



State of Alabama

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

2777 Zelda Road
Montgomery, AL 36106
(334) 240-7232
Fax (334) 263-6115
www.aecb.alabama.gov

MINUTES Board Meeting May 13, 2019

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, May 13, 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. Jay Stutts, III (member), Mr. Richard Meadows (member), Mr. Terry Wallace (member), Mr. Mac McCreless (member), Mr. Fred Moore (member) and Mr. Johnny Grimes (member). Member not in attendance was Mr. Bruce Taylor and Mr. Mark Lamborne. Also, in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mrs. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), 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 10:00 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.

The Board meeting minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting were presented by Chairman Custred for the Board's approval. The Board members were provided a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Stutts made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody presented the Legal Counsel Report, which include a complaint about a sign company's services. She explained that the Respondent in the case was asked to appear before the Board to provide additional information about the company's services and the Respondent did not appear. The Board discussed the typical installation and maintenance services provided by employees of sign companies and the Board agreed that further consideration would be given to regulations and licensing jurisdiction in this matter.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included financial activities for the period ending April 30, 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 presented the Administrator's Report 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. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board a copy of a proposed legislative Bill, supported by the Homeowners Association, that would impose additional penalties for unlicensed activities in areas covered by an emergency declaration, e.g., activities that require a license through the ABEC, along with Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors Board, Home Builders Licensure Board, Plumbing and Gas Fitters Examining Board and Board of General Contractors. The Board members commented on the typical order of services in an emergency, noting that electrical services usually came first. Ms. Coody offered to meet with representatives of the Homeowners Association about recommended changes. Mr. Warren indicated that should the legislation be approved, the individual Boards could collectively draft educational material regarding the new law.

Mr. Warren presented information concerning the current members' term of office. He explained the requirement of two full terms of service and those members who were eligible to continue to serve another term.

Mr. Warren also presented the bids for the Board's Licensing Examination Service, indicating that only one bid had been received. He reported that the bid from PROV had expanded the number of examination sites in Alabama. Following discussion of the bid specifications and PROV's bid, Mr. Stutts made a motion to accept PROV for the Board's Licensing Examination Service. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board discussed NASCLA's progress to establish a national examination program.

Chairman Custred reported that the annual election of Board officers was due. Mr. Warren presented over the nominations. Mr. Stutts nominated Mr. Custred as Board Chair and Mr. Grimes as Board Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Meadows. There were no other nominations from the floor and the Board unanimously approved the nomination for new Board officers.

Mr. Warren reported that the NASCLA annual meeting would be held August 26-29 in Baltimore. The Board approved Mr. Warren to attend on behalf of the Board. Mr. Warren asked members to let him know by August 1st about their interest in attending this meeting and reminded the members about the new travel policy concerning out-of-state travel.

Mr. Barrows presented licensure applications for the Board's approval. The Board reviewed Continuing Education Provider application. Mr. Wallace made the motion to approve the CE Provider application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved.

Mr. Stutts 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. Meadows 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. McCreless and unanimously approved by the Board.

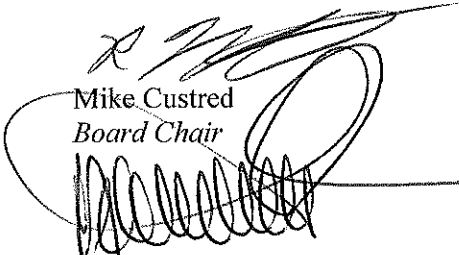
Mr. Stutts made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor applications for examination as presented (a list available in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

The members discussed proposed legislative changes to the Board's statute for the 2020 Legislative Session. Areas to consider were low voltage, handyman services, residential contractors, examinations tiers by categories, sign services, etc., along with home renovations to homes for resale (flipping), size of jobs, exempt employees of employers, etc. Mr. Warren stated that he and Ms. Coody would review the statute and make recommendations for the Board's consideration.

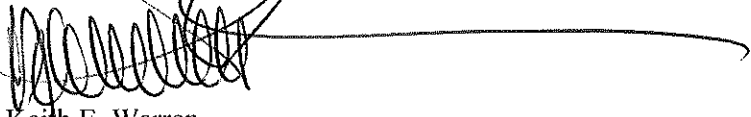
Chairman Custred announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business to discuss and Mr. Stutts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless, and Chairman Custred adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Custred
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

/rr