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MINUTES
Emergency Board Meeting
March 5, 2024

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, March 5, 2024, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance at the emergency meeting were Mr. Jeremy Atchley (Board Chair), Mr. Shon Rogers (Board Vice Chair), Mr. Fred Moore (member), Mr. Theodore Blunt (member), Mr. Johnny Grimes (member), Mr. Terry Wallace (member attending virtually), Mr. Mac McCreless (member), and Mr. Robert Lamborne (member). Board member absent was Mr. Ben Freeman (member). Others present were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mrs. Hendon Coody (Board General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Board Administrator), Ms. Angela Warr (Executive Assistant), Mr. Alva Lambert (Liaison), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Recording Secretary).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Mr. Jeremy Atchley, Board Chair, and following roll call of the members by Mr. Warren, he reported that a quorum was present to conduct business. The emergency 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.

Proposed Legislation SB 101 and SB 180

Mr. Atchley reported on the purpose of the emergency meeting to discuss proposed legislation to provide non-licensed electrical contractors to perform electrical work.

The Board discussed SB 101 authorizing licensed contractors of the Board of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration to perform certain electrical work related to heating and air condition systems.

The Board also discussed SB 180 authorizing licensed certified plumbers, gas fitters and medical gas pipe fitters to perform certain electrical work in certain residential settings.

The members discussed the Board's purpose to safeguard public safety and key concerns which included, but was not necessarily limited to:

- A violation of the Board's statute,
- Determine qualifications for training topics and awareness of electrical codes,
- Determine training hours and experience qualifications to perform electrical work,
- Awareness of risk and liability for faulty work for the homeowner, the employer and the employee performing the electrical work, etc., and
- Impact on municipalities in permitting work, etc.

It was the consensus of the members that the Board was not in support of the two proposed legislative bills.

MOTION: Mr. Rogers made the motion that the Board not accept the amendment to SB 101 as submitted by Mr. Kelly, nor the handwritten portion submitted by Mr. Reid, that the Board received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Atchley presented, and the Board discussed,
Line 3 – striking the words “electrical distribution panel,”
Line 5 – add the words “electrical operations,” and add “no alterations can be made to the panel.”

MOTION: Mr. Blunt made the motion that the Board oppose SB 101 and SB 180. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCreless and, following a roll call vote, the members unanimously approved the motion.

The Board discussed requesting from the HACR Board a copy of the complaints over the prior six months, with the anticipation of the volume of complaints that were related to electrical work.

MOTION: Mr. Moore made the motion to approval the cost of copies in requesting from the HACR Board a copy of their complaints over the last 6 months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that a Public Hearing was scheduled at the House committee meeting on March 6, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the State House. Chairman Atchley asked Mr. Blunt to speak on behalf of the Board at the Public Hearing. Mr. Warren clarified that SB 180 was not out of committee, and that SB 101 had been passed out of Senate committee and was pending in the House committee.

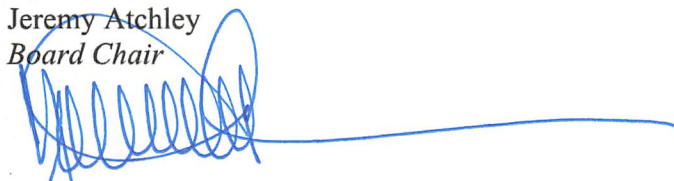
MOTION: Mr. Rogers made the motion to continue at the Public Hearing on March 6, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the State House. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Rogers made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Atchley adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremy Atchley
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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Approved March 18, 2024 