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MINUTES Board Meeting May 17, 2021

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, May 17, 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. Theodore Blunt (member), Mr. Jeremy Atchley (member), Mr. Terry Wallace (member) and Mr. Shon Rogers (member). Members attending virtually were Mr. Robert Lamborne (member) and Mr. John Thomas (member). Also attending onsite were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary) and guests from the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA).

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Mr. Grimes, Board Chair. Mr. Warren called roll of the members and a quorum was present onsite to conduct business, with members participating virtually. 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.

Representatives from NASCLA were introduced and Mr. Warren explained that they were available to answer questions regarding the NASCLA Accredited Examination Program, to be discussed later in the meeting.

Chairman Grimes presented, for the Board's approval, the minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting. The Board members were provided a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Coody commented on complaint case 2020-030. Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included a financial summary for the period ending April 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 March.

He also reported that the Board proposed legislation did not complete the review/approval process, with some opposition. He stated that the Board may want to consider meeting with representative of the Realtor's Board on changes in this proposed bill.

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

Ms. Coody reported on case 2021-030 and 2019-002, with same Respondent who was not licensed, and recommended that the Board publish and authorize filing another criminal warrant in this matter. Mr. Wallace made a motion to publish Judge Gaines order and authorize the investigator to file another criminal warrant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported on Case 2021-047 and 2021-048, of an unlicensed Respondent, which included an investigation by the Fire Marshall. Ms. Coody recommended a maximum fine per violation in these case: \$5,000 fine in Case 2021-047 and \$5,000 fine in Case 2021-048. She recommended that should the Respondent not consent to discipline, the matter would be set for an Administrative Hearing. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept Legal Counsel's recommendation in the matter of Cases 2021-047 and 2021-048. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody encouraged the members assigned to the Investigative Committee cases to provide recommendations for case disposition.

Mr. Barrows 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. Barrows (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. Wallace made a motion to approve the Journeyman Electrician applications for examination as presented by Mr. Barrows (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. McCreless made the motion to ratify the approval of the Electrical Contractor applications for examination as presented by Mr. Barrows (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. McCreless made a motion to approve CE Provider, Harger Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Wallace made the motion to approve CE provider, Merit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blunt and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented Final Rule, 303-X-1.-02. He reported that no comments had been received from the public on this proposed amended Rule. Mr. Blunt made the motion to approve the Final Rule for certification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Grimes welcomed the representatives from NASCLA and the Board discussed the NASCLA accredited examination program. Mr. Warren reminded the members that the Board had approved the program as one of the national exams for licensure. The Board considered approval of the NASCLA exam as one of the administered Alabama examinations. Mr. Moore made the motion to accept the NASCLA exam program as the Board's sole licensure examination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board asked Mr. Warren to notify PROV and coordinate administering the examination and identifying a launch date for the examination. The members agreed that, in advance of launching this examination, the Board would review the law examination questions at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Warren reminded the members of the NASCLA annual conference to be held in September and all members were extended an invitation.

Mr. Warren reported that annual election of Board officers was due. Mr. Atchley made the motion the current Board officers remain the same: Mr. Grimes as Board Chair and Mr. Moore as Board Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless and unanimously accepted by the Board.

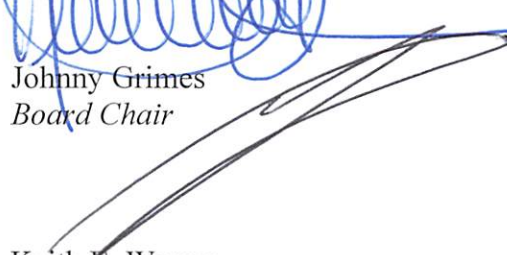
Chairman Grimes announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was July 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Warren indicated that that he would announce the location of the July meeting, e.g., held at the Board's office or the Renaissance Conference Center in Montgomery.

The Board had no further business to discuss and Mr. Wallace 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 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Johnny Grimes
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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