

GEORGIA STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
DIVISION OF LOW VOLTAGE CONTRACTORS
BOARD MEETING: March 4, 2015 OPEN SESSION

A meeting of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Low Voltage Contractors was held on March 4, 2015 at the Professional Licensing Boards at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Bowman
Randy Zimler
Counte Cooley (via conference call)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles McMurtrey, Board Chair
Randy Locklear
Michael Miller, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Sommer Stafford, Board Support Specialist
Annette Wimberly, Complaint Compliance Analyst

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Janet Jackson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Mr. Zimler made a motion to approve the Open Sessions Minutes as presented from the October 1, 2014 Board Meeting with edits. Mr. Cooley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 9:14 a.m. Mr. Cooley made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Zimler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Bruce Bowman, Randy Zimler, and Counte Cooley (teleconference).

Open Session reconvened at 9:59 a.m. with the following Board members present:
Randy Zimler, Bruce Bowman, and Counte Cooley (teleconference).

Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Bowman made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting as presented. Mr. Zimler seconded the motion. The motion carried

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unanimously.

Applications:

The Board reviewed a list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved. Mr. Zimler made a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion and the division voted to approve the examination results and ratify 6 (six) Alarm Low Voltage, 1 (one) Low Voltage General, 3 (three) Low Voltage Telecommunication and 15 (fifteen) Low Voltage Unrestricted licenses issued from October 1, 2014- March 3, 2014.

The Board made the following recommendation:

- Applicant #2475133- Approve for licensure for Low Voltage Alarm licensure.

Mr. Cooley moved to accept the following recommendations from Executive Session. Mr. Zimler seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.

Investigations:

LV140001- Close with letter of concern to respondent and flag application.

LV140007- Close due to no jurisdiction over financial disputes.

Assistant Attorney General:

LV140013- Bruce Bowman motioned and Randy Zimler seconded to rescind the board's previous recommendation to schedule hearing for unlicensed practices to now close the case.

LV130007- Bruce Bowman motioned and Randy Zimler seconded to rescind the board's previous recommendation to proceed with a hearing for non-compliance with board order to now close the case due to respondent came into compliance with board order.

LV140012- Randy Zimler motioned and Bruce Bowman seconded to rescind the board's previous recommendation for AG to obtain consent order for substandard work to now close with a letter of concern.

Other Business

CEU Credit Update

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The Board and the Senior Assistant Attorney General, Janet Jackson discussed implementing Continuing Education requirements for Low Voltage license holders. They began crafting a new law for this requirement.

Amend O.C.G.A. § 43-14-6 by inserting a new paragraph (h), which reads as follows:

(h) (1) With respect to Low-Voltage Contractor licenses, the Division of Low Voltage Contractors shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not more than four hours annually. The division shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational–technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to low voltage contracting provided or conducted by public utilities, equipment manufacturers, or institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection. Continuing education courses or programs conducted by manufacturers specifically to promote their products shall not be approved.

(2) The division shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(3) This Code section shall apply to each licensing and renewal cycle that occurs after August 31, 2015.

There being no further business, at 10:23 a.m., Randy Zimler moved to adjourn. Mr. Bowman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary

Date approved

Executive Director

Division Chairman