

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Construction Industry Licensing Board

General Information

Meeting type: General Board Meeting

Meeting dates: August 13-15, 2003, Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, 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, Michael Blankenship.

Board members absent: None.

Major Issues/Actions

- The board considered a revision to its application for initial certification that would require verification of the applicant's experience by listing specific construction projects. The board also considered including additional language in the application regarding the requirement that convicted felons obtain restoration of their civil rights prior to applying for licensure. The language is already contained in the application; however, the board wishes to make the requirement very clear. Revisions to the application have not been finalized.
- The board entertained five requests for opinions regarding licensure and statutory requirements, as set forth in the CILB Executive Committee minutes.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board voted to pursue amendment of Rule 61G4-18.004, F.A.C., to extend the validity of continuing education courses from two to three years.
- The board voted to consider future amendment of Rule 61-G4-15.001, F.A.C., to specify what categories of licensee would be suitable for verifying an applicants' experience. The rule as currently worded merely requires verification by a Florida-certified contractor.
- The board considered a letter from the Florida Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors. The association stated that it opposes a provision in Senate Bill 2462 (2003 Session), which authorizes liquefied petroleum gas installers to install natural gas lines. Chapter 489, F.S., authorizes installation of natural gas lines by plumbing and mechanical contractors, but excludes installation of LP gas lines. The board concurred with the Association's letter and discussed seeking legislative action to either repeal the SB 2462 provision, or to amend ch. 489 to authorize plumbing and mechanical contractors to install LP gas lines.

Action Required

- Erica Glover, Board Counsel, will research and determine if the board may require the reinstatement of a convicted felon's civil rights as a condition of licensure.
- Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director, will draft a letter to the Secretary addressing the board's concerns regarding SB 2462.

- Tim Vaccaro will seek clarification of requests for board opinions regarding licensure required to install pre-hung doors with keycard locksets and to bid on power plant projects involving the installation of cooling towers.
- The board requested that the department make a presentation on its unlicensed activity program. The board wants the Office of General Counsel staff to participate in the presentation, in addition to Regulation staff.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

9/08/03
Date