EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board

I. General Information

Meeting Type: Application Committee, Examination and Continuing Education Committee, Rules and Legislation Committee, Executive Committee, and General Business Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2005, through Friday, October 14, 2005

Meeting Location: Hampton Inn & Suites
19 South Second Street
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Attendees:

Chuck Sheridan, Chair
Bob Kymalainen, Vice Chair
Bob McCormick
Rob Nagin
Margaret Pass
Nick Sasso
Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
Elise Rice, Government Analyst, DBPR
Jessica Leigh, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs (DLA)

Angel Lebron, Sr.
Antonio Vazquez
Benjamin Herrera
Bill Selvia
C. W. Macomber
Dave Nelson, International Code Council (ICC)
Don Fuchs
Edwin Valentin
Eston Higginbotham
Frank Kunselman
Gary Larson
Gerard Cattani
Gladys Salas
Glenn Brown
Gordon Brindley
Henderea Gaither
James F. Carter
Jeff DeBoer
Jerry Hubert
John King
John Mangold
II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board considered and approved 161 licensure applications and denied 136 licensure applications as reviewed by the Application Review Committee; the board considered and approved, by ratification, 103 completed licensure applications.
- The board agreed to table until the April 2006 board meeting the following applications for Antonio Vazquez: Provisional Building Plans Examiner, Standard Building Plans Examiner, Standard Coastal Construction Inspector, Standard 1&2 Family Dwelling Inspector, Provisional Building Inspector and Standard Building Inspector.
- The board agreed to accept the continuing education course entitled, “Proper Mounting Heights, Fixtures, Outlets Alarms, and Elevator Controls, in Accordance with the Florida Accessibility Code,” and approved by the Electrical Contractors Licensing Board, provided by Gordon “Don” Brindley Education for accessibility credit by building code licensees during the current biennium; Mr. Brindley will provide a listing of all building code licensees who have completed this course to the department’s Bureau of Education and Testing and to the board Executive Director.
- The board considered and approved the following continuing education course applications contingent upon the providers updating their course materials to reflect the 2004 Florida Building Code:
- Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals (New Courses)
  1. Highlights 2004 Florida Mechanical Code
  2. 2004 Florida Mechanical Code – Highlights and Changes
-Simpson Strong-Tie Co. (Renewal Courses)
  1. High Wind Design & Construction Workshop
  2. Building Officials & Inspectors Workshop
  3. Advanced Anchor Systems Workshop
  4. Structural Connector Workshop
  5. Introduction to Anchor Systems Workshop
  6. Connectors for use in High Wind Regions
  7. Building Codes Updates
  8. Inspection of Connector Installations
  9. Proper Connector Installations
  10. Simpson Anchor Systems Catalog Review
  11. Inspection of Anchor Systems
  12. Mechanical Anchors
  13. Epoxy (Adhesive) Anchors
  14. Connectors for Wood Construction Catalog Review

- The board considered and approved the following continuing education course applications:
  - Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance (Renewal Courses)
    1. Ladders in Construction
    2. Chapters 5, 6 & 7: Florida Building Code Plumbing
    3. Chapters 2, 3 & 4: Florida Building Code Plumbing
- Quality Precast Company (New Course)
  1. Precast Concrete Lintels – “Clearing up the Misconceptions”
-Gold Coast School of Construction (New Courses)
  1. The Florida Residential Code
  2. The Florida Residential Code – Internet
- International Code Council (New Courses)
  1. 2004 FBC Florida Accessibility & Usability
  2. Design Professional Institute

- The board considered and denied the following advanced course applications for Gold Coast School of Construction:
  1. Advanced Training – Administrative (Renewal Course)
  2. Termites – Advanced Module (Renewal Course)
  3. Advanced Training – Part I – Structural Wind Loading Criteria (Renewal Course)
  4. Advanced Training – Part II – Structural Wind Loading Criteria (Renewal Course)
  5. Energy – Advanced Module (Renewal Course)
  6. Advanced Module – Energy (New Course)

- Ms. Jessica Leigh, Assistant General Counsel, distributed a Prosecuting Attorney Report which indicated that there are currently 19 building code cases in the Legal Section

- Mr. John O’Connor, Marion County Building Official, and Mr. Don Fuchs, Executive Director of the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF), made a presentation to the board regarding a proposed intensive 80 hour vocational training program for new and existing licensees in all areas of inspection and plans examining; Mr. O’Connor indicated that he will provide Ms. Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, with
the proposal for dissemination to the board members and asked that the members
review the proposal and provide feedback on what they would like the program to
cover; the training program will be under the control of BOAF; he added that Rep.
Larry Cretul and Senator Carey Baker have expressed interest in sponsoring this
legislation

- Mr. Bill Weber provided a report included in the agenda relating to his attendance at
the recent Governor’s Americans with Disabilities Act Working Group
- Mr. Dave Nelson and Mr. Robert Von Kampen, International Code Council (ICC),
informed the board that Promissor has been awarded the contract as the computer-
based testing (CBT) vendor for the technical examinations administered through
ICC; they are currently negotiating the contract at this time and indicated that
computer-based testing could be available in January 2006; Mr. Nelson informed
the board that the applicant will make their own convenient reservation for testing; he
added that there are more CBT exam sites provided than the current paper and
pencil examination sites; applicants will receive an immediate pass/fail notice at the
examination sites and the pass/fail scores will be transmitted to DBPR on a daily
basis; Mr. Nelson added that CBT pass rates appear higher nationally than paper
and pencil examinations; Mr. Nelson asked that the number of paper and pencil
examinations be decreased annually from six to four; Mr. Fuchs added that BOAF
would like for the board continue to administer the technical examinations by paper
and pencil as some applicants are resistant to computer examinations; Ms. Barineau
reminded Mr. Fuchs that the principles and practices examination is currently offered
by CBT; Mr. Fuchs asked if the examination was going to be administered in Spanish
as the code books are supposedly going to be available in Spanish later this year;
Mr. Von Kampen distributed materials relating to the pass/fail rates for all the ICC
exams for Florida applicants and those applicants located outside Florida; Mr. Von
Kampen mentioned that examinations are reflective of building code changes in
January following the release of a new code
- The board agreed to table for discussion at the next board meeting the rule proposal
establishing minimum experience requirements for standard inspectors and asked
the members to continue reviewing the draft for further discussion and development
- Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General, provided the board with draft additions
to the disciplinary guidelines in line with the board’s disciplinary authority pursuant to
the recent legislation included in SB442; the board instructed Mr. Jones to proceed
with the rulemaking process in this matter
- Mr. Jones will continue with amending rule 61G19-6.016, F.A.C. – Voluntary
Certification Categories, to eliminate the language contained in the first paragraph
which states, “All specialty licenses require a standard certification.”
- The board agreed to table their discussion of advanced core courses until the
December 2005 board meeting
- The board agreed to discuss at the next board meeting the possibility of board
members attending continuing education courses as a means of auditing the course
- Mr. Jones sent a letter to the City of Indiatlantic reminding them that provisional
license applicants should be supervised while working
- The board asked that they be informed as to how the Principles and Practices
examination is currently performing at the next board meeting
- Chair Chuck Sheridan informed the board that he attended the recent Building Code
Education and Outreach Council meeting in Tallahassee wherein there was much
discussion of the accreditation process for advanced courses; he added there was
also discussion relating to the development of a master continuing education
provider and course application to be utilized by all reciprocal professions; the next in
person meeting of the Building Code Education and Outreach Council will be April
2006 in Tallahassee

- Ms. Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, informed the board that based on their
instruction, she forwarded a letter to Mr. Thomas Graham relating to his application
for licensure
- Ms. Barineau offered information as to some of the reasons for continuing education
credits not appearing under a licensee's portal account including improper license
numbers being reported and not providing all license numbers for courses completed
by licensees holding multiple licenses
- Ms. Barineau reminded the board and others present of the 100 percent continuing
education monitoring initiative and that all continuing education requirements must
be completed prior to license renewal
- The board agreed to conduct its February 2006 board meeting in either South Florida
or Orlando, Florida

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board agreed to table for discussion at the next board meeting the proposed rule
amendments to rule 61G19-6.012, F.A.C. – Provisional Certificates and rule 61G19-
XXXX, F.A.C. – Required Experience
- The board instructed Mr. Jones to proceed with the rulemaking process for the
amendments to rule 61G19-5.002, F.A.C. – Disciplinary Guidelines
- Mr. Jones will continue with amending rule 61G19-6.016, F.A.C. – Voluntary
Certification Categories, to eliminate the language contained in the first paragraph
which states, “All specialty licenses require a standard certification.”

IV. Action Required

- Mr. Tunnicliff and Mr. Jones will prepare final orders and forward to board staff for
filing with the Agency Clerk
- Ms. Barineau will extend an invitation to Ms. Ila Jones, Department of Community
Affairs, and to Mr. Jim Richmond, Assistant Attorney General, to be present at the
board’s December 2005 meeting to address questions and concerns with approval of
advanced courses
- Mr. O’Connor will provide a copy of the language relating to the BOAF training
program for dissemination to the board members
- The board agreed to table their discussion of advanced core courses until the
December 2005 board meeting
- The board agreed to discuss at the next board meeting the possibility of board
members attending continuing education courses as a means of auditing the course;
Mr. Jones will research the Construction Industry Licensing Board's continuing
education rules for course audit information and report his findings to the board at
the next board meeting
- Mr. Nick Sasso asked that Ms. Leigh provide him with copies of resumes for
department expert witnesses used in building code cases
• The board asked that they be informed as to how the Principles and Practices examination is currently performing at the next board meeting; Ms. Barineau will ask the Bureau of Education and Testing to provide this information.

• The email from Board Member Dennis Franklin contained in the agenda relating to the proposed rule relating to required experience for building code professionals will be included in the December 2005 board meeting agenda for discussion.

• The board asked that board staff include language in the next newsletter relating to licensee maintenance of continuing education course completion certificates.

Robyn Barineau
Executive Director
October 18, 2005