

State of Alabama

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES Board Meeting March 11, 2019

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Board's Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, to conduct business. Those members in attendance were Mr. Mike Custred (Board Chair), Mr. Mark Lamborne (Vice Chair), Mr. Bruce Taylor (member), Mr. Jay Stutts, III (member), Mr. Richard Meadows (member), Mr. Fred Moore (member) and Mr. Johnny Grimes (member). Member not in attendance was Mr. Terry Wallace and Mac McCreless. Also, in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mrs. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Dennis Trammel (Investigator), Ms. Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and serving as recording secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Custred, Board Chair, and a quorum was present to conduct business. The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.aecb.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

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

Mr. Lamborne 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. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows reported that there were no CEU provider applications to present.

The amended minutes from the November 5, 2018 Board meeting and the minutes from the January 28, 2019 Board meeting were presented by Mr. Custred for the Board's approval. The Board members were provided a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the amended November minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lamborne made a motion to approve the January Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included financial activities for the period ending February 28, 2019 and reviewed the line item expenses for this period. He also reported on the current number of licensees, along with the number of complaints received to-date in FY 2019 (report filed for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren reported to the Board on the activities accomplished by the staff since the last Board meeting, along with the examination statistics for both the electrical contractor and journeyman exams.

Mr. Stutts made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren commented on the recent Board Training session conducted by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. He indicated that he would keep the members advised of future training dates, so that all members could have an opportunity to participate in the training.

Mrs. Coody presented the General Counsel Report. She reported on case #2019-012, a sign installation and service company. She indicated that an Investigative Committee was appointed and recommended that the representative(s) be invited to the next Board meeting, as an informal interview, to provide additional information about the company's services. Mr. Moore made a motion to invite the representative and their legal counsel to the next meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Stutts made the motion to request additional information as a written statement informing the Board about the Company's services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Moore made the motion to refer the interview meeting to the Board's General Counsel's discretion, for the matter to be heard by a Board committee or full Board participation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody introduced a concern from Mr. Meadows about the General Contractors Board's licensing violation in restricting an electrical contractor in contracting with the owner on projects and require a contract with the general contractor. The Board discussed potential restriction of competition and antitrust violations on the basis that an electrical contractor's qualifications. Following a lengthy discussion by the members, the Board requested that the Executive Director continue to obtain additional information regarding this matter and to keep the Board advised.

Mr. Custred announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business of the Board, and Mr. Custred adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Custred Board Chair

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Keith E. Warren Executive Director

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