

MINUTES

UTAH ELECTRICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2009

Room 474 08:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED 08:01 A.M.

ADJOURNED 10:43 A.M.

DOPL STAFF
Mark Steinagel, *Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Ray Walker, *Reg/Comp Officer*
Dan S. Jones, *Bureau 4 Manager*
Yvonne King, *Board Secretary*
Ronda Trujillo, *Compliance*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Dirk Burton, *Chair*
Frank Rydalch
Harold Weight
David Kingery
Kevin Clubb

VISITORS
Ken Adams, *IEC of Utah*
William Besendorfer, *Applicant*
Carl Brailsford, *JATC*
Kitty Dirickson, *Applicant*
Trina Hansen, *Ogden/Weber Applied Tech College*
George Halliday, *IBEW*
Jon L. Jones, *Continuing Education*
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Tech College*
Michael Pennie, *IBEW*
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Bradley Stevens, *IEC of Utah*

MINUTES
Frank Rydalch made a motion to approve the September 2009 minutes as written. Kevin Clubb seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

COMPLIANCE
Ronda Trujillo presented a list of probationers and two on the list were out of compliance; Taylor Armstrong Clark and Kirk Duke Smith.

The board in their last meeting had made a motion to proceed with an order to show cause for both Clark and Smith. However, circumstance presently prevented the two from appearing in a hearing.

INVESTIGATIONS

Wayne Holman reported the construction investigative unit issued 62 citations and ten letters of concern/warning. Also, the unit was responsible for three criminal filings; one felony and two misdemeanors.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mark Steinagel

Mark Steinagel said there was need to clarify electrician continuing education (C.E.) by statute. The C.E. for contractors is established by statute and is scheduled to sunset July 1, 2010. There are those in the construction industry that want C.E., but are seeking a change in the present statute. The plumbers have also expressed an interest in having a C.E. requirement. For legislation, this would be a good time for all parties with an interest in C.E. to work together.

Jon L. Jones

Jon L. Jones came before the board. The board had approved him in their April 2008 meeting to teach C.E. to electricians that were employees of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Jones asked the board to remove this restriction, so he could teach to the general public. The board agreed there was no need for the restriction. Harold Weight made a motion to approve Jon L. Jones to also teach C.E. to the general public. David Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

National Technology Transfer (NTT)

Rydalch reviewed and discussed with the board the NFPA 70E/Arch Flash Electrical Safety C.E. course from National Technology Transfer (NTT). Rydalch made a motion to approve NTT for eight hours of C.E. credit. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

e-Hazard

The board reviewed the Electrical Workplace Safety NFP 70E Training C.E. course by e-Hazard. Weight made a motion to approve the e-Hazard C.E. course for eight hours of C.E. credit. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Continuing education, under state code 58-1-308(3), is listed as a requirement of license renewal. The question was asked if an applicant outside the two year renewal period was required to complete the 16 hours of continuing education requirement in order to become licensed again. There presently appeared to be no such requirement.

However, under state code 58-1-308(6), if a license is not reinstated within two years of expiration the application is required to meet the new license requirements as established by rule or statute.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE
Testing Prior to Experience**

Dennis Meservy presented a proposed rule change as directed by the board in their previous meeting. The rule change would have allowed an applicant that had graduated from apprentice school and completed 7,000 out of the 8,000 hours of electrical qualifying work experience to take the state journeyman test. The rule change would have also given an applicant a year to complete the testing process or they would have to retake the parts of the test they already passed. A reason for the proposed rule change was it was taking years for applicants to complete the testing process. An applicant that took four to eight years to complete the testing process was not current on their trade knowledge and this was perceived as a possible public safety issue.

The board could not come to an agreement in allowing an apprentice graduate to test early. However, the board was supportive of placing a time limit on the parts of the examination that are passed by an applicant.

The board also talked about making changes to the administrative rule for continuing education.

REVIEW TEST SCORES

PSI test scores were reviewed.

DISCIPLINARY/APPLICATION REVIEW

The board reviewed disciplinary, out of state applications, and applications with special concerns.

Kitty Dirickson

Kitty Dirickson appeared before the board. Meservy presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow Dirickson to reinstate her apprentice license. Rydalch made a motion to approve the MOU for Dirickson as discussed. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. This matter will now move forward to the Construction Services Commission.

William Besendorfer

William Besendorfer appeared before the board. His journeyman license expired in July of 2004. Meservy presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would provide Besendorfer with a journeyman license. Weight made a motion to approve the MOU for Besendorfer as discussed. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. This matter will now move forward to the Construction Services Commission.

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) Dirk Burton _____ Date: November 19, 2009
Dirk Burton, Chair Signature

(ss) Dennis Meservy _____ Date: November 19, 2009
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature