

MINUTES

UTAH ELECTRICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2010

Room 474 09:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED	09:01 A.M.
ADJOURNED	10:47 A.M.
DOPL STAFF	Dennis Meservy, <i>Bureau Manager</i> Yvonne King, <i>Board Secretary</i> Kent Barnes, <i>Compliance</i> Wayne Holman, <i>Chief Investigations</i>
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Dirk Burton, <i>Chair</i> Frank Rydalch David Kingery Harold Weight Kevin Clubb
VISITORS	Ken Adams, <i>IEC of Utah</i> Mark Austin, <i>Wasatch Electric</i> Carl Brailsford, <i>UEJATC</i> George Halliday, <i>IBEW</i> Trina Hansen, <i>Ogden/Weber Applied Tech College</i> Dwayne Lindsay Troy Lindsay, <i>Appointment</i> Shawn Murphey, <i>Wasatch Electric</i> Michael Pennie, <i>IBEW</i> Will Pierce, <i>Salt Lake Community College</i> Terry Smith, <i>Cache Valley Electric</i> Lori Stewart, <i>Mountainland Applied Tech College</i>
MINUTES	Harold Weight made a motion to approve the January 2010 minutes as written. Frank Rydalch seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
COMPLIANCE	According to Kent Barnes, there were eighteen individuals in compliance with the terms of their probation. Orders to Show Cause were pending against two probations. One probationer was out of compliance and needed to meet with the board. This was Kelly Hardman who failed to sign up for drug testing with Compass Vision.

INVESTIGATIONS

Wayne Holman stated investigation recently checked construction sites in Utah County. Ten investigators participated and seven citations were issued for individuals working without a license and or for companies hiring unlicensed individuals.

ADMINISTRATION RULE

Solar Photovoltaic

Wayne Holman was of the opinion that solar photovoltaic contractors should be limited to the installation of solar panels and be required to use electricians for any electrical wiring. No one was present from the solar industry due to a solar photovoltaic convention. There was concern expressed from this industry about the proposed change. Therefore, action on the proposed change was postponed until members of the solar industry could participate in the discussion.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

According to Dirk Burton, House Bill 176 pertained to continuing education (CE) for both electricians and plumbers. The CE hour requirements in the initial bill were to be established by administrative rule. The bill was later amended to establish by statute, not rule; 16 hours of CE for electricians and 12 hours of CE for plumbers. This amendment created disagreement over whether the required CE hours should be established by statute or rule and placed in question the passage of the bill.

Rydalch made a motion to support the amended continuing education House Bill 176 as discussed. David Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Burton indicated he supports House Bill 411. Public utility electrical corporations presently have their own regulations that pertain to connecting electrical service. This regulation often differs and may also go way beyond what is required for both the National Electrical Code (NEC) and public safety. This bill would establish the NEC as the state standard for connecting electrical service. The Public Service Commission, after a hearing, could establish changes to the code that were just and reasonable. The board indicated House Bill 411 did not involve a licensing issue. Therefore, this was a matter that needed to be pursued through the electrical associations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mike Holt Enterprises, Inc

The board reviewed from Mike Holt Enterprises two continuing education courses. (1) 2008 code update, online and correspondence, course. Rydalch made a motion to approve this code update CE course. Weight seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. (2) 2008 grounding versus bonding seminar. Clubb made a motion to approve the 2008 grounding versus bonding CE seminar. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

TEST SCORE REVIEWS

PSI test scores were reviewed by the board. Prior approval from the Division was required before testing applicants could take the state examinations. Kent Barnes indicated that by doing away with this prior approval; time and money would be saved for both the Division and applicants. Barnes encouraged further discussion even though this matter had been previously discussed by the board.

The board also reviewed school competency examination scores from Mountainland Applied Tech College and Salt Lake Community College.

DISCIPLINARY/APPLICATION REVIEW

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

TROY D. LINDSAY

Troy D. Lindsay appeared before the board. Wayne Holman was responsible for preparing a stipulation and order that was presented to the board that would place Lindsay on probation for *not* acknowledging his criminal convictions on licensing applications. Lindsay, as a part of the proposed stipulation, would be placed on probation for five years and fined three thousand dollars. However, half the fine would be suspended if the fine was paid within forty-five days of the stipulation and order obtaining final approval. Lindsay had convictions that involved alcohol and or drugs. Rydalch made a motion to add random alcohol/drug testing to the terms of the stipulation. The minimum term of the random testing, if there were no negative issues, would be two years. Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The matter now moves 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
Dirk Burton, Chair Signature

Date: March 18, 2010

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

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