master plumber license classification through the state legislature. If this legislation passes, the importance of an associate degree to a plumber would most likely increase. There does not appear to be a clear division between the rolls of the two schools, who appear to share the same student pool. Christensen stated Utah Valley and Mountainland are just offering options to the students and do not view this as a competition. Carey said, according to his information, Utah Valley since 2004 has only graduated eleven apprenticeship students with an associate degree and in 2007 there was only one graduate. He was concerned of an enrollment drop that could result in a shutdown of the apprentice program. Carey and Christensen were informed by the board that Ogden Weber Applied Technical College and Weber State University in Ogden were in the process of coming up with a program for an associate degree that appeared to be more equitable for the apprentices. Bradley Stevens asked Carey and Christensen to look at the possibility of coming up with a similar program for their students.

**AVO TRAINING INSTITUTE
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Yvonne King provided the board with the continuing education information from Avo Training Institute. Stevens stated the board needed to review the correspondence continuing education material and be prepared to make a decision whether to accept the training at their next board meeting in February. Weight made a motion to wait until next month's board meeting before making a decision on the correspondence training material. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

TESTING

According to Dale Olson, the failure rate for the competency test at UVSC was too high. It was determined the problem was instructor based. This meant he was required to allow more students to move forward than what was normal. The problem had been resolved and would not be repeated.

The board reviewed the practical test results from December 2007. Competency test scores are to be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Dennis Meservy indicated there had been problems in the transfer to PSI as the new test provider. However, these problems were being worked out with PSI. Stevens said the practical test for now will be administered by PSI at the Salt Lake Community College.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The proposed changes in the electrical administrative rules give a journeyman applicant up to three years before their request for licensure is denied. Meservy said it was his opinion that this amount of time is excessive and should be limited to six months. Wayne Holman also mentioned in the present rule it is unprofessional conduct for an electrical contractor to not certify an apprentice's hours. This should be changed in the proposed rule from apprentice's hours to electrician's hours to assist a journeyman or a master electrician that needed verification of their hours from an employer. Kingery made a motion to approve these discussed changes to the proposed rule. Dirk Burton seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

Jason Averett

Jason Averett wanted to get approval to take the journeyman test. Averett worked as an unlicensed electrician for Maca Supply Company for some eighteen years and is currently working for Probst Electric as a laborer. He attended two semesters of school and tested at ninety percent. Averett was informed he would not receive credit for any illegal work. The board encouraged Averett to become licensed as an apprentice electrician. They needed additional information from him. He was to fill out a journeyman application with a breakdown of his work experience hours that included his school transcripts.

Nathan Maughan

Nathan Maughan wanted to know if his work experience with American Equipment would count. He worked for an electrical contractor as a licensed apprentice.

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He, however, is now employed by American who is a manufacture of overhead cranes. His work on the cranes involves the installation of electrical circuitry. He provided the board with documentation of the electrical work he has performed while working for American. Maughan indicated he is also currently attending school. The board informed Maughan to fill out a journeyman application along with a breakdown of his work experience hours that included the signature of his supervisor.

Jack Stika

Jack Stika asked the board to allow him to retake the practical examination. He appealed his last test failure to Thomson Prometric. However, after the first of the year, the test provider changed from Thomson Prometric to PSI. The board was provided with a copy of the letter that Thomson Prometric received from Stika. Stika indicated his failure was caused by another testing candidate that was located in the testing station next to his. This individual became upset about failing and caused a scene. Stika told the board the commotion caused him to lose his concentration. Stevens said he was present at this practical test and witnessed some of what occurred. He would support allowing Stika to retake the test. Weight made a motion to approve Stika to take the journeyman practical test once more and allow him to test on the next PSI testing date. Burton seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW

Board reviewed out of state applications.

All business concluded meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) Bradley Stevens
Bradley Stevens, Board Chairperson Signature

Date: February 21, 2008

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

Date: February 21, 2008