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The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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MINUTES Board Meeting November 8, 2021

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, November 8, 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. Terry Wallace (member), Mr. Robert Lamborne (member), Mr. Mac McCreless (member), Mr. Theodore Blunt (member), Mr. Shon Rogers (member), Mr. Jeremy Atchley (member), and Mr. John Thomas (member attending virtually at 10:09 a.m.). Also present at the meeting were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Board Administrator), Mr. Mike Weeks (Legislative Liaison) 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 September 13, 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 September minutes with the correction to numbering of cases in the Legal Counsel report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blunt and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report that included a financial summary for the period ending September 30, 2021. The report included line-item expenditures for the period closing FY 2021 and for FY 2022. He reported on the number of current licensees and provided comparative licensee data from FY 2018 through FY 2020. Mr. Warren reported on the number of complaints received during FY 2021 (report filed in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Thomas joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m. (added to the roll call).

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's Report on the activities accomplished by the staff since the last Board meeting that was held in September (report filed in Board's official Book of Minutes).

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

Mr. Warren reported on the Business Law exam portion of the licensing exam. Mr. Wallace made the motion to approve a separate exam for the Alabama Business Law. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that he would contact PROV about questions to be included in this portion of the exam.

Ms. Coody presented the Legal Counsel report. She reported that approximately 10 cases were under consideration by the Investigative Committee. Mr. Warren reported that members of the Board would be assigned to the Investigative Committee who worked in a different geographical area than the Respondent in the case.

Ms. Coody reported on Case 2021-035, with two owners of the company selling the employee's license. She requested the May 17, 2021 Board meeting minutes be amended. Mr. Wallace made the motion to amend the May 17, 2021, meeting minutes to reflect that the Board voted to fine all three Respondents in the case; however, due to attorney interpretation, the Board will close this case based on the having received \$10,000 in assessed fines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Chairman Grimes presented a list of dates in 2022 for the Board to conduct meetings. Mr. Blunt made the motion to approve the following 2022 dates: January 24, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12 and November 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atchley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented proposed changes to the Board's statute to present in the 2022 legislative session. The Board agreed that applicants applying by reciprocity were subject to taking the Board's Business Law exam. Mr. Warren reported that he continued to work on opposition to the legislative changes by other groups. The Board by consensus approved the proposed changes to the statute as presented. Mr. Weeks encouraged the members to contact their legislators in support of this Legislative Bill.

Mr. Barrows presented a list of applications for the Board to review. 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. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lambourne 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.

The Board reviewed the Electrical Contractor applications for examination.

Mr. Wallace made the motion to deny the application of applicant JLH (Board Case #2021-138) and to pursue criminal and civil action, and if Respondent in the case did not abide by the cease and desist, the Board authorized Legal Counsel to file a civil injunction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atchley and unanimously approved by the Board.

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.

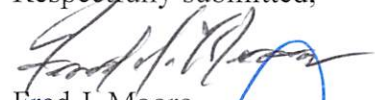
Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve CE Providers, ElectricianU Learning and Marathon Electrical Contractors. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Grimes commented on the Build Alabama grant funds available to facilitate training for apprenticeships.

Chairman Grimes announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was January 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred J. Moore
Board Vice Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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