

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: January 25-27, 2006, Hilton Garden Inn, Pensacola, FL

Board Members: Norman Mugford, Chair
Paul Sandefer, Vice Chair
Kimberly DeBerry
Clarence Tibbs
Pierre Bellemare
Donald Penner
Lewis Roberts
Roger Langer
Bob Bramlett
Rachel Small
Jeff Kiner

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
Ruthanne Christie, Government Analyst I
Reggie Dixon, Assistant Attorney General
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney

Major Issues/Actions

- Six hearings not involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact were heard and decided on by the board. Of the six cases, three denials were reversed, and the board approved the applicants for examination. The remaining three cases were continued to the next board meeting scheduled for March, 2006.
- Six applications tentatively scheduled for denial were reconsidered by the board for approval. Of the six, one tentative notice to deny was upheld and a notice of intent to deny will be issued. Three applications were approved after the second review, and the remaining two applicants requested and were approved by the board to withdraw their applications.
- Drew Winters presented the case load for the Electrical Board. There are a total of 71 open cases in legal regarding electrical contractors. Of that total, 37 are public. Mr. Winters also reported that there are a total of 84 unlicensed activity cases being reviewed. Also regarding unlicensed activity cases, board member Roger Langer would like more emphasis by the investigators in the South Florida region to return calls to contractors who file complaints. Mr. Langer commented that contractors file complaints, but do not receive information regarding the status of the complaints.
- Norm Mugford, Chair, proposed enacting legislation to bring journeymen under the regulation of Section 489 Part II, Florida Statutes. The board will discuss at future meetings the details of such proposed legislation. The request was made to bring more recognition of the impact that a journeyman has on an electrical job site.

- The board reviewed and approved suggested rule language to enact a special assessment fee of \$25.00 to address the current deficit in board finances. The additional fee will be included with the regular renewal fee in the August 2006 renewal period.
- The board approved for the endorsement of the California C-7 license which is the equivalent of Limited Energy license in Florida.
- The board was advised that rule language must be developed to address the reinstatement of a null and void license. Previously, the board chose not to address the issue, but was advised that new language in Section 455.271, Florida Statutes does allow for an individual to petition the board for reinstatement. The rules committee will draft language for review by the board.
- UL (Underwriters Laboratory) representatives attended the meeting and provided a briefing of their services relative to contractors being certified with the company to provide alarm services to the various cities in the state. The board acknowledged the group and thanked them for the briefing, but reminded UL that Section 489 Part II does not require any additional certification requirements placed on the electrical and alarm contractors. The board indicated it will continually pursue the issue of counties placing the additional requirements on the contractors. Booter Im Hoff, Staff Director for Senate Regulated Committees in Tallahassee, was in attendance via phone to hear the presentations from both sides.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
January 30, 2006