

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Meeting

Meeting Date: May 15-16, 2008

Board Members: Pierre Bellemare, Chair
Clarence Tibbs, Vice Chair
Roger Langer
Donald Penner
Paul Sandefer
Noel Thomas
Brian Flaherty
Kenneth Hoffmann
Reagan Huff

Members Absent: Donald Penner – Excused
Sandra MacGowan – Unexcused

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
Ruthanne Christie, Government Analyst
Michael Flury, Assistant Attorney General
Charles Tunncliff – Prosecuting Attorney

Major Issues/Actions

- The Executive Director informed the board Ms. Sandra MacGowan has moved to another location. The Governor's Appointment Office will appoint another layperson to her position.
- Mr. Tunncliff informed the board he is the temporary prosecuting attorney since Mr. Drew Winters accepted a position with a private firm. Ms. Jessica Leigh will be the new prosecuting attorney for the board.
- The board heard two disciplinary cases presented by the prosecuting attorney. Each case resulted in fines and costs.
- The Executive Director informed the board the legislature has approved cash sweeps from the trust fund accounts in the amount of \$5.5 million with the bulk of the cash being swept from the interest earned on the accounts. The board was made aware the allocations have not been assigned to the respective accounts and will not be known until after the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year.
- The Executive Director informed the board the department will be contacting the board with financial information for the upcoming budget in the new fiscal year and the board will have an opportunity to provide input on the information.

- Marriott International presented a letter to the board to request an opinion on whether the inspection on fire alarms in the hotels is required to be done by two licensed people instead of one. The board responded in the affirmative that two licensed individuals are required to perform the inspections. The Executive Director will prepare a response to Marriott International of the board's opinion.
- Cesar Electric Corporation presented a letter to the board to address an inquiry of whether a Certified Electrical Contractor (EC) can install a sign if the sign does not have electrical power and is only a free-standing sign. Cesar Electric Corporation was denied a permit by a county to install such a sign. The board opined since the sign does not have electric power, the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board does not have jurisdiction to respond to the inquiry. The Executive Director will prepare a response to Cesar Electric Corporation of the board's response.
- The Bureau of Education and Testing notified the board the limited license issued by the state of North Carolina is comparable to Florida's Residential Specialty license for endorsement. This license category will be added to the matrix of approved state licenses for endorsement in Florida.
- Mr. Flaherty informed the board of the new legislative language in House Bill 601 permitting individuals to take the licensure examination before submitting credentials to the board. The Executive Director informed the board the applicant even after successfully passing the examination, they will still be required to meet the additional qualifications for licensure before the license is issued.

Anthony B. Spivey, M.S.
Executive Director
May 19, 2008