

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Meeting

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: September 20-22, 2006, Embassy Suites Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Board Members: Paul Sandefer, Chair
Pierre Bellemare, Vice Chair
Clarence Tibbs
Donald Penner
Roger Langer
Bob Bramlett
Rachel Small
Lewis Roberts
Jeff Kiner
Norman Mugford
Curtis Falany

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
Heather Cash, Government Analyst I - OPS
Reggie Dixon, Assistant Attorney General
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney

Major Issues/Actions

- The probable cause panel heard five administrative complaints, five closing orders, and one cursory review. Probable cause was found in all five administrative complaints; all closing orders were accepted by the board with three of the group having a letter of guidance issued with the order. The cursory review was brought before the panel for guidance on how it would like to see the prosecutor proceed with the case. The prosecutor agreed to follow suit in the manner prescribed.
- The board had a request from Mr. J.B. Clark, a former board member, who requested that the board discuss the new legislation exempting individuals from licensing who install lighting rods and other related systems. Mr. Clark wanted the board to discuss what other related systems are. The rules committee chair, Clarence Tibbs, will provide board counsel with some draft language that the board can work on in defining the other related systems. The draft language should be available for review at the November meeting.
- The board discussed the building code core course from the aspect that it was not part of the requirement for renewal. The board indicated it feels that the statutes as presently stated require that the one-time course be completed by all licensees within the applicable time periods and should be a condition of renewal. Mr. Spivey will relay the boards' concern to the Bureau of Education and Testing and the Office of General Counsel and discuss with Board Counsel prior to the November meeting.

- The issue of local licenses being issued by the counties and not registered with the board was brought up by the board. Some counties are under the impression that registration is not required. The board requested that a notice be sent to all building officials that local licenses must be registered with the state under Section 489.513, F.S.
- Mr. Winters presented the caseload report to the board which includes a total of 77 electrical cases in legal. Only seventeen of the cases are one year old.
- The board requested that all remaining applications for grandfathering in the department be sent a letter to submit any pending documents to finalize the application process as the board will address the applications during the November meeting in Tallahassee. The deadline for grandfathering applications ended on November 1, 2004.
- The board discussed Continuing Education providers that are teaching courses and have not renewed their provider status. This has become a recurring issue for the department. The rules committee will present language at the November meeting to provide discipline guidelines that will place sanctions on the providers that are teaching courses on an expired status.

Action Item

Mr. Spivey will draft a notice to building officials regarding issuance of local licenses and will address the boards' concern regarding the building code core course with Board Counsel and Department staff.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
September 25, 2006