



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 September 21, 2004.

Members in attendance were:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
Paul J. Skipper, Chair	Builder
John Burket	General
Brian Deeb	Consumer
Kevin Garriott	Building Official
Bill Holloway	Roofing
Billy Huettig	Electrical
Michael Keane	General
Milton Massanet	Building Official
Patrick Murphy	Building Official
Michael Nadeau	Building Official
Robert Nagin	Building Official
Fred Oppenheimer	Aluminum
Sandy Sullivan	Fire Marshal
Thomas Tafelski	Building
Fritz Wolf	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.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Skipper accepted the resignation letter for Peter Jon Volmar, who stated he decided to resign as a Board member as the architectural representative. Mr. Volmar, however, will continue to serve on the Countywide Board of Adjustment & Appeals – Building. He and Member Huettig will be recognized for their faithful and loyal service at the November 16th Board Meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

After consideration, and on a motion by Member Burket and a second by Member Huettig, 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. Edward Cook, a Finish Carpentry Specialty contractor (C-9309), appeared and provided testimony in mitigation of Administrative Complaint C04-57, 125; 190. As Mr. Cook's license is currently in an expired status and after consideration, review, and on a motion by Member Nagin and a second by Member Burket, the Board voted to table these three Administrative Complaint cases for the November 16th Board meeting when further detailed financial information can be made available to the Board. Motion carried.

2. Sidney Schwartz, a Class "A" Air Conditioning contractor, appeared and provided testimony in mitigation of Administrative Complaints C04-443 through 04-458. After consideration, review, and on a motion by Member Burket and a second by Member Wolf, the Board voted to accept the allegations of Administrative Complaints C04-443 through 04-458 as Findings of Fact and concluded Respondent violated Section 24 (2)(d)(j)(m)(n), Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, and imposed the following penalty:

- a) Respondent is reprimanded for misconduct, and
 - b) Respondent is assessed a stipulated fine of \$500 per count.
 - c) Suspension of respondent's State registration (I-CAC021315) for one year, however, suspension and \$500 stipulated fine for Counts 9 – 16 (permits still requiring final inspections) will be stayed for 60 days and shall become probation for one-year if Respondent pays stipulated fines for Counts 1 – 8 amounting to \$4,000 and provides evidence that Respondent obtained final inspections for all of the properties.
 - d) A copy of Administrative Complaint C04-443-458 shall be forwarded to the CILB for disciplinary action.
 - e) Respondent is to maintain a current address with the PCCLB office.
- C. Executive Director Fischer stated DBPR/CILB has extended the State certified contractors license renewal date until November 1, 2004 from the previously set August 1st deadline. This has created some confusion during renewal period at our office. To coincide with the regulatory statewide renewal date and on a motion by Member Tafelski and a second by Member Oppenheimer, the Board voted to authorize the PCCLB to extend the renewal period (and also the provision of proof of continuing education) for all license holders until November 1st. All local building departments will be notified and notice is to be posted on the website for informational purposes.
- D. Executive Director Fischer stated the effective date of the 2004 Florida Building Code has been delayed until July 1, 2005. It is of utmost importance that the Pinellas Gulf Beaches Coastal

Construction Code remain in force throughout this process and efforts will be made to achieve this and the adding/retaining all local technical amendments by the Commission.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

- A. The Board accepted miscellaneous reports for filing.
- B. For informational purposes, Executive Director Fischer submitted the procedure for PCCLB revocation of registrations and certifications upon revocation of State of Florida Certifications. The Board approved automatic suspension/revocation of those contractors suspended/revoked by the State as a policy for PCCLB utilization.
- C. The next meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board on November 16 will have a change of location to the Seminole Recreation Center, 2nd Floor, 9100 113th Street, for that meeting only.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.