

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011**

**In attendance: Keith Burlingame**

**William Lepore, Jr., Chair**

**Stanley Davies**

**Robert Zuba**

**Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by William Lepore, Jr. Also, in attendance were Robert Gaj, Investigator and David Francis, Acting Administrator.**

**Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting as written was made by Stan Davies; seconded by Robert Zuba and passed unanimously by the Board. A motion to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting as written was made by Stan Davies; seconded by Robert Zuba and passed unanimously by the Board. A motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting was made by Robert Zuba; seconded by Stan Davies and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**There were no hearings.**

**Application Review – Patrick Walsh: David Francis, Acting Administrator addressed the Board. Patrick Walsh has requested, of the department, to have his Electrical Apprentice credit transfer over to a Fire Alarm Apprentice. The Board questions Mr. Francis. Patrick Walsh was not present for today’s review. Dennis Dooley, owner of Power Comm Systems, Patrick Walsh’s employer, was present to answer any questions. William Lepore stated that Mr. Walsh, the applicant, should appear before the Board as he made the application and to ask and answer any questions. A discussion ensues. Dennis Dooley, addressed the Board. The Board questions Mr. Dooley. David Francis submitted a letter into the record indicating time frames and Mr. Walsh’s hours. The Board continues to question Mr. Dooley. Lynn Costigan, Director of Operations for Power Comm Systems, addressed the Board. David Francis notes to Ms. Costigan and the Board that Mr. Walsh was encouraged several times to attend today’s meeting to testify on his own behalf. Discussion continues. Stan Davies made a motion to table this issue for further study; seconded by Keith Burlingame and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**Other Business:**

**Robert Zuba addressed the Board that he has been getting emails regarding the 15 Hour Education. Providers are inquiring about what to do and procedures. Robert Zuba states that the amendments to**

the code have been approved and they are waiting for July 1 to go into affect after the 90 day waiting period. Given this fact, William Lepore sees no reason why providers cannot proceed. Robert Zuba states there are new individuals that would like to be providers. William Lepore asked if they could be put on the agenda for the next meeting. David Francis addressed the Board that during the March provisional review of providers the Board members reinforced past practice that past providers could continue providing, and new providers needed to wait until the code past before their programs are approved. Discussion continues. William Lepore requests that new providers be put on the agenda for the next meeting to pre-approve them and wait until July.

William Lepore requests, for continuity, to have meetings every month. Meetings have not been consistent due to the absence of Glenn Dusablon, Chief Electrical Investigator.

Violations hearings were discussed. It was noted that those violations investigated by Glenn Dusablon, Chief Electrical Investigator, would have to wait for his return as he is not here to testify. If written up by another investigator then they can be brought before the Board.

Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel for the Department, requests to further discuss Patrick Walsh and the apprenticeship issue. The Board discusses RIGL 5-6-24 and Mr. Walsh. The Board also

**discusses the Fire Alarm Installer license (can a limited Fire Alarm Installer work for a Master Electrician?). Discussions continue. Ron D'Ambuoso, Acting Assistant Director of Division of Professional Regulation, addressed the Board regarding apprentices. Discussion continues.**

**The Board questioned Acting Assistant Director, Ron D'Ambruoso as to what can be done to possibly have a temporary replacement for the current Chief Electrical Investigator. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to send a letter to the Director requesting a replacement for Glenn Dusablon, who has been out for eight months, as a concern for safety in the electrical industry. Ben Copple will draft a letter. The Board discusses the matter.**

**The Board resumes their discussion of Patrick Walsh. Stan Davies made a motion to bring Patrick Walsh before for questioning; seconded by Keith Burlingame and passed by the Board.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Stan Davies; seconded by Keith Burlingame and Robert Zuba and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2011.**