

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: May 16 -19, 2006, Hilton Hotel, Ocala, 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
Michelle Franckhauser, Administrative Assistant II
Heather Cash, OPS Analyst
Reggie Dixon, Assistant Attorney General
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney

Major Issues/Actions

- The board conducted its annual legislative review during this meeting. The members discussed and heard from members of the electrical associations regarding the possibilities of issuing a journeyman's license. This is an effort to bring the work standards of a journeyman to those of an alarm system agent, in which the journeyman will be required to attain certain continuing education credit hours in order to work for the electrical contractor. The general consensus of the associations is that a journeyman's license should be required. The board suggested that, through the associations, a package be prepared outlining journeyman requirements by January 2007 for submission as part of a legislative package by the department, in the event such a package is submitted. In the alternative, the Executive Director suggested that the associations be used as the conduit for submission of a package.
- The Bureau of Education and Testing asked the board to respond to the question of whether it would honor any continuing education courses taken by licensees that were proven to be expired courses taught by the providers. The board responded that it would not honor the expired courses. Additionally, the board responded that it would want to have the provider disciplined under Section 455, of the Florida Statutes when this occurs.
- The board counsel gave his rules report regarding the special assessment rule in place. Counsel indicated an approximate June 23rd adoption date.

- The prosecuting attorney provided his report on the cases in the department. There are 70 cases in legal with 23 of the cases being one year old.
- The board also requested board counsel to work with staff in developing rule language to address discipline of continuation education providers.
- Mr. Donald Penner, ECLB member will replace Mr. Paul Sandefer, Vice Chair as a probable cause panel member at the next probable cause meeting.
- The board also requested that it be informed when HB 1351 has been signed by the Governor. HB 1351 made various changes to Chapter 489, Florida Statutes Parts I and II.

Action Item

Board counsel will set up a meeting with staff to address drafting rule language for taking discipline against continuing education providers who teach expired courses.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
May 25, 2006