

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### **Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting**

**Meeting Type:** General Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** March 18 - 20, 2009, Hilton Hotel – Cocoa Beach, Florida

**Board Members:** Clarence Tibbs, Chair  
Noel Thomas, Vice Chair  
Pierre Bellemare  
Roger Langer  
Paul Sandefer  
Robert Bramlett  
Brian Flaherty  
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**Members Absent:** Reagan Huff – excused

**Other Attendees:** Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director  
Ruthanne Christie, Administrative Assistant  
Daniel Biggins, Assistant Attorney General  
LeChea Parson, Prosecuting Attorney

#### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The probable cause panel met and heard seven (7) administrative complaints, one cursory review, and eleven closing orders. Of the total, the panel found probable cause in six of the administrative complaints, and issued one letter of guidance. The board did not find probable in the cursory review case; closing orders 1 through 10 were closed with closing order 11 being referred back for additional investigation.
- The prosecuting attorney presented four cases to the board. Upon review of the information, the board approved the recommendations. One case (Bellemare Thomas) was continued until the May 2009 meeting; one case (Jorge Hernandez) was revoked with a \$5,000 fine plus costs of \$240.79; one case stipulation (Thomas Linquist- stipulation) was rejected by the board; and the final case (Roger Black- stipulation), was accepted by the board with one year of probation imposed.
- Anthony Spivey provided the board with the 2009-2010 travel schedule. The board was requested to recommend sites for the dates to allow for better scheduling by office staff.
- Mr. Sandefer expressed concern regarding the unlicensed activity in the Jacksonville area and wanted to relay to the department that the efforts of the unlicensed activity office should be increased in that area of the state because of all the unlicensed activity occurring.

- The board was advised of the request from Dr. Robert O'Neill of the Veterinary board in asking all board members to consider relinquishing receipt of their \$50.00 per day board compensation payments. This is an effort on Dr. O'Neill's part to help reduce the spending on the state budget. The board members did not agree to relinquish their payments.
- The prosecuting attorney provided a case load summary to the board indicating there are a total of seventy-eight (78) cases in the department.
- The board expressed concern with the language in Senate Bill 2598 that if passed, will allow electrical contractors from other states with two-years' work experience to be eligible for licensure in Florida. The Executive Director indicated he will relay the concerns of the board to the department.
- Anthony Spivey provided a financial briefing to the board on the balance as of December 30, 2008. The operating account has a balance of \$378,254 with a balance of \$444,272 owed to the professional regulation trust fund; and the unlicensed activity account has a balance of \$5,924.
- Pro Vigil, a company based out of Texas, provides un-manned monitoring equipment at construction sites to reduce theft of construction materials. The management in the company requested a response from the board as to whether a license was required for this equipment if used in Florida. The board responded that because a signal is being transmitted and received, a license is required.
- Ms. Juanita Chastain was introduced to the board as the new Executive Director. Her resume was provided to the board for review. Upon a unanimous vote by the members, Ms. Chastain was accepted as the new Executive Director to the board.

Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
March 24, 2009