

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD**

**I. General Information**

Meeting Dates: November 19-20, 2009  
Meeting Type: General Business Meeting  
1940 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

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

Members Absent: Mr. Bramlett was excused Friday, November 20, 2009

Other Attendees: Secretary Charles Drago  
Ms. Juanita Chastain, Executive Director  
Ms. Ruthanne Christie, Government Analyst  
Ms. LeChea Parson, Prosecuting Attorney  
Ms. Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General  
Mr. Michael Green  
Mr. Darrick McGhee  
Mr. Gus Ashoo  
Mr. Alex Bosque  
Ms. Rose Naff  
Other interested parties

**II. Major Issues/Actions**

- Secretary Drago addressed the board and informed them he was leaving the department to take a position as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office. Secretary Drago stated he thoroughly enjoyed his three years with the agency and knew that the programs they have initiated will continue. He discussed the Governor's Accelerate Florida initiative; the E-Z apply project to reduce paperwork and unnecessary documentation; he informed the board about the "Save the Day" program in which employees are empowered to assist applicants that may be at risk of losing employment due to bureaucracy; and he discussed the department's accomplishments in the unlicensed activity program. Secretary Drago explained that to combat unlicensed activity the department was using a three-tiered approach; education, prevention and enforcement.
- The board ratified the application lists provided by the Bureau of Central Intake and Licensure of the Division of Service Operations.
- The board reviewed the continuing education applications.
- Ms. Parson, prosecuting attorney, presented nine disciplinary cases to the board. Three settlement stipulations were rejected, three hearings pursuant to s.120.57(2), FS, were continued, one hearing pursuant to s.120.57(2), FS, was acted upon, one hearing

pursuant to s.120.57(2), FS, was dismissed, and one motion for waiver was heard and acted upon.

- The board held 11 application hearings not involving disputed issues of fact. Seven denials were reversed and four denials were upheld.
- The board heard and approved one reconsideration of an additional business.
- The board heard and upheld the denial of one initial license by examination.
- The board reviewed and approved one reinstatement of a null and void license.
- The board reviewed 27 additional business applications; 22 were approved, 1 was approved contingent on receipt of additional information, and 4 were denied.
- The board reviewed 54 initial applications.
- Mr. Michael Green, Unlicensed Activity Administrator, addressed the board regarding the department's increased efforts to combat unlicensed activity.
- Mr. Gus Ashoo and Mr. Alex Bosque from the Bureau of Education and Testing (BET) addressed the board. The board inquired about the Georgia examination being equivalent to the Florida examination. Mr. Ashoo informed the board that BET reviewed the Georgia examination last year and it was equivalent. Mr. Ashoo commented he would have the Georgia examination re-evaluated. Mr. Ashoo also informed the board the examination statistics can now be found on the Bureau's Web site.
- Ms. Chastain reviewed the board's deficit and the department's recommendation that a one-time fee assessment of \$75 be implemented. The board voted to open Rule 61G6-8.002, FAC, special assessment fee, for development but asked that department staff attend the January meeting to discuss the financial condition of the board.
- Chairman Thomas introduced Mr. Darrick McGhee, Legislative Affairs Director.
- Chairman Thomas introduced Ms. Rose Naff, Director, Division of Service Operations. Ms. Naff invited the board to tour the call center and central intake area after the meeting adjourned.
- Ms. Parson gave the prosecuting attorney report. The board voted for the department to continue prosecuting year old cases.
- Ms. Loucks gave the rules report. Ms. Loucks informed the board Rule 61G6-5.002, FAC, Rule 61G6-5.003, FAC and Rule 61G6-5.009 had to be withdrawn due to timing. The board voted to withdraw the rules. The board directed Ms. Loucks to notice for rule development and approval of language for Rule 61G6-5.002, FAC. The board voted a Statement of Economic Regulatory Cost (SERC) was not required.
- The board voted to notice rule 61G6-2.009, endorsement, for development and voted a SERC was not required.
- The board voted to add a form number and accept rule language for Rule 61G6-5.0061, FAC, and voted a SERC was not required.
- The board voted to notice Rule 61G6-8.001, FAC, to bring fees current and add a null and void application fee.
- The board voted to notice Rule 61G6-10.0065, FAC, reinstatement of a null and void license and voted a SERC was not required.
- The board delegated Ms. Chastain the authority to approve emergency registrations.
- The board voted to accept the probation report.
- The board approved the minutes of the following meetings:
  - May 2008
  - July 2008
  - September 2008
  - November 2008

- January 2009
- March 2009
- July 2009

### **III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Ms. Loucks to notice rules for development.

### **IV. Action Required**

- Final orders to be prepared by Ms. Loucks and Ms. Parson.
- The following board meetings have been scheduled:
  - January 20-22, 2010, Casa Monica Hotel, 95 Cordova Street, St. Augustine
  - March 17-19, 2010, Cocoa Beach
  - May 19-21, 2010, Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore
  - July 14-16, 2010, TBA
  - September 15-17, 2010, TBA
  - November 17-19, 2010, TBA

Juanita Chastain  
Executive Director