

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: March 17-18, 2005 Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton, FL

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

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

Major Issues/Actions

- The board requested investigation of two licensed electrical contractors for alleged aiding and abetting unlicensed activity.
- The board agreed to attempt and hold probable cause meetings on the Wednesday before the scheduled board meetings in an attempt to allow for more time during the regularly scheduled meeting.
- Bob Neely from the Alarm Association presented a request to the board to outline the procedures for general contractors who are subsidizing alarm monitoring without a license. The board responded that it would be best for the association to file an unlicensed activity complaint against contractors that are doing this.
- The board reviewed the second quarter financial information for fiscal year 2004-2005 and commented that the board may be in a deficit prior to the next renewal of August 2006. Mr. Tibbs, the board's financial committee chair indicated there is still room available to increase licensing fees if needed. No action was taken at this time to raise fees.

- The board was advised that the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) has indicated it would like to have a joint meeting. No specific agenda items were presented by the CILB.

Legislative/Rule Promulgation

- The board will draft language in the statutes to provide more definition to the word “employee” as listed in 489.503 and in 489.517, the board will delete the word “engaged” from the statute. A rule will be developed to address the use of video courses for the completion of continuing education credits. This will be developed in Rule 61G6-9.003, F.A.C.
- The board will hold its three-day annual meeting which includes one day devoted to review of the statutes and rules for possible legislative review. The meeting is scheduled for May 18-20, 2005 in Naples Florida. The legislative review will be on May 18th, 2005. The board also requested that an after action report be provided by the department regarding the action taken on legislative items presented for inclusion in the department’s legislative package.

Action Items

- Coordinate with the Executive Director for the Construction Industry Licensing Board for a joint meeting between the two boards.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
March 23, 2005