

**STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR
RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS
Board Meeting: May 4, 2011**

The State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

Mark Herbert, Board Vice Chairperson
Tim Ansley (via conference call)
Bob Barnard
Bobby Cleveland
Andy Cooper
Brian Daniel (via conference call)
Bill Duck
Gene Dunwody (via conference call)
Keely Fennell
Dave Moody (via conference call)
Allen Richardson
Ed Strain
Morgan Wheeler (via conference call)

Guests present:

Kevin Veler, AVSP

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Scarlett Shell, Assistant Attorney General
Regan Dean, Assistant Attorney General (via video conference)
JoAnne Sims, Board Support Specialist
Investigator Bobby Conway (via conference call)
Investigator Robert Hernandez
Investigator Pamela Jones

Call Meeting to Order

At 9:05 a.m. Vice Chairperson Herbert established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Welcome New Board Members

Mark Herbert welcomed three new members to the Board. Mr. Brian Daniel was appointed to the General Contractor Division to fill the position vacated by Roger Huggins. Mr. Bobby Cleveland and Mr. Bill Duck were appointed to the Residential Contractor Division, and fill the positions vacated by Mr. Steve Cash and Ms. Melissa Henderson respectively.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Allen Richardson, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011, Full Board meeting conference call as presented.

Committee Reports

Specialty Contractor Committee: The Residential Division reviewed correspondence from the Augusta License and Inspection Department, requesting clarification of licensure requirements for cell tower construction. Members agreed that staff respond appropriately on behalf of the Board.

The Residential Division reviewed correspondence from the National Center for the Prevention of Home Improvement Fraud concerning Board policies for special contractors. Members agreed to refer the correspondence to the Attorney General for advice.

Executive Director's Report

Tanja Battle welcomed Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Daniel and Mr. Duck to the Board.

Residential Division Complaint Cognizant: Tanja Battle asked the Residential Division to vote for a new cognizant to fill the position vacated by Steve Cash. Members agreed to appoint two additional cognizants. A motion was made by Keely Fennell, seconded by Ed Strain, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to appoint Bob Barnard and Allen Richardson as Residential Division cognizants.

The General Division departed at 9:13 a.m.

Hearing

Scarlett Shell stated she had received a request for a second continuance from Mr. Anupam Sharma, and that she did not oppose the request. A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Allen Richardson, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to continue the hearing to July 6, 2011.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Allen Richardson, seconded by Ed Strain, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011, conference call as presented.

Committee Reports

CE & Renewal Committee: Bob Barnard stated that following Residential Division's voted to adopt an amendment to rule 553-12-.03 on April 19, 2011, the rule will become effective May 10, 2011. Tanja Battle confirmed that an email was sent to residential contractors to inform them of the amendment.

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Attorney General's Report

The Residential Division received the Attorney General's report.

Written Requests/Correspondence

The Residential Division reviewed a Petition for Rule Variance or Waiver submitted by Samuel Bailey. A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Keely Fennell, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to deny the petition.

The Residential Division reviewed correspondence from John Preble, Southern Building Trades Associates, Inc., concerning continuing education rules and distance education. After discussion, members agreed that further changes to the continuing education rule be considered during the next renewal cycle.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Keely Fennell, seconded by Allen Richardson, and the Division members present: Bob Barnard, Mark Herbert, Bobby Cleveland, Andy Cooper, Bill Duck and Ed Strain voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to receive the Attorney General's and Cognizant's Reports and for applicant appearances and application discussion.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

Open Session was declared.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Bobby Cleveland, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations made during Executive Session.

The recommendations made during Executive Session are as follows:

The Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by prior approval:

Kevin Pemberton

The Residential Division voted unanimously to approve the following applicants to take the Residential Basic Qualifying Agent examination:

Applicant #1277895
Applicant #1277343

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The Residential Division voted unanimously that no further action be taken regarding the application for licensure as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent for:

Applicant #1275488

The Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination for:

Gloria Jean Speed

The Residential Division voted unanimously to accept the Attorney General's recommendation to close the following case, as there was no evidence to indicate that the work performed required a license in Georgia:

RGC110081

The Residential Division voted unanimously to withdraw a referral to the Attorney General for a Cease and Desist hearing, as the individual is no longer doing business in Georgia. The Residential Division voted unanimously to flag the company application file, and resubmit the hearing request to the Attorney General if the individual applies to take the examination in Georgia:

RGC100262

The Residential Division heard a report on the following cases:

- RGC100250: The Residential Division voted to table the case to the next meeting.
- RGC110010: The Residential Division voted to refer the case to the General Contractor Division.
- RGC110022: The Residential Division voted to conduct an investigative interview.
- RGC090029: The Residential Division voted to close the case, as no violation occurred.
- RGC37220: The Residential Division voted to close the case with no further action.
- RGC100187: The Residential Division voted to close the case as the respondent cannot be located.
- RGC100194: The Residential Division voted to close the case as the respondent cannot be located.
- RGC100092: The Residential Division voted to conduct an investigative interview.

The Residential Division voted unanimously to accept the recommendations regarding the following cases:

- RGC39118: Recommendation is to close with no further action, as no unlicensed practice was found.
- RGC100147: Recommendation is to close with no further action, as evidence indicates that the work began prior to July, 2008, and the contract amount was less than \$2,500.

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The Residential Division voted unanimously to accept the Cognizant's recommendations regarding the following cases:

- RGC110143: Close with no further action. No jurisdiction.
- RGC110283: Request more information from complainant.
- RGC110284: Refer to Investigations.
- RGC110281: Refer to Investigations.
- RGC110182: Close with no further action. Occurred before licensure requirements in place.
- RGC110276: Close with no further action. This is a specialty trade.
- RGC110278: Close with no further action. This is a civil issue.
- RGC110222: Request more information from respondent.
- RGC110075: Second request for response from complainant.
- RGC110191: Close with no further action. This is a specialty trade.
- RGC110245: Close with no further action. This is a specialty trade.
- RGC100253: Close with a Letter of Concern.
- RGC110223: Refer to Investigations.
- RGC100071: Have respondent reply within 15 days.
- RGC110247: Refer to Investigations.
- RGC110233: Close with a Letter of Concern.
- RGC110283: Request more information from owner.
- RGC110284: Refer to Investigations.
- RGC110281: Refer to Investigations.

The Residential Division voted unanimously to refer the following cases to a newly appointed Residential Division Cognizant:

- RGC100077
- RGC100039

Following review of criminal history documents, the Residential Division voted unanimously to continue processing the following:

- Applicant #1284347

The Residential Division voted unanimously to obtain a copy of judgments to be reviewed at a future meeting for:

- Applicant #1059886

The Residential Division voted unanimously to deny applications for licensure as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent by prior approval for:

- Phillip Cavanaugh Hutfilz
- Mitra Vahdat

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The Residential Division voted unanimously to ratify the following for licensure (these applicants have been previously reviewed and approved administratively or by Division members):

License #	Company/Applicant Name	License Type	Date
RBCO005060	Earthly Matters Contracting, Inc.	Residential Basic Company	4/18/2011
RBCO005061	Highland Construction Management LLC	Residential Basic Company	4/18/2011
RBCO005062	Hames Residential Properties LLC dba Direct Build	Residential Basic Company	4/19/2011
RBCO005063	Crown Building Group LLC	Residential Basic Company	4/26/2011
RBCO005064	Summit Brook Construction LLC	Residential Basic Company	4/26/2011
RBCO005065	R Jacobs Construction Inc	Residential Basic Company	4/28/2011
RBCO005066	Ron Knight Properties Inc	Residential Basic Company	5/2/2011
RBCO005067	Steve Reed Remodeling & Restoration Inc	Residential Basic Company	5/2/2011
RBI003553	Cormack, Travis	Residential Basic Individual	4/18/2011
RBI003554	Moore, Michael Hensley	Residential Basic Individual	4/18/2011
RBI003555	Sibley, Scott Jones	Residential Basic Individual	4/18/2011
RBI003556	Moore, Michael Joseph	Residential Basic Individual	4/22/2011
RBI003557	Waltman, Eldridge Lee	Residential Basic Individual	5/2/2011
RBQA005076	Protis, Erich Ludwig	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/18/2011
RBQA005077	Balsamo, Anthony G	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/18/2011
RBQA005078	Hames, Robert William	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/19/2011
RBQA005079	King, James Roy, Jr	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/26/2011
RBQA005080	Echols, Joseph Allen	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/26/2011
RBQA005081	Jacobs, Robert C	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/28/2011
RBQA005082	Knight, Ronald C	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	5/2/2011
RBQA005083	Reed, Steven Nelson	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	5/2/2011
RLCO003139	Talon Homes LLC	Residential Light Company	4/15/2011
RLCO003140	D M Pence Inc	Residential Light Company	4/15/2011
RLCO003141	Keeton Properties LLC	Residential Light Company	4/15/2011
RLCO003142	Parrish Builders Inc	Residential Light Company	4/18/2011
RLCO003143	RD Endeavors LLC	Residential Light Company	4/22/2011
RLCO003144	Great Dane Petroleum Contractors Inc	Residential Light Company	4/26/2011
RLCO003145	Perschino Construction & Consulting LLC	Residential Light Company	4/28/2011
RLCO003146	ISI Buillders LLC	Residential Light Company	4/28/2011
RLCO003147	Corner Stone Construction of Georgia Inc	Residential Light Company	5/2/2011
RLCO003148	Home Forge Remodeling LLC	Residential Light Company	5/2/2011
RLCO003149	Tilton Holdings Inc	Residential Light Company	5/2/2011
RLCO003150	GHR Access Inc	Residential Light Company	5/3/2011
RLQA003163	Jones, Timothy Paul	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/15/2011
RLQA003164	Pence, Darren Matthew	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/15/2011
RLQA003165	Keeton, Brian Christopher	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/15/2011
RLQA003166	Hannon, Saxon Ausley	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/18/2011
RLQA003167	Battle, Frank Brady	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/22/2011

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RLQA003168	Denmark, William Harvey, Jr	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/26/2011
RLQA003169	Perschino, Ralph Anthony	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/28/2011
RLQA003170	Wilkes, Gregory S	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	4/28/2011
RLQA003171	Allen, Phyllis Fietsam	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	5/2/2011
RLQA003172	Meller, Bruce Thaddeus	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	5/2/2011
RLQA003173	Tilton, Oliver Francis	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	5/2/2011
RLQA003174	Pearce, Craig R.	Residential Light Qualifying Agent	5/3/2011

The Residential Division voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses that were made inactive:

License #	Company/Applicant Name	License Type	Date
RBCO001662	MV Enterprises Inc	Residential Basic Company	4/28/2011
RBCO002582	Kennedy Development Company, Inc.	Residential Basic Company	4/28/2011
RBCO004373	Warden Contracting Company Inc	Residential Basic Company	4/28/2011
RBQA000699	Vahdat, Shahrokh	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/28/2011
RBQA001428	Earwood, Christine McDougal	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/28/2011
RBQA004994	Banks, Oliver Lamont	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/27/2011

The Residential Division voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses that were made null and void:

License #	Company/Applicant Name	License Type	Date
RBCO003369	North Metro HRI Inc	Residential Basic Company	4/26/2011
RBQA003737	Hall, Antonio	Residential Basic Qualifying Agent	4/26/2011

Open session was declared.

With no other business to discuss, the Residential Division adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

JoAnne R. Sims, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director