

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regulatory Council for Community Association Managers Meeting Department of Business and Professional Regulation

1940 North Monroe Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32399

January 23, 2004

10:30 a.m.

Chairman Reginald Billups called the Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Present at Meeting

Reginald Billups, Chair

Marilyn Battista, Vice Chair

Steven Czonstka, Council Member

Edith Yates, Council Member

Barbara Edwards, Asst. Attorney General

Charles Pellegrini, Prosecuting Attorney

Julie Malone, Executive Director

Donna Thomas, Government Analyst

Molley Foley Healy, CAMI

Travis Mann, CAMI

Ron McCulley, DBPR Complaints/Investigations

Holly Thomas, DBPR Complaints/Investigations

Mark Whitten, Director of Professions & Regulation

Julie Baker, Deputy Secretary

- The meeting was opened with a roll call and a quorum was established.
- Chris Brown was excused from the meeting due to a death in the family.
- Debra Glass was not present.
- Minutes were approved from the October 20, 2003 meeting.

Old Business

- Mr. Czonstka presented suggestions for changing the disciplinary guidelines for Rule 61-20.010, F.A.C
- Mr. Billups reminded the Council that this exercise was done to identify ways to save time, money and costs on investigations by issuing citations for minor violations
- Ms. Edwards indicated that the Council was not “instructed” to do this, it was “suggested” that members of the Council look at these rules and make suggestions for issuing citations as the department now has this authority by itself. She directed them to address Rule 61-20.001, F.A.C. and Rule 61-20.002, F.A.C.
- Mr. Billups proposed that the review of the Rules be tabled and approached more delicately as there are many rules that may need to change or improve.

Executive Directors Report

- Ms. Malone reported on the changes for computer-based testing fees for Promissor from \$13 to \$9 an hour for the exam and the re-exam
 - The Council voted that exam and re-exam application fees to the department should increase by the amount of the decrease to the testing vendor.
 - Ms. Edwards will write the rule for approval for the next meeting.
- Mr. Pellegrini cited Section 455.219(2), F.S. to reference when discussing special assessments
- Ms. Edwards reported that according to Section 455.2235 (5), F.S. they do not have the authority to adopt rules designating which violations are appropriate for resolution by mediation.

Board Counsel Report

- Ms. Edwards reported that Rule 61-20.504, F.A.C. fee amendment to reflect the cost of finger printing has been adopted.
- The Council approved changes to Rule 61-20.0025, F.A.C. concerning renewal exemption for spouses of members of the armed forces.
- Ms. Malone requested that the Department have an opportunity to review suggested re-writes of Rules 61-20.002, F.A.C and 61-20.001, F.A.C. concerning the expiration and renewal of manager's license prior to the next meeting since Ms. Malone had not seen these changes prior to the Counsel meeting.
- The Counsel agreed to table the rule changes until the next meeting

Chairman's Report

- Mr. Billups reported on a meeting with all of the CAM associations in the state of Florida. He indicated that none of the CAM associations supported the legislation presented by Mark Benson of Florida Community Association Managers Alliance. The only thing that the Council wanted to focus on is a fee increase.
- It was a consensus among the Council that community association management companies should be licensed. Mr. Billups said that he would provide Ms. Edwards and Ms. Malone with a copy of the old legislation that was drafted in regards to this issue.

Public Comments

- Molly Foley-Healy, Vice President of Government in Public Affairs for Community Associations Institute, addressed the Council indicating they do not support the deregulation of CAM's in Florida and that she will provide results of an electronic survey with license holders concerning their feelings on fee increases. She further offered her assistance to the Council in suggesting ways that CAI can ensure continued regulation of the CAM profession.

Next Meeting

Friday, April 23, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. by telephone conference call

ACTION ITEMS

- Ms. Edwards will write the rule for approving the changes to exam and re-exam fees.
- Mr. Billups will provide Ms. Edwards and Ms. Malone a copy of the old legislation that was drafted in regards to management companies