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The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES Board Meeting March 10, 2014

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, March 10, 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. Bruce Taylor (arrive 10:10 a.m.), Mr. Jay Stutts, Mr. Richard Meadows, Mr. Gary Reaves and Mr. Mark Lamborne. Member absent was Mr. Jeremy Vinson. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. 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 10:02 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. Warren administered the oath of office to new Board member, Mr. Mark Lamborne,, representing the Third Congressional District.

The minutes from the January 13, 2014, regular meeting were presented for approval. A copy of the minutes was 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. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Warren reported that the media campaign was continuing that focused on consumer awareness in the metro areas of the State. He reminded the Board that an earlier campaign focused on the rural areas of the State. He also reported that he was reviewing establishing a

Facebook account for the Board and evaluating mobile application programs to allow the public to search for licensees.

Ms. Coody presented the General Counsel Report. She reported that several cases had been closed that did not rise to the level for Administrative Hearings. She reported that two Administrative Hearings were scheduled immediately following this Board meeting. She reported that these Hearings were based on one complaint (#2013.020). She reviewed with the Board members the administrative process to hear the cases and the role of the Administrative Law Judge.

Mr. Warren reported that the Administrative Management Contract would expire in September, 2014. He recommended that the Board seek an Attorney General Opinion concerning Professional Services contracts being exempt from the Competitive Bid Law. He explained that a State database was available to post Request for Proposals (RFP) and proposals would be evaluated based on the merit of the specifications in the RFP, rather than lowest bid. Mr. Colvin made a motion to request clarification on Professional Services Contracts being exempt from the Competitive Bid Law by seeking an Attorney General's Opinion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Weaver 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 require applicant to submit evidence of the formation of the business entity that the applicant would be affiliated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner called a recess from the business meeting at 11:06 a.m. for the Board to participate in the Administrative Hearings.

Mr. Jerry Wood, Administrative Law Judge, convened the Administrative Hearing at 11:15 a.m., in matter of Mr. Frederick Acklin (#2013.020.02).

Judge Wood recessed the Hearing at 12:05 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

Judge Wood recessed the Hearing at 12:34 p.m. for lunch (on-site).

Mr. Jerry Wood, Administrative Law Judge, convened the Administrative Hearing at 12:55 p.m., in the matter of Mr. Bob Harris (#2013.020.01).

Judge Wood adjourned the Hearing at 2:19 p.m. in the matter of Mr. Harris, and the Board took a break prior to reconvening the business meeting.

Mr. Turner reconvened the business meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Warren reported that Mr. Wood would present in writing a recommendation to Board concerning his opinion about the facts presented at the Hearings. Ms. Coody recused herself

from the business meeting at 2:40 p.m., while the Board discussed the violations presented at the Hearings.

Mr. Warren updated the Board on HB 551 and SB 416 regarding provisional license requirements. He also presented a draft substitute bill that would condense the effects stated in the current bills. The Board agreed with the amendment and to further pursue the legislation.

The Board reviewed applications for CE Provider. Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the CE Provider applications as presented (CE Provider 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. Weaver made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor applications for examination and 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. Taylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stutts reported that a licensed Electrical Contractor has submitted to him a request for the Board to consider establishing a categories for limited licenses. Mr. Warren reported that the Alabama Home Builders Association had discussed and was interested in similar categories being created. Mr. Turner indicated that this request would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Warren reported to the Board that new Board member, Jeremy Vinson, representing the Second Congressional District had missed three consecutive Board meetings.


The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is May 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no new business of the Board and Mr. Turner adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Turner
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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