

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: May 18-20, 2005, Edgewater Resort, Naples, FL

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

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 agreed that upon approval by Central Intake Unit (CIU) of placing an applicant on the ratification list, the license may be issued prior to the board approving the ratification list. The board will be provided a list of all applicants on the ratification list at the next subsequent board meeting. This in effect reduces the time that an applicant has to wait for issuance of a license.
- The board was requested by staff to review Rule 61G6-9.006(11), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) which states that an applicant may be awarded up to three credits of continuing education for attendance at a disciplinary portion of the board meeting as long as the licensee is not part of the disciplinary proceedings. There was misinterpretation that the licensee would receive three credit hours regardless of the length of the meeting. The board stated that the hours will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis.
- Also, the board was requested to review Rule 61G6-9.006,(3), F.A.C. The rule states that any course approved for continuing education for persons certified under Chapter 468, Part XII, (Building Code Administrators and Inspectors) shall be accepted for continuing education under the above rule. There was some question as to courses approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board which are also accepted by the Building Code Board.

The Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board concurred with staff that any course approved by the Building Code Board will be accepted for individuals whom are dual licensed in both boards.

- A letter from the Glen Eagle Home Owners Association was presented to the board requesting an opinion regarding whether the association required a license for its monitoring station. Board counsel indicated the request must be in the form of a declaratory statement. A letter will be drafted by board counsel to the association advising the request to the board must be in the proper form.
- The unlicensed activity advertisement was discussed at the board meeting. In particular, it was reported that a cartoon has been developed to make the public aware of the dangers of using unlicensed contractors. The board would like to have the cartoon e-mailed to them for review.
- The board requested that in future application hearings, when the applicant has a court case indicated on the application, the disposition of the case should be provided to the board in the event the board has additional cases regarding the incident.

Legislative/Rule Promulgation

- The board held its annual legislative review of the laws and rules. The board was advised to seek passage of any requested changes through its association as it was not certain the department would be providing a legislative package to the legislature for review.

Action Items

- Schedule a meeting with CIU to discuss overview of the board meeting.
- Purchase a plaque for presentation to Arnaldo Abreu for his years of service on the board as he has been replaced upon completion of his term limit.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
May 27, 2005