

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors Licensing Board

Meeting Type: General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: October 5-6, 2004
Meeting Loc: Tallahassee

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

Members Absent: Arnaldo L. Abreu

Department Staff: Drew Winters, (Prosecuting Attorney)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Greg Spence, (Government Analyst)

Other Attendees: Diane Guillemette, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The Board considered 56 applications for examination, 21 for additional business entities, 5 transfers, 1 business entity, 6 endorsements, 11 certification of registered license, and 2 registrations.
- The Continuing Education Committee processed 19 CE courses submitted for approval by 7 providers.
- Probable Cause Panel considered 8 administrative complaints and 17 closing orders.
- The Board heard 6 disciplinary cases.
- Update on City of Boca Raton ordinance Sec. 7-38, 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. No licensee damaged by the ordinance has come forward to bring suit to challenge its legality at this time.
- Review of proposed performance standards report draft for the ECLB presented by the Department to measure the efficiency of the Board and the Department. Minor changes suggested by the Board will be incorporated and the performance report format will be adopted and provided at future meetings for review.
- Review of the June 30 fourth quarter financial reports for the ECLB operating and unlicensed activity accounts reflecting the revenue from the recent renewal period.
- The Board reviewed a report provided by the Bureau of Education and Testing titled "Historical Data on Examination Summary Reports" detailing exam pass/fail statistics for the 3/14/00 to 7/6/04 period. The five year total is 48.93% pass / 51.07% fail. 113 Candidates sat for the July 6, 2004 exam; 53 candidates, or 46.9% received a passing score; 53.1% of candidates failed the exam.

- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement/unlicensed activity report was presented to the Board from OGC and Division of Professions and Regulation. 51 ECLB unlicensed activity cases currently open in OGC unlicensed section.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 165 ECLB cases currently open, 35 set for probable cause. 18 cases 1 year old or older.
- Report on meeting to close out F.S. 489.514 Grandfathering Provisions, which are set to expire November 1, 2004. There are currently 406 applications pending. Discussions regarding how to handle the outstanding applications.
- The Board reviewed the final version of the letter drafted by Gail Scott-Hill to Building Officials outlining the scope of work of Limited Energy Systems Specialty contractors and the licensure requirements for individuals engaged in this area of contracting. Board approved the final version and instructed staff to proceed with mailing.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The Board reviewed and approved final rule changes required to implement the conversion of the ECLB Business Exam to computer-based testing.

Rules report presented by Board Counsel. Rule changes currently in process:

- 61G6-5.002 Application for Cert. By Exam; Reexamination, published 8/13/04
- 61G6-5.008(4) Public Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance, published 8/13/04
- 61G6-6.001(4) Certification Exam Requirements, published 8/13/04
- 61G6-6.005 Reexamination, published 8/13/04
- 61G6-8.001 Fees, published 7/16/04
- 61G6-9.004(6) Continuing Education Requirements, effective 8/15/04.
- 61G6-12.0016 Continuing Education Requirements for Burglar Alarm System Identification Card, published 8/13/04.
- 61G6-12.0016 Continuing Education Requirements for Burglar Alarm System Agents, published 8/13/04.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Knap
Executive Director
October 26, 2004

Next Meeting: Tallahassee, November 18-19, 2004