



**PINELLAS COUNTY  
CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD**

MINUTES

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 September 19, 2006. This meeting was publicly advertised and a quorum was present.

Members in attendance were:

MEMBERS

Thomas Tafelski, Vice Chair  
Rick Dunn  
Gareth Eich  
Kevin Garriott  
Ernest Hand  
Rick Howard  
Michael Keane  
Danny Sandlin  
James Saul  
Charlie Spitzer  
Sandy Sullivan  
John Tillinghast  
Peter Vasti  
Fritz Wolf

CLASSIFICATION

Building  
Building Official  
Architect  
Building Official  
Fire Marshal  
Swimming Pool  
General  
Building Official  
Plumbing  
Electrical  
Fire Marshal  
Roofing  
Consumer  
Residential

Also attending: Rodney Fischer, Exec. Director  
Jason Ester, Esq.

Caroline Jones, Admin. Secretary  
Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING - Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

There were no public hearings to be heard.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

After consideration and on a motion by Member Dunn, and a second by Member Hand, 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. Motion carried.

### III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. The Board conducted informal administrative hearings in accordance with section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. The Respondents either elected an informal hearing or defaulted by not executing an Election of Rights and were therefore scheduled for informal hearings by the Board to resolve the complaints. The actions taken are Final Orders of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. Rodney S. Fischer appeared in the cases for the Petitioners.

1. Joseph F. Ambrose, a State-Certified General Contractor (CGC060341), did not appear and was not represented in the case of Administrative Complaint C06-294.

Following discussion, and on a motion by Member Wolf and a second by Member Keane, the Board voted to accept the allegations of Administrative Complaint C06-294 as Findings of Fact and concluded Respondent violated Section 24 (2)(d)(e)(g)(j)(l)(m), Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, and imposed the following penalty, as amended:

- a) Respondent is reprimanded for misconduct, aiding and abetting, workers' compensation insurance violations, and failure to qualify a firm; and
- b) Respondent's registration is immediately suspended with notification to all Pinellas County jurisdictions, and
- c) Reinstatement of Respondent's registration occurring only after appearance before the PCCLB Board, providing proof of resolution of outstanding Administrative Complaint C06-294, completion of all required final inspections; and a stipulated settlement of \$1,000.00 per count for C06-294.

At the request of Member Wolf, additional information in regard to the Complainant and the extent of Aiding and Abetting the Respondent engaged in will be addressed at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

2. Dennis Gillum, a Fence Erection Specialty Contractor (C-9573), did not appear and was not represented in the case of Administrative Complaints C06-521; C06-539; C06-542; and C06-586.

After consideration and review of complaints and on a motion by Member Dunn, and a second by Member Keane, the Board voted to accept the allegations of Administrative Complaints C06-521; C06-539; C06-542; and C06-586 as Findings of Fact and concluded Respondent violated Section 24(2)(d)(h)(j)(k)(m), Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, and imposed the following penalty:

- a) Respondent is reprimanded for Financial Mismanagement and Misconduct; and
- b) Respondent's license C-9573 is immediately suspended with notification to all Pinellas County jurisdictions; and
- c) Respondent is assessed administrative fines of \$1,000.00 for each count of Administrative Complaints C06-521; C06-539; C06-542; and C06-586.

- d) Reinstatement of Respondent's registration occurring only after appearance before the PCCLB, payment of administrative fines, and proof of refund of customers' deposits.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

A. Old Business - There were no topics of old business to be addressed.

B. New Business:

- 1) Upon motion by Member Wolf and a second by Member Saul, the Board grants authority to the County Attorney's Office to foreclose on any liens which have been recorded in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office for not less than 90 days.
- 2) Upon motion by Member Sullivan and a second by Member Spitzer, the Board grants authority for staff to proceed with a request for proposal for the services of a collection agency; staff to bring recommendations back to Board for final award.
- 3) Upon motion by Member Dunn and a second by Member Howard, the Board approved reappointments and appointments to the various Countywide Boards of Adjustment and Appeals with the exception of the Fire Marshal appointment to the Life Safety Board. Member Hand requested that the appointment for the Fire Marshal be deferred until a recommendation can be submitted by the Tampa Bay Area Fire Marshal's & Inspectors Association; and no objections were noted.

C. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Reports:

- 1) Year to date Citations – 2006
- 2) 2007 PCCLB Meeting Dates
- 3) American Business Women's Association correspondence.

D. Public Comment:

James Desmond re appropriate licensure for the installation of decorative foam.

#### OTHER ISSUES

Vice Chair Tafelski provided an update pertaining to the progress of the Ad Hoc Committee, noted the next meeting is to be held September 28, 9:00 A.M. at the PCCLB Conference Room, 11701 Belcher Road, Largo; and indicated that the issue of decorative foam will be addressed by the committee.

The next meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board will be held on November 21, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. at Building 3, Largo City Hall Complex, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, Florida.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.