

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

General Information

Meeting type: General Board Meeting

Meeting dates: July 9-11, 2003, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Sarasota, FL

Board members: Edward M. Weller, Chair, Michelle B. Kane, Vice-Chair, Robert A. Lang, Lee-En Chung, Paul Del Vecchio, Elizabeth Karcher, Barry Kalmanson, John B. Smith, Jaqueline Watts, Joan M. Brown, Raymond Holloway, Carl E. Engelmeier, Christine M. Hoke, Michael Blankenship.

Board members absent: None.

Major Issues/Actions

- Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director, addressed the Continuing Education Committee regarding the department's 100%-monitoring program for continuing education (CE). Mr. Vaccaro explained that within thirty days of the next license renewal, the department would send each licensee notice of any CE deficiencies, including the Florida Building Code Core Course, and would explain that all CE requirements must be satisfied in order to assure subsequent renewal. Mr. Vaccaro also explained that the department would conduct a mid-cycle audit and determine at that time whether or not it was appropriate to take disciplinary action for CE deficiencies. The committee chair reiterated Mr. Vaccaro's comments to the entire board during General Session.
- The Division of Professions and Regulation made a presentation to the board regarding its alternative dispute resolution program.
- The Legislative Affairs Office sought the board's opinion on legislation proposed during the 2003 Legislative Session regarding potential regulation of mold assessment and remediation.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sought board assistance regarding contractors who file permit requests that fraudulently represent the value of work performed under FEMA repair contracts. The board explained that it did not have authority over permitting issues and that relief would have to be requested at the local level. Tim Vaccaro offered to relay FEMA's concerns to department counsel to determine if there was any relief that could be provided by the department.
- The board considered two requests for scope-of-work opinions regarding licensure requirements to service ice machines and perform roofing.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board addressed two legislative issues: 1) The board voted to request that any legislation requiring the registration of mold assessment and remediation specialists assign jurisdiction to the board; and 2) The board voted to request that the department seek an increase in disciplinary fines from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
- The board also addressed the issue of advanced building code module courses. Section 489.115, F.S., requires the board to adopt rules specifying a required number of hours for those courses. The board indicated that it was willing to require one hour of advanced module training.

Action Required

- Tim Vaccaro will draft a letter to the Florida Building Commission indicating the board's willingness to require one hour of advanced module training.
- Mr. Vaccaro will present documents provided by FEMA to department counsel for analysis.
- Mr. Vaccaro will draft a response to Duncan Sheridan stating that either an air-conditioning or mechanical contractor's license is necessary for work performed on ice machines that require a refrigerant line and outside condenser installation.
- Mr. Vaccaro will draft a response to the Hernando County Attorney's Office reiterating the board's opinion that certified residential, building, and general contractors licensed up until 1973 with a license number of "7837" or lower may advertise and perform roof contracting.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director