



State of Alabama

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES Board Meeting March 15, 2021

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center located at 201 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, Alabama, to allow safe social-distancing during the COVID 19 State of Emergency. Board members in attendance onsite were Mr. Johnny Grimes (Board Chair), Mr. Fred Moore (Board Vice Chair), Mr. Mac McCreless (member), Mr. Robert Lamborne (member), Mr. Theodore Blunt (member) and Mr. Jeremy Atchley (member). Members attending virtually were Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Shon Rogers. Member absent was Mr. Terry Wallace. Also attending were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 and remote access of available to the public to join the meeting.

The Board meeting minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting were presented by Chairman Grimes for the Board's 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 January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included a financial summary for the first month of FY 2021 (as of December 31, 2020). 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). He reminded the Board that continuing education credits were due in 2021 renewal period.

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

He also reported that the status of the Board's proposed legislation under consideration by the Legislature.

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

Ms. Coody presented the General Counsel Report. She reported that in the matter of case #2019-002 an order had been filed against the Respondent and his company to permanent enjoin him to not practice and advertise services until properly licensed, which included a \$2,500 disciplinary fine. Mr. Moore made a motion that should the deadline not be met by the Respondent, the Board's General Counsel was authorized to go forth in filing home repair fraud with the courts in the recent complaint case 2021-003. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board had received \$29,478.47 through a court order in the complaint Case #2016.18.01. The Board thanked Ms. Coody for her services in representing the Board in this case.

Ms. Coody indicated that the Attorney General's office upheld the new definition requiring employees as W-2 employees as proposed in the Board's rules. The Board discussed requiring the electrical company to accept responsibility and liability for work performed by temporary workers employed through a Job Placement Service.

Mr. Warren recommended that the Board adopt the 2020 NEC for examination purposes. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the 2020 NEC for the licensing examination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atchley. Mr. Warren reported that the updates to the examination questions should be completed as early as June 1, 2021 for the licensing examination.

Mr. Warren provided the Board NASCLA examination information for the Board's review. Mr. Warren reminded the Board that they had approved the NASCLA examination as an acceptable examination for licensure. The Board invited NASCLA representative to attend the May Board meeting to discuss this matter further. Mr. Warren indicated that he would coordinate with NASCLA.

Mr. Warren presented a list of applications for the Board to review. He reminded the members of Board action authorizing the Executive Director to review and approve EC applications and Board ratify this action.

Mr. McCreless 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. Blunt and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Moore made the motion to ratify the approval of the Electrical Contractor 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. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the review process by the Board to consider an applicant's experience in differentiating between journeyman electrician and supervisory experience after time in the trade in becoming an electrical contractor. Chairman Grimes asked the Board to review the Board statute and rules, which can be obtained on the Board's website, and be prepared to discuss at the next Board meeting.


Chairman Grimes announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was May 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Warren indicated that the meeting would be held at the same location of the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Montgomery.

The Board had no further business to discuss and Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blunt, and having no objections from the members, Chairman Grimes, adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Johnny Grimes
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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