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The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES Board Meeting July 19, 2021-Amended

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, July 19, 2021, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Mr. Johnny Grimes (Board Chair), Mr. Fred Moore (Board Vice Chair), Mr. Mac McCreless (member), Mr. Theodore Blunt (member), Mr. Jeremy Atchley (member), Mr. Terry Wallace (member), Mr. Shon Rogers (member), Mr. Robert Lamborne (member) and Mr. John Thomas (member attending virtually). Also present at the meeting were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Grimes, Board Chair. Mr. Warren called roll of the members 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.

Chairman Grimes presented for the Board's approval a copy of the minutes from the May 17, 2021 Board meeting. 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 May minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included a financial summary for the period ending June 30, 2021. The report included line-item expenditures for the same period, along with a report on the number of current licensees and number of complaints received in FY 2021 (report filed for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's Report on the activities accomplished by the staff since the last Board meeting that was held in May.

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

Mr. Warren reported that the plans were to transition to the NASCLA examination in October 2021.

The Board discussed the proposed legislation that had some opposition during the 2021 Legislative Session. Ms. Coody indicated that she would work with the Realtor Board attorney on any issues. It was the consensus of the Board to pursue legislative changes to the Board's statute in the 2022.

Ms. Coody reported that the number of complaints had increased in comparison to recent fiscal years. She thanked the members serving on the Investigative Committee.

Chairman Grimes reported that there was no old business to report at this time.

Mr. Warren presented a draft request for an Attorney General's opinion regarding selecting vendors, specifically management services companies, based on the bid proposal specifications and allowing the Board to utilize the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to fairly evaluate vendors' proposals. Mr. Warren left the Board meeting and the Board continued their discussions. Ms. Coody explained the limitations in evaluating vendors under the bid process (of selecting lowest bidder based on written content) vs. the RFP process. Mr. Warren joined the meeting and answered questions from the members about the current contract specifications, lowest bid process, and performance bonds. The Board discussed the differences in selecting vendors that would hold the vendor to the guarantees outlined in the specifications. Mr. Moore made the motion to approve the draft of the Attorney General's Opinion Request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reminded the members that the Board currently had an emergency contract for administrative services with Warren & Company, which became effective in November 2020 and was effective for one year.

Mr. Warren presented information about residential solar contracting services and the expansion in this market. The Board discussed regulating this market and establishing certification requirements for licensure. Mr. Warren indicated that the Board received an offer from a contractor who offered to assist in providing information about this service. The Board discussed establishing a committee to review this matter and make recommendations to the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that he would discuss this matter further with key individuals and present a report to the Board.

The Board also considered the matter of smart switches and lighting control systems and agreed to defer this matter until further discussions about residential solar contracting services.

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

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

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve CE Provider, Complete Electrical Academy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed adopting a licensure change that would require validation of journeyman experience prior to obtaining an electrical contractor's license. Mr. Warren indicated that he would discuss this matter with other state licensing boards and present a report to the Board.

Chairman Grimes announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was September 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Warren indicated that that he would announce the location of the September meeting.

The Board had no further business to discuss and Mr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atchley, and having no objections from the members, Chairman Grimes adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Grimes
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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