

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: March 23-24, 2006, Hilton Cocoa Beach Ocean Front, Cocoa Beach, 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

- Mr. Dixon presented six cases not involving disputed issues of material fact to the board for review. Of the six cases; four denials for licensure were reversed and the remaining two denials were upheld.
- Mr. Dixon also presented four files for reconsideration by the board for licensure. Of the four, two denials were reversed and approved for licensure; one was approved and placed on probation to run concurrently with a county imposed probation; and the remaining denial was upheld.
- Mr. Winters presented the caseload for the Electrical Board. Currently there are 75 cases in legal being reviewed by the department relative to the electrical board. The board is pleased with the progress being made by Mr. Winters.
- The board discussed the UL issue with lobbyists from Underwriter Laboratories. Mr. Mugford also invited representatives from Senator Wise's office to appear by phone to hear the conversation. Various counties throughout the state are requiring certified alarm contractors to become UL certified before allowing them to finalize a job that has been permitted. The board and various electrical and alarm associations in Florida feel that this action taken by counties is in direct conflict of Section 489.537(3)(a), Florida Statutes, which state that no additional certification requirements shall be placed on contractors licensed under this part. Dialogue on this subject will reconvene at the May meeting of the Electrical Contractors Licensing Board.

- The board was apprised that during the upcoming license renewal (August 2006) the department will withhold licenses of any licensee that has not completed all required continuing education. The board was in agreement with the action presented.
- The board has drafted rule language to address null and void licenses. Once the department has completed its application form for reinstatement of a null and void license, the form will be incorporated into the rule.
- A financial briefing was presented to the board. The members were advised on the negative position of the operating account. The board was re-apprised that a special assessment of \$25.00 per licensee will be levied along with the regular renewal during the upcoming August 2006 renewal cycle.
- The board was informed that there will be an upcoming newsletter presented. There was a request to issue the newsletter in a hardcopy format as well as placing it on the web site. The board was advised that the request will be presented to the department because of the current negative balance of the operating account.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
March 28, 2006