

# STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

## Division of Low Voltage Contractors

November 1, 2018 Meeting

### Open Session Minutes

A meeting of the Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Low Voltage Contractors was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

#### Members present:

Randy Zimler, Chairman  
Bruce Bowman  
Counte Cooley

#### Members absent:

Michael Miller, Consumer Member  
Randy Locklear

#### Staff present:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director  
  
TiAndria Burke, Board Support Specialist  
Ken English, Licensure Supervisor  
Laura Fremont, Licensing Analyst  
Amanda Califf, Complaint/Compliance Analyst  
Maximillian Changus, Assistant Attorney General

#### Visitors present:

Steve Dale – Georgia Low Voltage Contractors Association

#### Call to Order:

At 10:18 a.m., Board Chairman Zimler established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

#### Approval of Open Session Minutes:

A motion was made by Cooley, seconded by Bowman, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

#### Ratifications:

The Division of Low Voltage Contractors reviewed the list of applicants which were previously reviewed and administratively approved by Cognizant Board Members. A motion was made by Bowman and seconded by Cooley and the Board voted to ratify 9 Low Voltage-Alarm, 5 Low Voltage-General, 9 Low Voltage Telecommunication and 37 Low Voltage Unrestricted licenses issued from July 1, 2018 – October 31, 2018. None opposed, motion carried.

#### Low Voltage Alarm

LVA206090	Michael Anthony Jackson	LVA206091	Mitchell William Payne
LVA206092	David Brian Baggett	LVA206096	Charles Michael Schools
LVA206093	George Wesley Bodiford	LVA206097	Michael Allan Schools
LVA206094	Charles Berry Dabbs, Jr	LVA206098	Ronald Terry Wade, Jr
LVA206095	Anthony Coleman Samples		

#### Low Voltage General

LVG105645	Christopher Carmen Benton	LVG105648	Jeffery D Smith
LVG105646	Marcus Edward Crawley	LVG105649	Kelvin Eugene McRae
LVG105647	Christopher Michael Davis		

#### Low Voltage Telecommunication

LVT305584	Craig Djamolidin Sorvino	LVT305586	James Matthew Bennett
LVT305585	Matthew Howard Fogle	LVT305587	Stephen Albert Keller

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LVT305588 Benjamin Michael Krokonko  
LVT305589 Jonathan A Ongtingco  
LVT305590 John Luis Rodriguez

LVT305591 Larry Bryan Weathers  
LVT305592 Ricky Anthony Youngbar

#### Low Voltage Unrestricted

LUVU406768	Christopher Gordon Mitchell	LUVU406787	Tae Yang Hwang
LUVU406769	Anthony Lee Firebaugh	LUVU406788	Christopher Clinton Johnson
LUVU406770	Matthew J Sabee	LUVU406789	Kyle Reed Langley
LUVU406771	Cedrick Keith McDuffie	LUVU406790	David Bryan Lefebvre
LUVU406772	Linsey Benjamin Ayers	LUVU406791	Benjamin Lee Majeski
LUVU406773	Melkon Haroutune Babigian	LUVU406792	Brady Austin McCall
LUVU406774	Jeremy David Beaty	LUVU406793	Matthew Raphael Modugno
LUVU406775	Christopher Michael Bryant	LUVU406794	Adam Rosser Moore
LUVU406776	Samuel Lawton Cooper	LUVU406795	Fernando A Noriega
LUVU406777	Alex Jeffrey DeBord	LUVU406796	Katherine E Parker
LUVU406778	Kenneth Doty Ellis	LUVU406797	Kintesh Virendra Patel
LUVU406779	Justin Lee Erlenbusch	LUVU406798	Keary Donnell Plummer
LUVU406780	William Daniel Faulk	LUVU406799	Darrick Jerome Price, Jr
LUVU406781	Russel Lloyd Feldman	LUVU406800	John Edward Rucks, II
LUVU406782	Ricky Allan Flanigan, Jr	LUVU406801	Robert Nicholes Spires
LUVU406783	Michael David Gardiner	LUVU406802	Charles Daniel Thompson
LUVU406784	Reginald Collin Glenn	LUVU406803	George William Wright, III
LUVU406785	David Harold Grundy, Jr	LUVU406804	Jered Christopher Earls
LUVU406786	Austin Michael Hunnicutt		

#### Board Orders:

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted to ratify acceptance of the following Board Orders. None opposed, motion carried.

Corey Keith Rhodes, Sr. Voluntary Cease and Desist Order

#### Correspondence:

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted upon review of correspondence to accept the following recommendation. None opposed, motion carried.

Safety Zone Systems – Based on the information submitted a Low Voltage Contractor license is required, and refer to Board law for information regarding licensure.

#### Appearances:

Steve Dale, Executive Director for the Georgia Low Voltage Contractors Association appeared before the Board. He discussed two requests he has submitted for declaratory statements. One request was related to O.C.G.A. § 43-14-10.3(c) and the Board discussed the definition of low voltage wiring and even code as it relates to low voltage contracting. The Board discussed NFPA 72 and Life Safety 101, and what has to be audio and visual contracting. Discussion included that low voltage contractors have to understand that when performing low voltage contracting that different jurisdictions have different requirements and one must always abide by the authority having jurisdiction. The Board discussed how telecommunications, alarms and the overall profession of low voltage contracting has evolved and that having a general and unlimited license maybe what is needed for the profession in the future. Steve Dale didn't

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agree and stated he feels having general and unlimited licenses would be a safety issue. Following the discussion of the law and the request for the declaratory statement it was determined that Steve Dale received the information in response to his request for O.C.G.A. § 43-14-10.3(c) and no declaratory statement was needed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the request from Steve Dale for a declaratory statement for clarification to the right if any of Cobb County in adding the additional education qualification upon Georgia state licensed low voltage unrestricted and alarm contractors. The request also stated if there is any violation to state laws and rules, Cobb County be notified to cease and desist in requiring those additional qualifications and to remove or amend their requirements from the Cobb County Ordinance Chapter 54- Fire Prevention and Protection Article VI- Alarm Systems. A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted to refer the request for the declaratory statement to the Attorney General's Office. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **Approval of 2019 Board Meeting Dates:**

A motion was made by Zimler, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted to accept the following dates for 2019. None opposed, motion carried

- 9:00 a.m. teleconference - February 27, 2019 to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Division.
- 9:00 a.m. in-person - July 17, 2019 to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Division.
- 9:00 a.m. teleconference - October 9, 2019 to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Division.

#### **Discussion:**

A motion was made by Zimler, seconded by Bowman, and the Board voted to allow the staff to review reciprocity applications and if applicants meet the requirements as established by the Board and there are no legal or disciplinary issues then the license may be issued by reciprocity. If staff has any concerns regarding the application the application may be forwarded for Board review. All reciprocity applications will be ratified by the Board. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

The Executive Director, Deborah Beard, provided the Division of Low Voltage Contractors an update regarding the discussion with the testing vendor AMP/PSI as it relates to on-demand testing. Board meeting dates may have to be added when on-demand testing begins to allow for the Board to vote on applications pending approval to sit for the exam. Beard also informed the Board Members to complete their ethics filing for the 2018 year.

Beard updated the Board on the number of licenses issued, applications received, and number of complaints received from July 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018. There were sixty (60) licenses issued, eighty-five (85) applications received, and four (4) complaints received.

#### **Executive Session:**

At 12:26 p.m. a motion was made by Cooley seconded by Bowman, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-2(1) to review and approve executive session minutes, review applications, review complaints, and review the Attorney General's Report. None opposed, motion carried.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, November 1, 2018 Zimler declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

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**Approval of Executive Session Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of July 19, 2018 meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

**Applications Report:**

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations as discussed:

Approve the following applicant for licensure by exam, as applicant as passed exam.

2727641

Approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, may issue license.

2706985	2741732	2764594	2747142
2764025	2764102	2764907	2760735
2745986	2747967	2747135	2761996
2763792	2764601	2756513	2747916
2764626	2728649	2747637	2764878
2734091	2747918	2750157	2764767
2762990	2747645	2750154	2763808
2763646	2764587	2764610	2747655
2747886	2761787	2747662	2764603
2757277	2745065	2747115	2747667
2763319	2761033	2750153	2747644

Approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, schedule applicant interview.

2765740                      2764108                      2762221

Approve the following applicant(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

2751174                      2757721

Approve the following applicant(s) for reinstatement.

2749879                      2737067                      2757274  
2760372                      2763810

Approve the following applicant(s) for reinstatement by exam.

2637173

Deny the following applicant(s) for failure to meet qualifications for licensure, due to lack of experience per board rules.

2743608                      2744148

Send the following applicant(s) a deficiency letter for additional information, as discussed.

2747646	2766415	2760650	2764634
2750156	2742425	2761992	2751177

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**Case Review (Legal and Discipline cases)**

(LV= Low Voltage Contractors Investigative Case Number)

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the cases reviewed. None opposed, motion carried.

Close the following case(s) with no action.

LV180017                      LV180018                      LV180019                      LV180020

Close the following case(s) with no violation.

LV180026                      LV180027                      LV180028  
LV180016

Accept Cease and Desist Order and close the following case(s).

LV170023

Refer the following case(s) to Investigations for a Cease and Desist Order.

LV170013                      LV190002                      LV190004

Refer the following case(s) to the Attorney General's Office for a Cease and Desist Order.

LV180010                      LV180014

Send a letter to respondent for additional information as discussed.

LV170009

Schedule the following cases(s) for an Investigative Interview.

LV180015                      LV180031

Table the following case(s) for further review.

LV170022                      LV180009

**Attorney General Status Report:**

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Cooley, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General Status Report as presented. The Assistant Attorney General, Maximillian Changus, informed the Division of Low Voltage Contractors of the new process that will take place with Board Attorney assignments to the Boards. The goal is to have an attorney assigned to the Board and other attorneys assigned to assist with disciplinary matters.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2019.

Minutes recorded by:

TiAndria Burke, Board Support Specialist

Minutes edited and reviewed by:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director

**RANDY ZIMLER**

Division Chairman

**DEBORAH BEARD**

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on February 27, 2019.