

The State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met on January 30, 2008 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Members Present:

Philip Thayer, Board Chairperson
Hoppy Hopkins, Board Vice Chairperson
Timothy Ansley
Bob Barnard
Dan Cash
Steve Cash
David Cyr
Mark Herbert
Roger Huggins
Allen Richardson
Morgan Wheeler (arrived at 12:30 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Melissa Henderson
Tommy Holder

At 9:08 a.m., Chairperson Thayer established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Mark Herbert, seconded by Bob Barnard, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the January 9, 2008 full Board meeting minutes.

New Business items were discussed.

Tanja Battle, Deputy Division Director, discussed the new applications for transferring approval status. All board members were given copies of these applications and were asked to leave any suggestions with her so that she can have them ready to present to the board at the next meeting on February 6, 2008.

Ms. Battle informed the board that she has tendered her resignation effective March 31, 2008.

Hoppy Hopkins, stated the board would like to extend it's appreciation to Kyle Floyd, who recently resigned as Executive Director, for his outstanding leadership for the task at hand. Mr. Hopkins also noted that Mr. Floyd, who had been diligent, steadfast and professional in his efforts to support the Board as it carried out its responsibilities, will be missed.

Roger Huggins stated that he would like the minutes to reflect which division made the votes since the Residential and General Divisions now separate.

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by Bob Barnard, and the Board members present: Philip Thayer, Hoppy Hopkins, Timothy Ansley, Bob Barnard, Dan Cash, Steve Cash, David Cyr, Mark Herbert, Roger Huggins, and Allen Richardson, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session for applicant appearances and application discussion.

The divisions separated and appearances and discussions for each division ensued.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to move back into Open Session.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve the following upon receipt of adequate building permits and certificates of occupancy:

Berry, William T. (Basic Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Huskins, Allan Wofford (Basic Individual)

Norman Jr., Wilburn Jackson (Basic Individual)

Edgeworth, Peggy (Basic Qualifying Agent for PR Homes, Inc.)

Edgeworth, Ray A. (Basic Qualifying Agent for PR Homes, Inc.)

Pritchett, Bobby Ray (Basic Individual)

Bennett, Benjamin Henry (Basic Individual)

Badoni, Thomas Lee (Basic Individual)

Odom, Wilmot Ellis (Basic Individual)

Crawford, David Bruce (Light Qualifying Agent for Starfirst Homes, Inc.)

Wiggins Sr., Glenn (Light Qualifying Agent for Wiggins Construction & Enterprises, LLC)

Goolsby, Patsy Anne (Light Qualifying Agent for Bray Properties, LLC)

Forrister, Kyle (Light Individual)

Thornton, Eston Lee (Light Individual)

Washington, Kyle Chamblee (Light Individual)

Welch, Jeffery L. (Light Qualifying Agent for Chestatee Custom Contractors)

Welch, Patricia Ann (Light Qualifying Agent for Chestatee Custom Contractors)

Bray, Huie L. (Light Qualifying Agent for Bray Properties, LLLP)

Caldwell, Tommy (Light Qualifying Agent for Carreker Construction, Inc.)

Trussell, Dalton (Light Qualifying Agent for Choice Homes)

Cruz, Gary (Light Qualifying Agent for Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb GA)

Hembree, Ralph Wesley (Light Qualifying Agent for We Hembree Homes, Inc.)

Thompson, Keith Stafford (Light Qualifying Agent for Thompson Builders, Inc.)

Snow, Jonathan (Light Individual)

Wilson Sr., Wesley Minish (Light Qualifying Agent for Wilson's Clarke Paint Corporation)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for licensure by examination exemption:

Payton, Henry (Basic Qualifying Agent for Real Estate Investment Centers, Inc.)
Heller III, Ronald William (Basic Individual)
Joyner Sr., Jimmie (Basic Individual)
Johnson, Julius (Basic Individual)
Knight, Ray M. (Basic Individual)
Wims, Edwin Bush (Basic Individual)
Eloquin, George Stuart (Light Qualifying Agent for GSE Homes)
Welsh, William Broderick (Light Qualifying Agent for Welsh Brothers, Inc.)
Berry, Bruce Patrick (Light Qualifying Agent for Berry Interiors)
Smithdeal, Thomas (Light Qualifying Agent for Peachtree Construction Services, Inc.)
Bush, William Frank (Light Individual)
Clark, George William (Light Qualifying Agent for Clark Management Group, Inc.)
Godfrey, Render (Light Individual)
Woolard, Charles Keith (Light Individual)
Chao, Joseph Wayne (Light Qualifying Agent for Chao-Constant Construction, Inc.)
Graham, Michael Wayne (Light Individual)
McCullar, Billy Shane (Light Individual)
Deville, James Arthur (Light Qualifying Agent for Donny Brook Homes)
Shively, Douglas A. (Light Qualifying Agent for Timberlake Residential Home Builders, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Steve Cash, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Miller, Tracy Lyn (Basic Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Zachos, Paul (Light Individual)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve Paul Zachos for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent for Hillcrest Homebuilders, Inc.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Jamison, Charles Walter (Light Qualifying Agent for Charles Jamison, Inc.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve Charles Walter Jamison for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent for Charles Jamison, Inc.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a Residential-Light Commercial license by examination exemption, but suggests submission of a Residential Basic application:

Paul, Theodore D. (Qualifying Agent for TDK Enterprises, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a Residential-Light Commercial license by examination exemption, but suggests submission of a Residential Basic application:

Smith, Gary (Qualifying Agent for Corbritt Construction & Recovery Systems, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Smith Jr., Cecil M. (Light Qualifying Agent for Inwood Homes, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a Residential-Light Commercial license:

Stokes, Willie Furman (Qualifying Agent for Pete Stokes Builders, Inc.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted to allow Willie Furman Stokes to submit commercial projects or suggests submission of a Residential Basic application.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Griffith, Thomas (Light Individual)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve Thomas Griffith for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for a Residential-Light Commercial license by examination exemption, but suggests submission of a Residential Basic application:

Sims, Kyle B. (Qualifying Agent for Robert Sims Construction, LLC)
Sims, Robert E. (Qualifying Agent for Robert Sims Construction, LLC)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Harrison, Floyd Wallace (Light Individual)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve Floyd Wallace Harrison for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent for HARCO Construction, Inc.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a Residential-Light Commercial license by examination exemption, but suggests submission of a Residential Basic application:

Johnson, Richard Taylor (Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a Residential-Light Commercial license by examination exemption, but suggests submission of a Residential Basic application:

Taylor, George M. (Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Wood, Amos (Light Individual)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve Amos Wood for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent for Wood Brothers, Inc.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a Residential-Light Commercial license by examination exemption, but suggests submission of a Residential Basic application:

Odum, Terry (Qualifying Agent for Fineline Construction, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to accept and approve the following for licensure by examination exemption:

Johnson Sr., John Edward (Light Qualifying Agent for Bratz Construction Co., LLC)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Golden, Stephen M. (Light Individual)

Knott, William Lee (Light Qualifying Agent for Rebel Contracting, Inc.)

With no other business for the Residential Division to discuss, a motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Morgan Wheeler, seconded by Roger Huggins, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to move back into Open Session.

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for licensure by examination exemption:

Hall, Roy Clarence (Individual)

Hand III, Walter Frank (Individual)

Prow, Stephen John (Individual)

Chastain, Edward Jackson (Individual)

Coggin, Michael James (Individual)

Dobbs, Larry (Individual)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for licensure by examination exemption:

Shull, Bradley Dwayne (Qualifying Agent for M Garcia & Sons, Inc.)

Hill, Paul Dennis (Qualifying Agent for Oak Grove Builders)

Nolen, John (Qualifying Agent for Boatner Construction Company)

In the same motion, the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for a General Contractor license by examination exemption, but suggest submission of a Residential-Light Commercial application:

Davis, Charles E. (Qualifying Agent for Kimco Construction)

Johnson Sr., John (Qualifying Agent for Bratz Construction, LLC)

In the same motion, the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a General Contractor license by examination exemption, but suggest submission of a Residential Basic application:

Berry, William T. (Individual)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to hold the following applications for further review:

Gunter, Scott C. (Qualifying Agent for Hedgewood Properties, Inc.)
Djonis, Christos A. (Individual)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by Morgan Wheeler, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to hold the following applications for further review:

Higgins Sr., Donald Aubrey (Individual)
McKay, Bill D. (Qualifying Agent for PHP Interests, Inc.)
Smithdeal, Thomas (Individual)
Termei, Farid A. (Individual)
Hall, Roger Trent (Qualifying Agent for Sunbelt Air, Inc.)
Lowe, Robert Wayne (Qualifying Agent for WBL Development, LLC)
Schroeder Sr., Stephen (Qualifying Agent for Principal Partners)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to hold the following application for further review:

Thompson, Rodney (Qualifying Agent for SSJ Development, LLC)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Christian, Steven Todd (Qualifying Agent for T & S Steel Erectors)
Christian, Stewart Eugene (Qualifying Agent for T & S Steel Erectors)

A motion was made by Morgan Wheeler, seconded by Roger Huggins, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Higgins Sr., Donald Aubrey (Individual)

A motion was made by Morgan Wheeler, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Higgins Jr., Donald Aubrey (Individual)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Lowe, Robert Wayne (Qualifying Agent for WBL Development, LLC)

A motion was made by David Cyr, seconded by Dan Cash, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

McKay, Bill D. (Qualifying Agent for PHP Interests, Inc.)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by Morgan Wheeler, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following upon receipt of one additional project accompanied by a notarized letter of explanation as to why an architect letter of reference cannot be obtained:

Schroeder Sr., Stephen (Qualifying Agent for Principal Partners)

A motion was made by David Cyr, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Thompson, Rodney (Qualifying Agent for SSJ Development, LLC)

A motion was made by Dan Cash, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following upon receipt of notarized letters of explanation showing an architect was not required on the projects he submitted:

Smithdeal, Thomas (Individual)

A motion was made by David Cyr, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Gunter, Scott C. (Qualifying Agent for Hedgewood Properties, Inc.)

A motion was made by Timothy Ansley, seconded by Roger Huggins, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following upon receipt of a schedule of values:

Hall, Roger Trent (Qualifying Agent for Sunbelt Air, Inc.)

A motion was made by Roger Huggins, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following upon receipt of two projects with owner and architect reference letters:

Termai, Farid A. (Individual)

The General Contractor Division discussed New Business items.

Timothy Ansley asked the General Division what is going to be necessary to keep those applicants in business and that cannot provide a financial statement. Roger Huggins commented they can not be grandfathered and probably will not be able to apply for examination and take the test quick enough before the July 1, 2008 deadline. Morgan Wheeler suggested a two year probationary period as long as the board is complying with the law.

The General Division discussed the July 1, 2008 deadline approaching, which is when the licensing law becomes effective. Mr. Huggins stated that the deadline needs to be extended.

Discussion ensued.

David Cyr stated that there needs to be a way to issue licenses to those who have already been approved for such. He stated that there have been applicants who have been waiting for two years.

With no other business for the General Contractor Division to discuss, a motion was made by Morgan Wheeler, seconded by David Cyr, and the General Contractor Division voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

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Tanja Battle, Deputy Division Director