

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 18, 2003
PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD**

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 March 18, 2003.

Members in attendance were:

| <u>MEMBERS</u> | <u>CLASSIFICATION</u> |
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| Paul Skipper, Chair | Building |
| John C. Burket | General |
| Brian Deeb | Consumer |
| Joseph Di Pasqua | Building Official |
| Roger Erdelac | Swimming Pool/Spa |
| Kevin Garriott | Building Official |
| David Habib | Building |
| Ernest Hand | Fire Marshal |
| Bill Holloway | Roofing |
| Billy Huettig | Electrical |
| Jack Joyner | Mechanical |
| Milton Massanet | Building Official |
| Patrick Murphy | Building Official |
| Robert Nagin | Building Official |
| Francis Sandy Sullivan | Fire Marshal |
| Thomas Tafelski | Building |
| Fritz Wolf | Residential |

Also attending: Rodney S. Fischer, Exec. Director Dianne Schiller, Administrative 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 Murphy and a second by Member Joyner, the Board unanimously accepted/approved the consent agenda as presented with two additional stipulations for Patrick K. Bush (C03-96; 150) and another for John Colombo (C03-102). All stipulations are Final Orders of the Board in accordance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. The Board accepted the appointment of Thomas Tafelski for a two year term to the Countywide Board of Board of Adjustment and Appeals – Life Safety. Mr. Tafelski was voted upon by the members of the Life Safety Board to sit as its fifth member.

B. The Board conducted an informal administrative hearing in accordance with section 120.57(2),

Florida Statutes. The Respondent defaulted by not responding and abiding to the agreement regarding Administrative Complaint C02-690; 782 and was scheduled for an informal hearing by the Board to resolve the complaint. The action taken is a Final Order of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. Rodney S. Fischer appeared in the case for the Petitioner.

Jason Orcutt, a Flatwork Masonry Specialty contractor, did not appear and was not represented. After consideration, review, and on a motion by Member Tafelski and a second by Member Burket, the Board voted to accept the allegations of Administrative Complaint C02-690; 782 as Findings of Fact and concluded Respondent violated Section 24 (2)(d)(h)(j)(m)(n), Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, and imposed the following penalty:

- 1) Administrative fine of \$1,000 per the two complaints; and
- 2) Suspension of license C-8453 for one year, effective immediately. Suspension can be changed to probation if Respondent pays the administrative fines, resolves the complaints, making the consumers whole, agrees to provide monthly reports of contract activity to the Board, resolves any pending complaints and reinstates his license by coming before the Board.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

A. Under Old Business, Mr. Fischer was authorized to invite Toby Klein, Licensing Official of Miami/Dade to speak on how we might better strengthen our position on unlicensed activity. Mr. Fischer briefly updated the Board on the status of House Bill 353, amending the PCCLB legislative act.

B. Under New Business, it was reported the PCCLB hosted a Round Table Meeting of Building Officials to discuss the handling of permits with no final inspections, a problem being experienced by many of the jurisdictions. A follow-up meeting will combine ideas in order to formulate a procedure for countywide usage, and recommendation was made to Pinellas County Attorney Don Crowell to draft an ordinance that would make this process applicable to state as well as locally licensed contractors.

C. Andrew Harbuck, local businessman, spoke against the requirement for licensing to install hardwood floors. Mr. Harbuck was told the licensing was in response to the many consumer complaints in the industry and that contractors actually gave their approval in favor of the licensing at the public hearings held prior to beginning the grandfathering.

D. On a motion by Member Tafelski and a second by Member Burket, the Board voted approval to extend the licenses of the new Cabinet and Finish Carpentry contractors (grandfathered up to June 1st of this year) effectiveness until September, 2004. Motion carried.

E. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence and reports.

The next meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board will be held at 201 Highland Avenue, Building 3 in the Largo City Hall Complex on May 20th, 2003 at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.