

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors Licensing Board

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: November 20-21, 2003
Meeting Loc: Tallahassee

Board Members: Clarence Tibbs (Chair), Pierre Bellemare, Kimberly A. Deberry, Jeffrey M. Kiner (Vice Chair), Roger Langer, Norman H. Mugford, Michelle Poole, Lewis Roberts, Paul Sandefer, Rae Small.

Members Absent: Arnaldo L. Abreu

Other Attendees: Mary Ellen Clark, (Board Counsel)
Gail Scott-Hill, (Prosecuting Attorney)
Anthony Spivey, (Executive Director)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Greg Spence, (Gov. Analyst)

Major Issues/Actions

- Department presentation to Board by Secretary Carr, Division of Regulation, Service Operations and Budget Office.
- Discussion of privatization of ECLB. A presentation by Rick Watson and Eric Prutsman. They plan to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether the Board can be operated more efficiently and economically.
- Overview of four Privatization Models by G.W. Harrell.
- Progress update by Bureau of Testing on computer based testing for the business section of ECLB exams. Implementation will be dependent on a number of rule and business procedure changes and will affect other service areas. Board has expressed a desire to make the business section of exam interchangeable with the CILB business section.
- ECLB Operating Account Financial Report – Members expressed concern regarding the financial condition of the operating account due to the recent fee holiday and cash sweeps. Budget Director told the Board it might operate in the red until the next round of renewals.
- Endorsement candidates will no longer be required to attend board meetings. A checklist will be developed and attached to the endorsement application listing all documents that must be provided before endorsement will be considered.
- Board requested that applicant names be included on exam pass or fail lists.

- Discussion of possible conflict between Section 489.503(14)(b), F.S. exemptions and Rule 61G6-7.001(4), F.A.C. The exemption seems to include descriptions of activities that are included in the scope of work described in the rule. The individual seeking the clarification was advised to request an official declaratory statement from the Board.
- Discussion of request from the State of Alabama to reestablish reciprocity. Board Counsel informed the Board that the statute that provided for granting reciprocity with other states no longer exists. The E.D. will draft a letter to advise Alabama that no agreement can be entered into at this time. Counsel will research reciprocity statute to determine if other existing agreements should be cancelled.
- Unlicensed Activity – Board requested a possible joint meeting of representatives from all professional boards to discuss methods to combat unlicensed activity.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Mediation presentation by Ron Safford, ADR coordinator from the Division of Professions and Regulation regarding the adoption of changes to 61G6-10.008 to expand the list of alleged violations that can be resolved through mediation. Tabled until January meeting.
- Final approval of changes to Rule 61G6-10.007, F.A.C. requiring licensees on probation to file reports quarterly (90 days) during the probation period.
Passed

Next Meeting: January 22-23, 2004
John T. Knap
Executive Director

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