



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2004

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board was held at 201 Highland Avenue, Building 3 in the Largo City Hall Complex on January 20, 2004.

Members in attendance were:

MEMBERS

Paul J. Skipper, Chair
Peter Jon Volmar, Vice Chair
Wayne Butler
Brian Deeb
Kevin Garriott
Bill Holloway
Billy Huettig
Michael Keane
Patrick Murphy
Michael Nadeau
Robert Nagin
Fred Oppenheimer
James Saul
Sandy Sullivan
Thomas Tafelski
Fritz Wolf

CLASSIFICATION

Building
Architect
Fire Marshal
Consumer
Building Official
Roofing
Electrical
General
Building Official
Building Official
Building Official
Aluminum
Plumbing
Fire Marshal
Building
Residential

Also attending: Rodney Fischer, Exec. Director Dianne Schiller, Admin. Secretary
Don Crowell, Esq. Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING - Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

There were no public hearings.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

After consideration, and on a motion by Member Volmar and a second by Member Nagin, the Board unanimously accepted/approved the consent agenda as presented. All stipulations are Final Orders of the Board in accordance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. On a motion by Member Tafelski and a second by Member Volmar, the Board voted to proceed with the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Specialty Licensing to schedule a public hearing (March Board Meeting) for amending of the PCCLB Rules to establish the Limited Painting Specialty Contractor license for those persons involved in the performance of recoating tubs and ceramic tile. In the interim, persons affected by the grandfathering will be invited to an informational meeting so the PCCLB can receive industry comment. It was noted the license would be limited to the grandfathering period; thereafter all applicants would be subject to fulfill the requirements of the Painting Specialty license. Motion carried.

B. The Board received a recommendation from the joint Ad Hoc Committee on Specialty Licensing and Painting Examining Committee to amend the PCCLB Rules to expand the experience required for a Painting Specialty license to a four-year period. On a motion by Member Tafelski and a second by Member Murphy, the Board voted to support the recommendation to be brought before the March Board Meeting for public hearing. Motion carried.

C. On a motion by Member Huettig and a second by Member Nagin, Board approved the Countywide Board of Adjustment and Appeals appointments for a two-year period as presented. Motion carried.

D. On a motion by Member Wolf and a second by Member Nadeau, the Board voted to oppose Senate Bill 1352. (SB 1352, as introduced, is self-explanatory! This is an obvious attempt to circumvent the local licensing laws and if this bill passes, it will further hinder our efforts to stop unlicensed activity. This is virtually identical to the "Jim Walters Amendment" which is already on the books (489.117) relating to construction contracting specifying conditions under which a person may perform specialty contracting services without obtaining a local professional license).

E. Mr. Fischer informed the Board of the status of the PCCLB legislation, SB-1506 and HB-489. He also discussed Palm Beach County's legislative proposal to Florida Statute 489 that would amend the "Jim Walters Amendment" by recognizing local licensing requirements.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

A. The Board accepted miscellaneous reports for filing.

B. William Ruby, an Aluminum Specialty contractor, License C-7560, responded to Administrative Complaints C02-1 and C02-580, stating he was in the process of fulfilling the final inspections on all open permits in the City of Clearwater and inquired what additional work was required of him in order to reinstate his license. He was directed to the appropriate parties to facilitate reinstatement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

The next meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board will be held on March 23, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at Building 3, Largo City Hall Complex, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, Florida.