

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Cranston, RI
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2005

In attendance: Frank Benell

William Lepore

Ronald Racine

Stanley Davies

Allen Durand

Herbert Joslin

Mr. Anthony Marsella is not present for today's meeting. Mr. Lepore called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Lepore asked the board members if they had reviewed the minutes of the September 2005 meeting. Mr. Benell made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Mr. Racine seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There is one (1) appeal hearing scheduled for today for which there is a board stenographer.

1. David Sauvageau – Violation # 2471

The first appeal today is with regard to David Sauvageau. Mr. Sauvageau and Mr. James Rowley, Director of Safety, O. Ahlborg & Sons, are present and sworn in by the board stenographer.

Mr. Dusablon read the violation: It is alleged that on August 12, 2005, Mr. David Sauvageau, an alleged employee of Mr. Glenn S. Ahlborg, President of O. Ahlborg & Sons Inc., did install electrical conduit at Inskip Auto, 1515 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, RI without a valid RI electrical license. This is a violation of RIGL 5-6-2 "Work for which a license is required".

Based on the testimony and evidence provided to the board today, Mr. Durand made a motion to suspend the fine for violation of RIGL 5-6-2 "Work for which a license is required" for a 12-month period. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

This concludes today's hearings.

Other Business

In other business, Mr. Dusablon informed the board that the Department of Labor and Training would be conducting a course for all 15-hour continuing education providers and or instructors on Friday October 28, 2005 and Friday November 4, 2005. This will provide the division an opportunity to review the provider's/instructor's current curriculum and make any necessary changes. Upon completion of the course, a list of all approved providers/instructors will follow.

Mr. Durand then stated that discussion should begin with regard to the 2006 Legislation. In particular, reference to solar panels and the fact that they are becoming a very popular means for generating electricity more specific language is needed as to who the responsibility of the installation of said panels belongs to. Much discussion ensued with regard to the supports of the solar panel and if in fact the electrician is responsible for that installation (the support).

A reference was made to RIGL 5-6 (Definitions) and a suggestion was made to possibly add the word 'generating' to the clause to further define 'installation'. Mr. Valentino Lombardi, RIDLT Legal Counsel suggested that any suggested changes should be clear and definitive in nature and should always reflect an enhancement to safety issues. Mr. Lepore further stated that any proposed language be electrical and not jurisdictional.

Mr. Dusablon also suggested submitting legislation for the mandatory education to be under the jurisdiction of the DLT, Professional Regulations Division as opposed to the Building Code Commission.

Mr. Durand also suggested making amendments to RIGL 5-6-29 (d) “Persons and work exempt” – in particular ‘any person who now holds a hoisting engineer license...’ and ‘any person who now holds or may subsequently hold a license to operate a moving picture....’.

Mr. Dusablon stated that any proposals for new language would be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Racine made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 am. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Examiners of Electricians is scheduled for November 16, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Building 70, Department of Labor & Training, second floor conference room, Cranston, RI 02920.