EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS’ LICENSING BOARD

I. General Information

Meeting Dates: July 15-16, 2010
Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Celebration Hotel
700 Bloom Street
Celebration, FL 34747

Members Present: Mr. Noel Thomas, Chair
Mr. Brian Flaherty, Vice-Chair
Mr. Roger Langer
Mr. Robert Bramlett
Mr. Clarence Tibbs
Mr. Pierre Bellemare
Mr. Kenneth Hoffmann
Mr. Reagan Huff

Members Absent: Mr. Paul Sandefer

Other Attendees: Ms. Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Ms. Ruthanne Christie, Government Analyst
Ms. LeChea Parson, Prosecuting Attorney
Ms. Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General
Other interested parties

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board voted to excuse Mr. Sandefer’s absence.
- The board reviewed the continuing education applications.
- The board reviewed and denied three petitions for variance or waiver of rule 61G6-017, FAC, requesting waiver of two year rule regarding validity of examination grades.
- Ms. Parson, prosecuting attorney, presented fifteen disciplinary cases to the board. Six hearings pursuant to s.120.57(2), FS, were acted upon, one hearing pursuant to s.120.57(2), FS, was tabled, one hearing pursuant to s.120.57(2), FS was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings, one recommended order was dismissed, three settlement stipulations were rejected, one settlement stipulation was accepted and three motion for waivers were heard and acted upon.
- The board held eight application hearings not involving disputed issues of fact. Eight denials were reversed and approved.
- The board held one application reconsideration and upheld the denial.
- The board voted to accept the probation report.
- Mr. Hoffmann reported that the Bureau of Education and Testing (BET) conducted a review of the low voltage examination and removed high voltage questions.
- Ms. Chastain provided a copy of the Division of Regulation’s enforcement report.
- Ms. Parson gave the prosecuting attorney report. Currently there are 9 cases received in legal, and 18 cases set for probable cause. The board voted to continue prosecuting year-old cases.
• Ms. Loucks gave the rules report. The board reviewed and changed language previously approved on Rule 61G6-7.001, FAC, limited energy systems specialty, deleting the reference to the National Electrical Code since the scope of practice was more defined.
• The board heard 31 additional business requests.
• The board reviewed 40 initial licensure applications.
• The board approved the minutes of the May 2010 meeting.
• The board approved the ratification lists of the continuing education committee, examination application review, additional business application review, application review and the ratification list of applications processed by department staff. The list will be attached to the minutes of the meeting and incorporated by reference.
• The board elected Mr. Brian Flaherty Chair and Mr. Kenneth Hoffmann Vice-Chair.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

• Ms. Loucks to notice Rule 61G6-7.001, FAC, for promulgation.

IV. Action Required

• Final orders to be prepared by Ms. Loucks and Ms. Parson.
• The following board meetings have been scheduled:
  September 15-17, 2010, Embassy Suites, Ft. Lauderdale
  November 17-19, 2010, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Tallahassee

Juanita Chastain
Executive Director