

**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, January 21, 2015**

**9:30am**

**In attendance: William Lepore, Jr. Chair**

**Frank Benell, Jr.**

**Keith Burlingame**

**Michael Daley**

**Stanley Davies**

**Robert Zuba**

**Also in attendance were Robert Fratus, Electrical Investigator; John Shaw, Administrator; and Angelyne Cooper, DLT Legal Counsel.**

**1.) Call to Order: William Lepore, Jr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.**

**2.) Minutes of the December 17, 2014 Meeting: Michael Daley made a motion to accept the minutes of December 17, 2014 meeting as written; seconded by Stan Davies and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**3.) Conflict of Interest – Legal Counsel will address the Board concerning compliance with conflict of interest requirements: Angelyne Cooper, 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:**

**Davis Morra DBA Morra Electric – Violation 5006:**

**Robert Fratus was sworn in.**

**David Morra was sworn in.**

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

**LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 200 Clock Tower Square Portsmouth, RI 02871**

**VIOLATION: On 11/21/2014, Chief Electrical Investigator Robert Fratus and Chief Mechanical Investigator, Nicholas Ranone made a site visit to 200 Clock Tower Square Portsmouth, RI 02871. He found**

**Adam Helm, working on this project with an expired license.**

**This is one violation of RIGL 5-6-2 Work for which license required.**

**Because of Violation #2655 dated 3/26/2006, fines for this violation will be \$950.00.**

**Robert Fratus provided testimony and entered one (1) packet which was marked exhibit 1.**

**David Morra provided testimony and was questioned by the board.**

**Davis Morra was not aware that Adam Helm's license had expired.**

**Adam Helm was not fined because he came in on the same day and rectified the problem.**

**Motion was made by Michael Daley that a violation did occur, and was seconded by Stan Davies. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Michael Daley to suspend the fine of \$950.00 for one (1) year seconded by Stan Davies, provided there are no further violations. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

## **Owen Osagie- Violation 5021**

**Robert Fratus had been previously sworn in.**

**Owen Osagie was sworn in.**

**Robert Fratus read the violation.**

**LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 140 Veterans Memorial Drive Warwick, RI  
02886**

**VIOLATION: On 12/05/2014, Chief Electrical Investigator Robert Fratus made a**

**site visit to 140 Veterans Memorial Drive, Warwick, RI 02886 where he**

**witnessed two (2) men working on an electrical sevice for a cell tower for J. Lee**

**Associated Inc. One of the men, Shawn Ventura (B-012684), was licensed. The**

**Other man, Owen Osagie, was not licensed.**

**This is one (1) violation of RIGL 5-6-2 Work for which license required.**

**Mr. Robert Fratus provides testimony and is questioned by the board.**

**Mr. Osagie provides testimony is is questioned by the board.**

**Mr. Osagie does have a MA apprenticeship license, but none in RI**

**Michael Daley made a motion that a violation did occur and was seconded by Stan Davies. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Michael Daley to suspend the fine of \$500.00 for one (1) year and seconded by Frank Bennell, provided no further violation occur. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**J. Lee Associates Inc- Violation 5022**

**Mr. Edward Noseworthy was sworn in.**

**Robert Fratus had been previously sworn in.**

**Robert Fratus reads the violation.**

**LOCATION: 140 Veterans Memorial Drive Warwick, RI 02886**

**VIOLATION: On 12/05/2014, Chief Electrical Investigator Robert Fratus made a**

**site visit to 140 Veterans Memorial Drive, Warwick, RI 02886 where he**

**witnessed two (2) men working on an electrical sevice for a cell tower for J. Lee**

**Associated Inc. One of the men, Shawn Ventura (B-012684), was licensed. The other man, Owen Osagie, was not licensed.**

**This is one (1) violation of RIGL 5-6-2 Work for which license required.**

**Because of Violation #4140 on 10/13/2011, this violation will be at \$950.00 rate.**

**Robert Fratus provides testimony and is questioned by the board.**

**Robert Fratus entered a packet for evidence which was marked Exhibit 2.**

**Mr. Noseworthy provided testimony and was questioned by the board.**

**Mr. Noseworthy is the Project Manager for J. Lee Associates and was there representing the company.**

**Mr. Noseworthy was not aware of any previous violation.**

**Motion was made by Keith Burlingame that a violation did occur and was seconded by Stan Davies. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Michael Daley made a motion to uphold the fine of \$950.00 and was seconded by Robert Zuba. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Revocation Hearing: Norman England 5012:**

**LOCATION: WRP Enterprises, Ltd. 221 Third Street, Newport, RI 02840**

**VIOLATION: On 7/22/14, Chief Electrical Investigator, Robert Fratus, made a**

**site visit to WRP Enterprises, Ltd., 221 Third Street Newport, RI 02840 to follow**

**up on a complaint. At WRP Enterprises Robert Fratus found two (2) unlicensed workers, for Jem Electrical & HVAC Corp. of Manchester, NH 03109,**

**performing electrical work, specifically, installing PVC conduits.**

**After speaking**

**with the owner of JEM Electrical & HVAC Corp. and checking with the Newport Electrical inspector's office, he found that Norman England had the permit to do this job issued under his name and license number (A-003892) not his AC-license (AC003892) or company name (pinnacle Electric, LLC). He spoke with Mr. England on 9-10-2014 and asked him about the work performed at WRP Enterprises by JEM Electrical & HVAC Corp. Mr. England stated that he and the owner of**

**JEM Electrical & HVAC Corp. are friends and that they work together on a lot of tower projects in Rhode Island and other states. This is grounds for revocation of Electrical License number (A-003892) as described in RIGL-5-6-23 "Certificates not transferable- Suspension or revocation of certificates- Subpoena of evidence".**

**A revocation of License hearing will be held January 21, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Rhode Island Department of Labor and training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue., Cranston, RI, Building 70-2. In addition, the above cited violation is subject to a \$500.00 fine. Your attendance is required. If you fail to appear, the hearing will continue as scheduled and be held in your absence.**

**This is a violation of RIGL 5-6-23 Certificates not transferable-Suspension or evocation of certificates-Subpoena of evidence.**

**Mr. Norman England was sworn in.**

**Mr. Robert Fratus was previously sworn in.**

**Robert Fratus submitted three (3) packets marked as exhibits 1, 2, 3.**

**Mr. Fratus provided testimony and was questioned by the board.**

**Mr. England provided testimony and was questioned by the board.**

**Mr. Norman England submitted two (2) packets marked as exhibits A and B.**

**Mr. England stated that the permit for the work was filled out by a clerk at Newport City Hall, and mailed to him.**

**Mr. England stated; that he only provided electrical service for this job.**

**He also provided as part of his exhibit, an invoice to JEM for his work.**

**Mr. England was the sub-contractor for this work done.**

**JEM paid their fine for not using licensed workers.**

**Motion made by Keith Burlingame that the fine and revocation be dismissed, seconded by Michael Daley. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**End of violation appeal hearings.**

**6.) Trade Source-Discussion**

**Add to agenda for next month's meeting.**

**7.) 15 Hour Continuing Education:**

**Stan Davies gave an update, did not have a quorum for the meeting. Motion was made by Stan Davies seconded by Michael Daley to accept all providers approved by Building Commissioner's Office (Jack Leyden). Motion passed unanimously.**

**8.) Old Business: Status of recommended legislative changes**

**Discussion House Bill 5010- held for further study.**

**9.) Old Business: Discussion of Rules and Regulations**

**Discussion, need public hearing on any proposed changes to Rules and Regulations**

**10.) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Daley; seconded by Stan Davies. VOTE Unanimous.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.**