

## **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

John O'Connor  
Jon Lowke  
Loretta Krastek  
Michael Gookin  
Mike Ricard  
Mike Willeckie  
Patrick Kennedy  
Paul Michael Ricard  
Paul Myers  
Rahman Paraswt  
Richard Ballard, Court Reporter  
Richard Denman  
Richard McFadden  
Richard Scalzo  
Rick Cheek  
Rob Von Kampen, ICC  
Robert Daege  
Steve Sheridan  
Steven K. Schoeff  
Theodore Bewley  
Timothy Priest  
Tom Allen  
Tracy Kunz  
Valerie Shurock  
Vince Hines  
Wayne A. Francis  
Wayne Smith  
Whitey Moran

## **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. Tunncliff 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

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Robyn Barineau  
Executive Director  
October 18, 2005