

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors Licensing Board

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: March 17-18, 2004
Meeting Loc: Boca Raton

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

Members Absent: Kimberly A. Deberry

Department Staff: Gail Scott-Hill, (Prosecuting Attorney)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Greg Spence, (Gov. Analyst)

Other Attendees: Mary Ellen Clark, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The Board considered 24 applications for examination, 31 for additional business entities, 9 transfers, 3 business entities, 2 endorsements and 2 certifications of registered license.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered 72 CE courses submitted for approval by providers.
- Discussion of City of Boca Raton ordinance Sec. 7-63, requiring that fire alarms be installed by UL certified contractors. It is the Board's opinion that such ordinance conflicts with the State's regulatory provisions in that it requires a certification above that required by Chapter 489, Part II. The City Attorney and numerous City and County fire officials attended the meeting.
- Discussion of results of ongoing workers compensation and liability insurance audit of licensees to verify compliance. 1,586 total licenses audited, to date: violations 124, cases opened 83, citations issued 12, cases to legal 1.
- Discussion of Board's preferences regarding the development of computer based testing for the business section of ECLB exams. The Department is moving forward on the project. BET is proceeding with format changes to convert exam to CBT.
- Discussion of licensure requirement and scope of work for the "Solar contractor" license issued by the Construction Industry Licensing Board, particularly in the area of photovoltaic systems, which are primarily electrical in nature.
- Discussion of change in license numbers issued to additional business approvals by Department and request for staff to research system by which numbers are issued and renewals of second entities are processed.

- Review of the December 31 second quarter financial reports for the ECLB operating and unlicensed activity accounts reflecting the recent cash sweep.
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement / unlicensed activity report was presented to the Board from OGC and Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 41 ECLB cases currently open in various statuses. Board requested an age report of open cases.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Discussion of Alarm Reciprocity Act, proposed legislation which would require licensure reciprocity between States for the purposes of alarm monitoring.

Rules report presented by Board Counsel. Six rule changes currently in process.

- 61G6-5.004 Requirements for Certified Qualified Agent Applicant, adopted 2/6/04.
- 61G6-5.005 Financial Responsibility; Definitions, Grounds for Denial, In process.
- 61G6-5.006(1) Certification of additional new business entity or transfer, stalled JAPC.
- 61G6-6.001 Certification Examinations Definitions, Grounds for Denial Requirements, technical problem.
- 61G6-10.002 Disciplinary Guidelines, effective 2/13/04.
- 61G6-10.007 Probation, effective 2/16/04.
- 61G6-10.008 Mediation, removed from consideration (Board not interested in pursuing).

John T. Knap
Executive Director March 25, 2004

Next Meeting: May 12-14, 2004