

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

October 21, 2015 Meeting

Open Session Minutes

The State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Members present:

Residential Division

Bob Barnard, Board Chair and Division Chair

Andy Cooper, Division Vice Chair

Bill Duck, Jr

Robert Cleveland

Keely Fennell

General Division

Brian Daniel, Board Vice Chair and Division Chair

Gene Dunwoody, Jr, Division Vice Chair

Morgan Wheeler

Timothy Ansley

David Moody – via teleconference

Aaron McWhorter – via teleconference

Tony Pellicano

Members absent:

Residential Division

Mark Herbert

Ted Noe

Staff present:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director

Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist

Linda Green, License Analyst

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors present:

Naterica Johnson, applicant

Tony Axam, Axam-Roberts Legal Group

Call Meeting to Order:

At 9:09 a.m., Board Chair Barnard established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

A motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Daniel, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Discussion

- Barnard discussed with the Board about considering changing the QA to be similar to Engineers. Also, discussed law change to allow applicants to sit for the exam as many times as they want while the application is still valid and not have to wait a year if fail exam twice as required in the law. The Board discussed these ideas and what would be involved in pursuing these changes. Based on board discussion the Board laws and rules would have to be changed if the Board were to pursue any changes. There were no votes on this matter.

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- Pellicano informed the Board of Moultrie charging Occupation Taxes or Regulatory fees. The AGC has contacted them and informed them that this is a violation of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-5(6).

A motion was made by Duck, seconded by Wheeler, and the Board voted to request advice from the Attorney General's office on O.C.G.A. § 43-41-3 regarding the number of members composing the Board. None opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Duck, seconded by Wheeler, and the Board voted to request advice from the Attorney General's office regarding local counties/cities requiring additional registration fees and requirements of current licensed contractors in order to pull permits for construction projects. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Deborah Beard presented a support staff organization chart to the Board. The information included in the chart provided the Board members with the names of the staff, contact information and information regarding the other Boards which the Trades 4 section support.

Board Member Orientation

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General gave a Board Member Orientation presentation to provide a refresher on the duties and responsibilities of being a Board Member.

2016 Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Dunwoody, seconded by Fennell, and the Board voted to approve the following 2016 Board Meeting Schedule. None opposed, motion carried.

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS: April 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and August 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Macon, GA.

RESIDENTIAL DIVISION: January 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., March 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., April 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., July 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., August 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., and October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Macon, GA.

GENERAL DIVISION: February 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., April 20, 2016 (teleconference) at 9:00 a.m., June 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., July 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., August 24, 2016 (teleconference) at 9:00 a.m., and October 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Macon, GA.

Executive Session:

At 10:25 a.m. a motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Dunwoody, and the Board members present: Bob Barnard, Board Chair and Residential Division Chair, Andy Cooper, Residential Division Vice Chair, Bill Duck, Jr Robert Cleveland, Keely Fennell, Brian Daniel, Board Vice Chair and General Division Chair, Gene Dunwoody, Jr, General Division Vice Chair, Morgan Wheeler, Timothy Ansley, David Moody – via teleconference, Aaron McWhorter – via teleconference, Tony Pellicano, 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). None opposed, motion carried.

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At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, Barnard 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.

Open Session:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

A motion was made by Ansley, seconded by Cooper, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the July 15, 2015 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting scheduled Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: **Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist**

Minutes edited/reviewed by: **Deborah Beard, Executive Director**

These minutes were approved by the Board on: April 20, 2016.