

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS
WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2011**

In attendance: Frank Benell, Jr.

Stanley Davies

Allen Durand

William Lepore, Jr., Chair

Robert Zuba

Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 am by William Lepore, Jr. Also, in attendance were Robert Gaj, Investigator and David Francis, Acting Administrator.

Minutes:

Allen Durand made a motion to accept the minutes to the previous meeting of May 18, 2011; seconded by Stanley Davies and passed unanimously by the Board.

Hearings:

1.) Kenneth Eaves (Viol #4006): Postponed to next month.

Application Review:

Patrick Walsh: The application review was continued from last months meeting. Mr. Walsh is not in attendance. No action was taken. Mr. Walsh will be notified to appear before the Board at next months meeting.

15 Hour Mandatory Continuing Education Provider Provisional Review:

David Francis addressed the Board. Board members were provided with a list of previous providers as well as a list of new providers. Discussion ensued. **Allen Durand** made a motion that **Kennedy Seminars** provide the Board with a roster list of applicants for continuing education so the Board can determine if there are enough applicants to qualify as a continuing education provider; seconded by **Frank Benell, Jr.** and passed by the Board. Motion to approve the balance of the providers made by **Stanley Davies**; seconded by **Robert Zuba** and passed unanimously by the Board.

Unfinished Business:

Per the request of the Board at last months meeting the Board was presented a letter drafted by Legal Counsel, **Benjamin Copple**, to the Director requesting a temporary Chief Electrical Investigator in **Glenn Dusablon's** absence. There is a brief discussion. **Allen Durand** recommended adding the wording "Chief Electrical Investigator Pro-Temp". The Board approves the letter with the edit. Board Chair, **William Lepore**, will sign the amended letter which will be forwarded

to the Director.

Other Business:

Allen Durand, addressed the Board regarding two pieces of legislation regarding an increase of fines and education. The education legislation would require an out of state applicant for examination to provide proof to four (4) years of school; minimum of 144 hours per year. Mr. Durand did not know the status of either piece of legislation at this time.

Robert Zuba continued the discussion from last month regarding Patrick Walsh who requested to move his apprenticeship credit from Electrical to Fire Alarm and since he would be moving to a limited class he would not be able to work for a Master Electrician. A discussion continued. The matter was tabled until Mr. Walsh appears before the Board. Mr. Walsh will be notified to appear before the Board at next months meeting. A discussion continued.

Robert Zuba inquired about the procedures for new 15 Hour Mandatory Continuing Education providers. Robert Zuba made a motion regarding the open enrollment for new continuing education providers; applications for new providers must be in by the December 2011 Board meeting after such time the provider list will close; seconded by Stanley Davies and passed unanimously by the Board.

Bob Gaj gave an update of happenings in the field.

William Lepore asked Ben Copple, Legal Counsel, what can be done regarding old cases investigated by Glenn Dusablon. Mr. Copple informed the Board that it is difficult to prosecute a case without a witness.

Ben Copple addressed the Board regarding Board trainings, as they have in the past, on topics such as ethics, open meetings law, due process and other matters. The meeting will be for all boards. Mr. Copple polled the Board for availability and informed the Board that they will look at either August or September.

Robert Zuba returned to the Continuing Education Provider list and asked if new providers will be sent letters informing them of their acceptance and the requirements. David Francis informed the board that would be done.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Durand; seconded by Robert Zuba and passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2011.