

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: May 16-18, 2007, Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Cocoa Beach, Florida

Board Members: Clarence Tibbs
Rachel Small
Norman Mugford
Jeff Kinner
Lewis Roberts

Members Absent: Roger Langer – Excused
Lewis Roberts – Excused
Donald Penner- Excused

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
Ruthanne Christie, Administrative Assistant
Reginald Dixon, Assistant Attorney General
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Michael Green, Unlicensed Activity Coordinator
Linh Nguyen, Investigator

Major Issues/Actions

- The probable cause panel met and heard 14 cases. The panel closed 11 cases and found probable cause in the remaining three.
- Mr. Winters advised the board with an update of the number of cases in legal awaiting prosecution. Mr. Winters is currently working a caseload of 70 cases in legal and of the total, nine are at least one year old.
- Mr. Green spoke with the board members and provided information the department is currently working on relative to combating unlicensed activity in the state. Mr. Green also indicated he will keep the board informed of the progress of the unlicensed activity office and invited the board members to contact him if necessary. The board staff provided Mr. Green's contact information to the board members on an earlier occasion.
- Mr. Dixon and Mr. Winters will coordinate efforts and draft rule language relative to contractors being required to substantiate the licensure of sub-contractors. Currently there is no language that expressly directs contractors to determine if a sub-contractor is licensed when a contractor awards work. Under the current circumstances, the attorneys both believe the contractor can claim as a defense his or her not knowing whether the sub-contractor is licensed or not at the time of awarding a contracting job. The attorneys hope to have language available for review at the July board meeting.

- There has been some recent concern by applicants on the time period an electrical exam score will be considered valid by the board. Because there is no rule relative to this subject, the board will provide language to address the time period an examination score is valid.
- Mr. Nguyen from the Orlando investigative office sat in on the meeting to learn of the various issues the electrical board addresses. Mr. Nguyen's attendance is in conjunction with the board's request to have an investigator sit in at the various meetings around the state and hear the issues being addressed. This is an attempt to aid the investigators during their review of electrical contracting complaints.

Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
May 24, 2007