

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Construction Industry Licensing Board

General Information

Meeting type: General Board Meeting

Meeting dates: May 12-14, 2004, Doubletree Hotel, Tallahassee Lauderdale, FL

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

Board members absent: Paul Del Vecchio, John J. Cox (Excused absences)

Board Counsel: Diane Guillemette

Department Staff: Tim Vaccaro, Stacey Merchant, Ruthanne Christie, Patrick Creehan, Adrienne Rodgers, Valeria Singleton

Major Issues/Actions

- The board requested information regarding tracking procedures for mediation awards. The Executive Director contacted Mr. Ron Safford of the Division of Professions and Regulation. Mr. Safford will be providing that information for the next meeting.
- The Executive Committee issued four scope-of-work opinions. The committee indicated that a pool contractor's license is required to replace or make a major repair to a vinyl pool liner, indicating that the liner is an "interior finish" as the term is used in s. 489.105, F.S. The committee also determined that a mechanical or air-conditioning license was required to open or remove the front panel on an air-conditioning system for coil cleaning, citing the term "partial disassembly" set forth in s. 489.105, F.S. The committee indicated that ch. 489, F.S., did not require a license for installation of certain rubber linings in vessels. The committee also determined that installation of aluminum railing, as set forth during the meeting, required a general, building, or residential contractor's license, or supervision by one of those categories.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board instructed its Executive Director to informally request department endorsement of future legislation to increase CILB fines from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and to require that applicants provide criminal background checks as part of the licensure application process.
- The board directed counsel to develop rulemaking to require zero hours of advanced building code module training within the CE requirements set forth under Chapter 61G4-18, F.A.C. Section 489.115, F.S., provides that the CILB shall adopt rules requiring advanced module CE training in courses approved by the Florida Building Commission. This was a departure from last month's instruction to develop a rule for one hour of training. A representative of the Florida Building Commission attended the meeting and indicated that the FBC had only approved two-hour courses. He further indicated that FBC had no plans to approve further advanced module courses. The board did not believe that a licensee should be required to attend a two-hour course to receive one hour of required training.
- The board's counsel reported that amendments to Rule 61G4-15.001, F.A.C., will take effect on May 28, 2004. The amendments require that applicants for certification provide verification of experience from contractors who are licensed in the same or higher category for which the applicant is applying. The Executive Director will brief Central Intake, Customer Contact Center, and Technology staff on these changes for transition to revised licensure application procedures.

- The board instructed counsel to draft proposed amendments to Rules 61G4-18.004 and 18.007, F.A.C., to require that continuing education providers use technology for tracking interactive course attendance. Certain board members indicated at previous meetings that they were able to complete interactive courses in far fewer hours than the approved course time.

Action Required

- Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director, will coordinate with department staff to address the issues raised during the meeting.
- Diane Guillemette, Board Counsel, will draft letters setting forth the board opinions rendered during Executive Committee and will also follow up on the board's directions to develop rulemaking regarding advanced module CE training and tracking of CE attendance.

Timothy Vaccaro
Executive Director