

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board

I. General Information

Meeting Type: Application Committee, Site Selection Committee, Examination and Continuing Education Committee, Rules and Legislation Committee, Executive Committee and General Business Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2005 through Friday, March 25, 2005

Meeting Location: Best Western Rolling Hills Resort
3501 West Rolling Hills Circle
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33328

Attendees:

Robert Nagin, Chair
Charles Sheridan, Vice Chair
Dennis Franklin
Robert Kymalainen
Margaret Pass
Bill Weber
Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, DBPR
Elise Rice, Government Analyst, DBPR
Brian Higgins, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs (DLA)
Carroll Brown, Broward County Building Department
David Morris, Lee County Building Department
Don Fuchs, International Code Council (ICC)
Bruce Burdette, ICC
Bob McCormick
Bill Dumbaugh, Building Officials & Inspectors Educational Association
Brian Rusu, Applicant
John Simoncini, Applicant
Ray Beaudoin, Applicant
George Devenport, Applicant
Donald Victor Steiner, Applicant
Dennis James, Applicant
Dwight S. Wilkes, Applicant
Howard Lyons, Applicant
Michelle Lombardo, Applicant
William K. Kraemer, Applicant
Kenneth W. Andrews, Applicant
Michael Brewton Fleming, Applicant
Steven R. Wharton, Applicant
Don McIntosh, Applicant
Steven Green, Applicant
Dennis King, Applicant
Timothy Moore, Applicant

Brad Bailey, Applicant
Maximo Heredia, Applicant
Arthur Larson, Applicant

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board considered and approved 135 licensure applications and denied 66 licensure applications as reviewed by the Examination Committee; the board considered and approved, by ratification, 113 completed licensure applications
- The board considered and approved one course application for the Florida Department of Community Affairs; one course application for the Broward County Board of Rules & Appeals; one course application for Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance; Hilti, Inc.; 12 course applications for Building Officials & Inspectors Educational Association; 19 course applications for the International Code Council (ICC); and five courses for RedVector.Com, Inc.
- The board considered and denied one course application for the ICC and 30 course applications for RedVector.Com., Inc.
- The board considered and approved the Settlement Stipulations in the disciplinary cases against Alfred Louis Hogrefe and Ralph R. Zanello
- Mr. Brian Higgins, Assistant General Counsel, distributed a Prosecuting Attorney Report which indicated there are currently 12 building code cases in the Legal Section
- Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General, informed the board that in the case of an applicant being found guilty of a felony, the applicant's civil rights must be restored before a license can be issued
- Chair Rob Nagin gave an overview of all profession related legislation currently before the Legislature; Executive Director Robyn Barineau informed the board about HB1661 related to Electronic Building Permit Applications
- Chair Nagin mentioned the Rules Committee's proposal to require 14 hours of continuing education per year for all provisional licensees; the board voted to review this proposal in further detail at the next in-person board meeting
- Chair Nagin mentioned the Rules Committee's proposal to specifically expand the required experience for standard inspectors; the board voted to review this proposal in further detail at the next in-person board meeting
- Chair Nagin mentioned the Rules Committee's proposal to require review of continuing education courses approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board, the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board and the Board of Architecture and Interior Design before they are approved for continuing education credit by the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board; the board voted to review this proposal in further detail at the next in-person board meeting
- The board reviewed the emails included in the agenda from Mr. Dennis Franklin regarding the allowance of private companies to hire provisionally licensed individuals; the board agreed to further research the need for the laws and rules to address private providers in addition to the already addressed public provider scenario and form a committee to address this matter
- Mr. Carroll Brown, Broward County Building Department, expressed his concern with Mr. Franklin's connection with the private sector and the possible conflict of interest

- Mr. Bob McCormick mentioned his opposition to issuing provisional licenses to any individual and Mr. Don Fuchs, International Code Council and former board member, commented that he believed it would be difficult to eliminate provisional licenses
- The board reviewed the letter from Mr. David Morris, Lee County Building Department, included in the agenda regarding the need to create a certification for a Provisional Limited Roofing Inspector and the board asked Mr. Jones to research this matter with further discussion at the upcoming conference call board meeting in May
- Ms. Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, referred the board to copies of revised letters being mailed to candidates passing the technical examination and the principles and practices examination
- Ms. Barineau briefly reviewed the board's financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2004
- The board agreed to the following in-person meeting dates and locations: August 11 and 12, 2005 – Key West; October 13 and 14, 2005 – Pensacola; and December 8 and 9, 2005 – Tallahassee
- The board mentioned the need to begin holding in-person board meetings every other month as has been the practice in previous years
- The board elected Mr. Chuck Sheridan as Chair of the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board and Mr. Bob Kymalainen as Vice Chair of the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Mr. Jones will research the board's laws and rules to determine how private providers can be incorporated into the laws/rules
- Mr. Jones will notice for rule development rule 61G-19.6012 – Provisional Certificates and 61G19-9.004 – Approval of Courses; in addition, he will notice for rule development a new rule related to Required Experience of Standard Inspectors for discussion at the next in-person board meeting

IV. Action Required

- Chair Nagin asked why the background information sheet, question number four, of form DBPR 0010-2, no longer asked if the applicant ever had a license that had been disciplined; Ms. Barineau will research and report her findings at the next in-person board meeting
- The board will discuss at the next in-person board meeting the proposal to require 14 hours of continuing education per year for all provisional licensees; the proposal to specifically expand the required experience for standard inspectors; and the proposal to require review of continuing education courses approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board, the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board and the Board of Architecture and Interior Design before they are approved for continuing education credit by the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board
- Mr. Jones will research whether or not a private provider can offer Building Code Administrators/Building Officials to a local jurisdiction

- The board will provide ideas on how private companies can be incorporated into the current laws/rules to board staff by May 15, 2005, for inclusion in the next in-person board meeting agenda
- Mr. Jones will research the creation of a certification for a Provisional Limited Roofing Inspector license and will be prepared to address this issue at the May telephone conference call meeting of the board; Ms. Barineau will research the difficulty in creating another license with the Department
- The board asked Mr. Higgins to inform the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) of Mr. Zanello's voluntary relinquishment of his Standard Building Code Administrator license and his Limited Plans Examiner license as he also holds licenses with the CILB
- The board asked Ms. Barineau to research the Information Technology expense included in the December 31, 2004, Financial Statement and report her findings at the next in-person board meeting
- The board asked Ms. Barineau to research how difficult it would be for the Department to track continuing education for provisional licensees and report her findings at the next in-person board meeting
- The board asked Ms. Barineau to research having the full license category/name on the printed licenses at the time of original licensure and again at renewal and report her findings at the next board meeting

Robyn Barineau
Executive Director
March 31, 2005