

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: July 19-21, 2006, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Sarasota, FL

Board Members: Norman Mugford, Chair
Kimberly DeBerry
Clarence Tibbs
Pierre Bellemare
Donald Penner
Roger Langer
Bob Bramlett
Rachel Small
Jeff Kiner

Members Absent: Lewis Roberts – Excused Absence
Paul Sandefer – Excused Absence

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
Heather Cash, Government Analyst I - OPS
Reggie Dixon, Assistant Attorney General
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Mark Reddinger, Bureau Chief, Unlicensed Activity
Kristen Ploska, Press Secretary

Major Issues/Actions

- The probable cause panel heard six administrative complaints and five closing orders. Four administrative complaints resulted in probable cause being found and the remaining two were issued letters of guidance. The prosecuting attorney recommend that each closing order be accepted by the board which the board agreed with the attorney's request.
- Section 489.509(3), F.S., requires that each licensee pay \$4.00 to be transferred to the Department of Community Affairs to fund construction-related projects and education. The board will e-mail their recommendations to the Executive Director on how to spend the annual amount of funds allocated to DCA for building projects.
- Annual elections were held. Mr. Paul Sandefer was elected chair, and Mr. Pierre Bellemare was elected vice-chair. Both members will assume their posts at the next board meeting scheduled for September 20-21, 2006, in Ft. Lauderdale.
- The prosecuting attorney provided his case load report to the board. There are a total of 83 electrical cases in legal with only 19 of those cases being a year old.

- Mark Reddinger provided an update on the work being performed in the department by the unlicensed activity office to combat individuals guising themselves as electrical contractors. Mr. Reddinger informed the board they will be kept up to date on activities of the unlicensed activity office.
- The board discussed the licensing of journeyman issue but it was suggested by members of the board that the issue be taken back to the respective electrical associations to gauge the desire of the associations to move forward on the issue. As more information is obtained through the associations, the subject will be presented on a future agenda of the board.

Action Item

- The board requested a query be run to determine how many contractors are not in compliance with the building code core course. A notice will be placed on the website to remind contractors this is a requirement of licensure, and action will be taken against those who have not complied.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
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