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The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES
Board Meeting
January 13, 2014

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, January 13, 2014, at the Board's Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. Those members in attendance were as follows: Mr. Charles (Chuck) Turner (Chair), Mr. Ronald Weaver (Vice Chair), Mr. Carmon Colvin, Mr. Robert Lamborne, Mr. Bruce Taylor (arrive 10:13 a.m.), Mr. Richard Meadows, and Mr. Gary Reaves. Member absent was Mr. Jay Stutts. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, www.aecb.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.al.us, in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Mark Jones had requested to appear before the Board to consider his request for licensing as an Electrical Contractor (EC) by Waiver. His request was received in advance of the meeting in accordance with the Board's Administrative Code. Mr. Colvin informed Mr. Jones that the deadline to apply for a license by Waiver had closed as of June 30, 2013. Ms. Coody advised Mr. Jones that the Board did not have the authority to reopen the Waiver application period to accept applications pass the deadline. Mr. Colvin indicated that Mr. Jones could submit for the Board's consideration his application to take the exam, and Mr. Jones agreed by submitting to Mr. Barrows his application to take the EC exam.

The minutes from the November 4, 2013, regular meeting were presented for approval. A copy of the minutes were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the Executive Director's Report, to include financial information (a copy filed for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). He also reported on the number of active and inactive licensees, along with the number of complaints received and resolved. Mr. Weaver made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported on a complaint (#2013.020) where two companies had partnered, for one to pull permits and the other to perform the work. She indicated that it appeared to be a situation of an electrical contractor selling his license. She explained that there were no written documents of partnership or employee relationship to allow this activity. Ms. Coody recommended that the Board file an administrative complaint of violation to both the licensee and the non-licensee. Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve Ms. Coody's recommendation to file administrative complaints. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported on a complaint (#2014.002) regarding electrical work by a Jefferson County Weatherization Program Contractor. She reported that no electrical work was performed by the Weatherization Program Contractor and the Board had no jurisdiction. Mr. Colvin made a motion to accept Ms. Coody's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported on a complaint (#2014.001) where the complainant claimed work was substandard. Ms. Coody reported that the individual was not licensed at the time the work was performed, but is currently licensed. Ms. Coody recommended a fine and probation or to surrender license. The Board discussed qualifications of an expert witnesses in matters of electrical work inspection. Ms. Coody explained that the Board was not charged with inspecting work. Mr. Warren indicated that he would draft qualifications for an expert witness based on the Board's Administrative Code. Mr. Colvin made a motion to send the licensee a letter of concern. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported on a complaint (#2014.006) where work was performed two years earlier, prior to the current homeowner actually owning the home, and the work was performed by a non-licensee. Mr. Weaver made a motion to send the non-licensee a letter of concern. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed applications for CE Provider. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the CE Provider applications, with exception to Jim Lewis with Jade Learning (CE Provider list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Reaves and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lamborne made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Reciprocal applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor applications for examination and the Journeyman Electrician applications for examination (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren recommended that the 2014 NEC be adopted for testing purposes. He reported that the test is currently based on the 2011 NEC. The Board estimated a six-month time period to incorporate the updated Codes. Mr. Weaver moved that the 2014 NEC be approved for testing purposes effective June 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

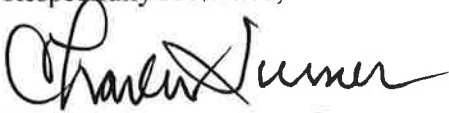
The Board discussed the confusion by licensed journeyman electricians about continuing education requirements and suggested that continuing education reminders be sent only to electrical contractors along with their renewal notices.

The Board discussed establishing a new protocol to restrict Board members' endorsement of applications submitted by someone affiliated with their company. Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the new protocol restricting a Board member from signing employment affidavits for these applicants and restrict signing the applications as having reviewed and recommended approval of the applicant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reaves and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and Mr. Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Turner

Chair



Keith E. Warren

Executive Director

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