

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: November 14-16, 2007, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Tallahassee, Florida

Board Members: Pierre Bellemare, Chair
Clarence Tibbs, Vice Chair
Norman Mugford
Roger Langer
Donald Penner
Paul Sandefer
Robert Bramlett
Noel Thomas
Reagan Huff
Sandra MacGowan

Members Absent: Jeff Kiner - excused

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
Ruthanne Christie, Administrative Assistant
Reginald Dixon, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Flurry, Assistant Attorney General
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Alex Bosque – Bureau of Education and Testing
Julia Gould - Bureau of Education and Testing

Major Issues/Actions

- The probable cause panel met and heard 9 cases. Of the total, the panel found probable cause in four of the administrative complaint cases closed the remaining five because of insufficient evidence.
- The board attorney presented two reconsideration cases before the board. After deliberation the board voted to approve the applications.
- The board provided a forum for industry personnel to speak on the issue of journeyman in the state. There has been some concern there is a lacking in the level of education of journeyman in the trade. The board provided the forum to allow for industry personnel to reach some consensus of what type of education standards journeyman should have. After much discussion, the board looked at establishing requirements for an agent's card similar to the same requirement for alarm system agents. The board was advised there may not be statutory authority to require this. The board attorney will provide guidance at the subsequent meeting in January.

- The Bureau of Education and Testing provided a tour of the testing center so board members could see the actual environment the applicants take the test in. Alex Bosque and Julia Gould also requested of the board authorization to move forward in moving the technical examination to a computer based format as the business portion of the test. The board agreed to the proposal. Mr. Bosque and Ms. Gould indicated the process is still about a year out but will keep the board apprised as the process moves along.

Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
November 28, 2007