

# STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

## Division of Utility Contractors

October 30, 2019

### Open Session Minutes

A meeting of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Utility Contractors was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

#### Members present:

David P. Rawson, Division Chairman  
Keith Steen  
Edmund Zammit  
Maudine M. Wright – via teleconference  
Mark Herbert – exited at 12:00 p.m.  
Mitch McEwin – exited at 12:00 p.m.

#### Members absent:

None

#### Staff present:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director  
TiAndria Burke, Board Support Specialist  
Patricia Guthire, Licensure Analyst  
Amanda Califf, Complaint/Compliance Analyst  
Jessica Uzzo, Staff Attorney  
Maximillian Changus, Assistant Attorney General

#### Visitors present:

#### Call to Order:

At 9:07 a.m., Division Chairman, David P. Rawson, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

#### Approval of Open Session Minutes:

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to approve the open session minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

#### Licenses Issued:

The Division of Utility Contractors reviewed the list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and administratively approved for licensure by board staff and Cognizant Board Members. A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Steen, and the Board voted to ratify 8 Utility Contractor, 14 Utility Foreman and 19 Utility Manager licenses issued from June 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. None opposed, motion carried.

#### Utility Contractor

UC302518	Signature Services LLC	UC302522	McKenzie Septic & Grading, LLC
UC302519	L Hooks LLC	UC302523	H & L Clearing, LLC
UC302520	Hitson Construction Inc.	UC302524	Fowler Site Work Inc.
UC302521	Linetec Services LLC	UF205347	Frank Jeter Bickerstaff, IV

#### Utility Foreman

UF205340	Timothy Robert Thompson	UF205350	Billy Lunsford
UF205341	Jason Michael Turner	UF205351	Paul Brian Green
UF205342	Gregory Scott Wilder	UF205352	Michael W Bunch
UF205343	DANNY M GOSSETT	UF205353	James D Nelson
UF205344	William Doys O'Steen	UF205354	Dalton Lee Hart
UF205348	Manuel Louis Medeiros	UF205345	Richard David Jones
UF205349	Gregory Bryon Fiedler	UF205346	Daniel Lance Cochran

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UM102612	George S Ajy	UM102622	Nathan Drew Mahan
UM102613	Dave Richardson Blake	UM102623	Jeremy L Mullins
UM102614	Tracy Lee Busby	UM102624	Jeffrey Willie Phillips
UM102615	Anita S Clyne	UM102625	Matthew T Pridemore
UM102616	Chad Eric Doerhoff	UM102626	Michael David Raybourn
UM102617	Jeffery Allan Enochs	UM102627	Philip Daniel Shumaker
UM102618	Hubert D Haire, III	UM102628	William Clayton Smith
UM102619	John William Blakely Lee	UM102629	Thomas Brandon Terry
UM102620	William Grayson Lewis	UM102630	Keith Christopher Young
UM102621	Andrew Richmond Lindsay		

#### Discussion of Joint Secretary Licensing Rules:

Jessica Uzzo, Attorney with the Professional Licensing Boards Division, Legal Services Department discussed the Joint Secretary of State late renewal period for the Division of Utility Contractors. The Division Director and Legal Services have been reviewing the Joint Secretary rules and the Division Director is considering making all renewals uniform with a one-month late renewal period as long as it doesn't conflict with any board laws. Uzzo reported licensees who do not renew until the late renewal period have an expired license and according to Board law they should not be practicing. The change would not affect the three months licensees currently have to renew for the regular renewal period. The change would be more efficient for the Division and for board staff who are constantly processing renewals due to extended late renewal periods. Individuals listed on the Interested Parties list will receive notification once the rule is posted. A motion was made by Zammit, seconded by Steen, and the Board voted to approve moving forward with the suggested recommended changes by the Professional Licensing Board Division Director.

#### Discussion Items:

The Board discussed possible revisions to Board Rules 121-2-.05, 121-2-.08, and 121-4-.02. No further action was taken. The Board also discussed O.C.G.A. § 43-14-8.3 and 43-14-6(f) as it relates to continuing education and safety training.

#### Review of Safety Training Provider Requests:

Kelly Unland, Insurance Group of America - A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to request a more detailed course description. None opposed, motion carried.

#### Review of Probation Termination Requests:

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendation. None opposed, motion carried.

UF205261 Cody Morgan – Approve to lift probation

#### Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates:

The Executive Director, Deborah Beard, presented the proposed 2020 meeting dates. Upon review, a motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to accept the presented dates. None opposed, motion carried.

- 03-11-2020 – 9:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, GA
- 07-08-2020 – 9:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, GA
- 10-28-2020 – 9:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, GA

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**Executive Director’s Report:**

The Executive Director, Deborah Beard, informed the Division of Utility Contractors of the number of active licenses as of October 30, 2019. There were a total of 1,300 Utility Manager licenses, 933 Utility Foreman licenses and 908 Utility Contractor licenses issued. A total of 285 licenses were issued from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and 321 license issued from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Beard also presented the exam dates for 2020: January 16-18, 2020, May 4-16, 2020 and September 7-19, 2020.

New staff member Patricia Guthrie, Licensure Analyst was introduced the Division.

**Executive Session:**

At 10:25 a.m. a motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Wright, and the Board members 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 executive session minutes, conduct applicant appearances, review applications, complaints, executive correspondence, disassociations and the Attorney General’s Report. None opposed, motion carried.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, Rawson declared the meeting to be “open” at 1:07 p.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

**Executive Session Minutes:**

A motion was made by Zammit, seconded by Wright, and the Division voted to approve the executive session minutes of the June 26, 2019 meetings. None opposed, motion carried.

**Appearances:**

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Steen, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations. None opposed, motion carried.

749478 W.P. – No show.

2789029 M.H. – Uphold previous decision. Applicant may submit additional information showing two years of field experience and safety training.

2799093 R.C. – Uphold previous decision. Applicant may submit additional information showing two years direct supervision in the field.

**Applications:**

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations on the applications reviewed. None opposed, motion carried.

Approve the following applicants to sit for the exam and upon passing exam, may issue Utility Manager license.

2824975	2824973	2833542	2791095
2806517	2809872	2801764	2831311
2789032	2808115	2831867	2837315
2809125	2808983	2831315	

Approve utility manager licensure by reinstatement, license lapsed less than three years.

2810906

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Approve utility foreman licensure by reinstatement, license lapsed more than three years.

2768942

Approve utility contractor licensure by reinstatement.

2805473

2831294

Approve to sit for the exam and upon passing, may reinstate utility manager license.

2808984

Approve the following applicant for a Utility Foreman license.

2807770

2800674

2829563

2797179

Approve the following applicant for licensure by reinstatement.

2805356

Send the following applicants a deficiency letter for additional information.

2826481

2822847

2833627

2808373

2830569

2808375

2829361

2807984

2812554

2711055

Deny the following applicant for licensure in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(b)(1).

2810455

**Complaints (Legal and Discipline cases):**

(UTIL=Utility Investigative Case Number)

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to accept the recommendations on the following complaint cases reviewed. None opposed, motion carried.

Close the following case with no action.

UTIL200002

Close the following cases with no jurisdiction.

UTIL190015

UTIL200001

Refer the following cases to the Attorney General Office for a Cease and Desist Hearing.

UTIL170011

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Cease and Desist.

UTIL170012

UTIL190014

Close case license is lapsed and administratively revoked.

UTIL190005

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Schedule Investigative Interview and flag renewal.

UTIL190012

**Executive Correspondence:**

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations. None opposed, motion carried.

UC301584 – Approve 90 day extension

UC302445 – Approve 90 day extension

740878 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Voluntary Surrender

740801 – Submit a new application, safety plan and a letter of explanation of work from 2010-2018.

**Review of Disassociation – Utility Contractor:**

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Division voted to accept the following recommendations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

UC102066 - monitor renewal

UC300887 – monitor renewal

UC301352 – monitor renewal

UC302499 – grant second 90 day grace period

UC30084 – monitor renewal

UC302417 – monitor renewal

UC301722 -monitor renewal

**Attorney General’s Report:**

A motion was made by Rawson, seconded by Zammit, and the Board voted to accept the status report presented by the Maximillian Changus, Assistant Attorney General. None opposed, motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division.

Minutes recorded:

TiAndria Burke, Board Support Specialist

Minutes edited and reviewed:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director

**DAVID RAWSON**

Division Chairman

**DEBORAH BEARD**

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on March 11, 2020.