

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING**

**DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS**

**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Cranston, RI 02920**

**WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2014**

**9:30am**

**In attendance:**

**Keith Burlingame**

**Stanley Davies**

**William Lepore, Jr**

**Robert Zuba**

**Board Members Frank Benell, Jr. and Michael Daley were not in attendance.**

**Also in attendance were Robert Fratus, Electrical Investigator; John Shaw, Administrator; and Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lally, DLT Legal Counsel.**

**1.) Call to Order: William Lepore, Jr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34am.**

**2.) Minutes of the June 18, 2014 Meeting: Stanley Davies made a motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2014 meeting as written; seconded by Keith Burlingame and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**3.) Conflict of Interest – Legal Counsel will address the Board concerning compliance with conflict of interest requirements: Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lally, DLT Legal Counsel, reminds board members that they are subject to the RI conflict of interest laws and of their responsibility to disclose conflicts of interest, financial or otherwise, and should recuse from hearing and voting on the matter.**

**4.) Violation Appeal Hearings: The hearing was held until the respondent and his attorney arrived. The Board preceded with the remaining agenda items and continued with the hearing once the respondent and his attorney arrived.**

**Albert Randazzo DBA Lighthouse Propane – Viol 4846: Albert Randazzo is represented by Attorney Mark Hagopian. Attorney Hagopian addressed the board regarding the entity the violation was issued against not being the correct entity. There is discussion.**

**Robert Fratus, Chief Electrical Investigator, reads the violation.**

**Name of Violator: Albert Randazzo DBA Lighthouse Propane; 579 Barbers Pond Road, West Greenwich, RI 02892**

**Violation: On 4/8/14, Chief Mechanical Investigator Nicholas Ranone, and I, Chief Electrical Investigator Robert Fratus, made a site visit to 155 Spring Grove Ave. Warwick RI 02889 to follow up on a complaint made by the home owner. It was reported to me by the home owner that Lighthouse Propane installed a new Navien combo boiler and wiring for the new boiler. This is one violation of RIGL 5-6-2 Work for which license required.**

**It was also found that Lighthouse Propane did not have the town issue electrical permit needed to perform this work. This is one violation of RIGL 5-6-25 Compliance with rules and requirements of city or town.**

**Robert Fratus and Nicholas Ranone are sworn in for testimony.**

**Robert Fratus is questioned and provides testimony. The following is entered into evidence:**

**State 1: Invoices and copy of check dated 9/18/13 (4 pages)**

**State 2: Packet of eight (8) photographs**

**State 3: Witness Statement from Mark Neves**

**State 4: Mr. Randazzo's license information**

**Parties review documents. The Board continues questioning Mr. Fratus. Attorney Hagopian questions Mr. Fratus and Mr. Ranone. The Board and Attorney Hagopian continue questioning.**

**Albert Randazzo is sworn in for testimony. Attorney Hagopian questions Mr. Randazzo.**

**Attorney Hagopian enters the following into evidence:**

**Respondent 1: Secretary of State certificate of good standing for Lighthouse Propane, Inc.**

**Respondent 2: Business card**

**Respondent 3: Business card**

**Attorney Hagopian continues questioning Mr. Randazzo. The Board questions Mr. Randazzo.**

**The Board has discussion regarding the challenge of the entity to which the violation was issued.**

**Keith Burlingame made a motion based upon evidence presented and testimony heard; there is sufficient evidence to find that work was performed by the subject without holding a valid electrician's license in violation of RIGL 5-6-2 and electrical work was done without the city issued permit in violation of RIGL 5-6-25. The motion was seconded by Stanley Davies. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Keith Burlingame made a motion that the fine of be upheld in the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 for each violation). The motion was seconded by Robert Zuba. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Attorney Hagopian addressed the Board regarding the entity the recommendation would be against.**

**The recommendation will be forwarded to the Director's office.**

**End of violation appeal hearings.**

**5.) Old Business: Status of recommended legislative changes: There is no new information. The session has ended. Chair Lepore requests this matter stay on future agendas**

**6.) Old Business: Discussion of Rules and Regulation #7: The matter is before the board regarding the requirements for out of state applicants for the Contractor license and the need for a contractor license from their state. Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lally, DLT Legal Counsel, reads Electrical Rules & Regulation 7B. Robert Fratus, Chief Electrical Investigator, and John Shaw, Administrator, addressed the Board regarding an individual requesting to test for the master test that does not meet the regulation. There is discussion. Keith Burlingame recommends striking from the rule the requirement**

**of possessing the out of state contractor license as long as they meet the requirements of any other journeyman. There is discussion. The rules and regulation would need to be changed.**

**Stanley Davies made a recommendation to review and make changes to all rules and regulations. The motion was seconded by Keith Burlingame. There was no opposition.**

**7.) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Stanley Davies. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:37am.**