

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Construction Industry Licensing Board

General Information

Meeting type: General Board Meeting

Meeting dates: October 8-10, 2003, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Orlando, 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 requested that the Bureau of Education and Testing provide a schedule, to the extent one exists, for an RFP for licensure testing in anticipation of the June expiration date of the vendor agreement with Professional Testing, Inc. The board expressed particular interest in knowing whether or not the department is planning to transition to computer based testing.
- The board requested statistics on the number of continuing education deficiency letters sent in October to registered contractors. The board is interested in knowing the percentage of responses received and the extent to which 100% monitoring is working.
- The Exams/Continuing Education/Public Awareness Committee stressed the importance of addressing public awareness issues at its meetings and asked the department to focus on that issue for future meetings. The committee also requested periodic appearances from BET.
- The Application Review Committee informed board staff that certain applications would not have to be presented to the board. Applicants with past misdemeanors will not have to appear before the board. Applicants with felony histories who have had their civil rights restored will not have to appear before the board unless the crime directly related to contracting or financial matters. Applicants with discharged bankruptcies older than three years will not have to appear unless the bankruptcy related to contracting or business practices. Finally, any applicant with a lien who is complying with a payment plan will not have to appear.
- In response to a letter from the Department of Community Affairs, the board recommended that DCA use fees collected from licensees pursuant to s. 489.109(3), F.S., to fund a project to encourage uniform interpretation of the Florida Building Code by counties and municipalities. The board also recommended funding a joint project between the Florida Building Commission and CILB to inform the construction industry of statutory and rule developments affecting the industry.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The Construction Industry Recovery Fund Committee requested that the department provide to the committee in November any draft legislation that may affect the recovery fund. The board would like to provide input regarding any potential legislation.
- The board considered amendments to Rule 61G4-18.001, F.A.C., to specify technical and business courses within the required hours for continuing education. The board did not reach a final decision and will further consider the matter before the CE Committee in November and before the entire board in January.
- The board considered amendments to Rule 61G4-15.001, F.A.C., regarding what categories of certified contractor could attest experience for applications for licensure. The board will further consider the matter in January.

Action Required

- Board staff will request code keys from credit reporting agencies for the Application Review Committee to interpret applicant credit reports.
- Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director, will coordinate with BET to have BET staff address continuing education and testing questions at the November meeting.
- Tim Vaccaro will draft a letter to DCA explaining the board recommendations for use of funds collected pursuant to s. 489.109(3), F.S.
- Tim Vaccaro will draft articles for the CILB newsletter regarding potential rule changes being addressed in January.
- Tim Vaccaro will coordinate with the Building Officials Association of Florida to provide disciplinary information to building officials on a regular basis.
- Erica Glover, board counsel, will draft a letter to James W. Linn indicating that a residential contractor may build single-story, two and three-family residences that will be rented for extended periods of time.