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The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES
Board Meeting
July 11, 2016

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, July 11, 2016 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. Jay Stutts (Chair), Mr. Mike Custred (Vice Chair), Mr. Bruce Taylor, Mr. Mark Lamborne, Mr. Richard Meadows and Mr. Terry Wallace. Board members not in attendance were Mr. Ron Weaver, Mr. Chuck Turner and Mr. Gary Reaves. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren, Executive Director and recording secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Stutts, Board Chair, and a quorum was present to conduct business. 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.

The minutes from the May 9, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting were presented for approval. The Board members were provided a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Lamborne made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included a detailed financial report of expenditures and revenue as of June 30, 2016 (report filed for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren reported on the number of active and inactive licensees, along with the number of complaints received to-date in FY 2016. Mr. Meadows made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Custred and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's report which provided an overview of day-to-day operation activities. He indicated that two brochures were being developed; one with the assistance of NASCLA and the other one for consumers from the Board.

Mr. Warren announced that Mr. Gerald Ackers had passed away in July. He had served as a Board member when the Board was first created.

Ms. Coody presented the General Counsel Report and indicated that work was continuing on closing complaint cases.

Ms. Coody reported that she had met with Mr. Warren to review the Board's statute and had recommendations to present to the Board about changes concerning the Board's subpoena powers and role of an electrical contractor to supervise and oversee electrical work, etc. The Board reviewed the statute concerning recommended changes.

The Board reviewed §34-36-3 Definitions. They discussed defining electrical workers and Provisional licenses, along with clarifying an unrestricted statewide EC license and a restricted Provisional license.

The Board reviewed §34-36-4 Board of Electrical Contractors. They discussed adding a minimum of two years service on the Board at the time of an officer's election.

The Board reviewed §34-36-6 Powers and duties of board. They discussed adding the authority to subpoena individuals and company records concerning matters under investigation. Also discussed clarifying the responsibility of an electrical contractor to supervise and oversee electrical work, and clarifying an EC's responsibilities applicable to licensing by reciprocity.

The Board reviewed §34-36-7 Examination; reciprocity with other states; issuance of license; qualification requirements. They discussed repealing sections of this statute.

The Board reviewed §34-36-8 Expiration and renewal of licenses; continuing education; inactive status. They discussed clarifying education as continuing education.

The Board reviewed §34-36-9 Failure to renew license; restoration fee; new license. They discussed changing the licensing expiration period to 2 years, which would allow a licensee to renew their license within a two year period after expiration. Mr. Warren explained that a former licensee would not be eligible to renew their license after 2 years from the license expiration date and they would need to reapply for licensing.

The Board reviewed §34-36-13 License required; exemptions. They discussed clarifying the exemption about when an electrical worker was employed, along with work that pertained to the CATV system.

The Board reviewed §34-36-16 Violations; penalties. They discussed repealing sections of this statute.

Ms. Coody asked that additional comments and recommendations by the Board members be submitted to her or Mr. Warren that would be included in the discussions at the September meeting about changes to the statute and proposed legislation.

Mr. Warren reported that some members of the Board were not present to discuss the matter of a mandatory journeyman electrician's license. Mr. Lamborne made a motion to remove from the agenda the topic of mandatory journeyman license. The motion was seconded by Mr. Custred and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented information about an intelligence service offered by TLOxp, a division of TransUnion, which would assist in locating and identifying individuals involved in complaint cases. Mr. James explained situations when this service would be valuable. Mr. Wallace made a motion to engage the intelligence services of TLOxp at rate of \$150 per month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

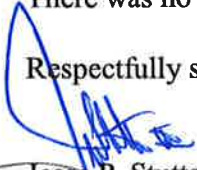
Mr. Lamborne made the motion to approve the Reciprocity applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

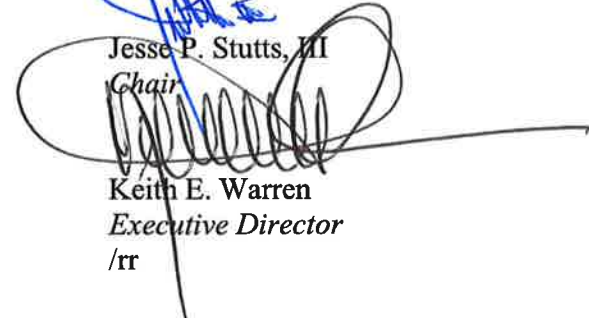
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled September 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business of the Board and Mr. Stutts adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse P. Stutts, III
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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