

PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2003

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 November 18, 2003.

Members in attendance were:

MEMBERS

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

CLASSIFICATION

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

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.

Plaques for faithful, dedicated service to the PCCLB Board were presented to outgoing members Ernest Hand and Roger Erdelac. Members Joseph DiPasqua and Wayne Madascy were unable to be present.

Fire Marshal Wayne Butler, Plumbing contractor James Saul, Aluminum contractor Fred Oppenheimer and Building Official Danny Sandlin, (absent), were welcomed as new members of the Board.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

After consideration, and on a motion by Member Murphy and a second by Member Massanet, 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. As many products used in painting and preparation are both flammable and toxic in nature, recommendation was made by the Painting Examining Committee to grandfather Tub Painters under a new licensing category of Painting Specialty Contractor – Limited. On a motion by Member Tafelski, and a second by Member Deeb, the Board voted approval, with the stipulation, the Ad Hoc Specialty Licensing Committee clearly define the scope of work and bring their recommendation before the January Board. Motion carried.

B. On a motion by Member Murphy and a second by Member Nagin, the Board voted to approve two years experience as an acceptable requirement for Painting Specialty contractor applicants, with a referral to the Ad Hoc Specialty Licensing Committee to give further study to the issue and report back at the January Board meeting. Motion carried.

C. All Workers' Compensation exemptions expire on January 1, 2004 and new exemptions will be required to meet the reform legislation. Individuals seeking exemption must form a corporation or a limited liability company and have at least 10% ownership in order to qualify for the exemption. As a Change of Status is required by the State and PCCLB, staff has asked the usual \$100 fee be waived in this circumstance only. After a discussion regarding of staff time and labor involved, and on a motion by Member Volmar and a second by Member Oppenheimer, the Board voted to approve the Change of Status requirement be handled administratively and a \$25 fee be charged. This fee would apply in those cases newly incorporating and be effective only through January 31, 2004. Motion carried.

D. Representatives of the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park and the County Building Departments discussed various ways of responding to unfiled permits.

E. On a motion by Member Nagin and a second by Member Volmar, the Board voted approval of the PCCLB office lease, understanding there is to be no increase in rent this year and a 3% increase will be incurred each consecutive year over the next five years. Motion carried.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

A. Mr. Fischer informed the Board that the Pinellas County Ordinance which was due to be held as an Agenda Item at the Board of County Commissioner Meeting on November 18, has now been moved to December 2, due to insufficient public notification.

B. The PCCLB Special Act legislation has been slated to go before the Delegation Meeting at the Holocaust Museum on December 4 at 9 A.M., sponsored by Senator Dennis Jones. The changes cover removing all specialty contractor definitions from the legislation in order for the PCCLB to maintain these classifications through Board Rule. Further amendment to the act would allow all state license categories to become consistent with the State definitions and referenced as such when State changes occur.

C. Attorney Andriopolos spoke on behalf of his client, asking the Board for leniency in the grandfathering of Vasilis Bles as a Cabinet contractor, due to English being his secondary language and the fact that he did not receive notification. As the recommended statutory requirements for notification had been met and the period for grandfathering ended on June 2, on a motion by Member Deeb and a second by Member Massanet, the Board voted to not digress from the established guidelines and waive the rule in this case. Other options were discussed and efforts would be made to expedite the approval process, should Mr. Bles choose to apply. Motion carried with Members Tafelski, Holloway, Sullivan and Habib voting contra.

D. The new PCCLB Board Member list for 2004 – 2005 has been included in the packet as well as the 2004 Board Meeting dates. The only changes to note are the March and May meetings which have been moved to the fourth Tuesday, due to a scheduling conflict.

E. Other miscellaneous reports were accepted by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

The next meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board will be held on January 20, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at Building 3, Largo City Hall Complex, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, Florida.