

The following Board members were present:

Robert Abend
Cliff Barber
Roger Drabyk
Ralph (RJ) Durham
David Foley
Luke Miorelli
Patrick Ripton
Albert Underwood

The following members of staff were present:

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney
Claudine Mickle, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff
Misty Shirah, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff
Kinga Ataman, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff

Others present:

Vincent Agenjo
Dustin Turner

Vice Chair Luke Miorelli called to order the January 20, 2021, Brevard County Contractor Licensing Board meeting.

Vice Chair Miorelli swore in all witnesses.

RJ Durham motioned to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Contractors' Licensing Board meeting, seconded by *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Drabyk motioned to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Contractors' Licensing Board meeting, seconded by *Patrick Ripton*. Motion carried unanimously.

Official Administrative Business:

Nomination and Election of Chair to the 2021 Contractor Licensing Board

RJ Durham motioned to elect Bud Crisafulli for Chair. No other nominations were made. Motion seconded by *Albert Underwood*. Motioned carried unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair to the 2021 Contractor Licensing Board

Patrick Ripton motioned to elect Luke Miorelli for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Motion seconded by *RJ Durham*. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Approval of the Contractor Licensing Regulation and Enforcement Code Inspectors Continuous Training

Robert Abend motioned approving continuous training. Motion seconded by Albert Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Personal Appearance

Lenard Bell requests the Board approve his Stucco Contractor Exam Application.

Mr. Bell was not present. Licensing staff announced, Mr. Bell contacted the office the day of the meeting regarding his inability to attend the meeting.

RJ Durham motioned to table the request to the next meeting date, seconded by *Albert Underwood*. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarence Mincey requests the Board approve his Alarm 1 Contractor Exam Application.

Mr. Mincey was not present nor has he contacted the licensing office regarding his inability to attend the meeting. The Board acknowledged this is Mr. Mincey's second no show, as his request for approval was included on the December 16, 2020 Agenda.

Motion to table the item again, to the next scheduled meeting, made by *Albert Underwood*, seconded by *RJ Durham*. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Personal Appearance

Vincent Agenjo requests the Board approve his General Contractor Exam Application.

Mr. Agenjo was present. He read from a prepared written statement, thanking the commission for the opportunity in being interviewed for the general contractor license test.

Mr. Agenjo briefly discussed his licensing credentials from New York, stating, he felt he has the necessary knowledge and experience to take and pass the general contractor's exam; however, due to the lack of experience requirements as depicted within the application for general contractor, he couldn't fully complete the application and hoped the interview would answer any Board concerns. Mr. Agenjo stated, there were two reasons for obtaining a general contractor's license. First, is to allow him to expand his current handyman business as many of his clients have larger jobs that he can't perform currently, such as kitchen and bathroom remodels or alterations. Second, for his son's future, who was present at the meeting, and to be able to continue teaching and training him in the construction field.

Several Board members acknowledged the lack of general contractor experience documentation within Mr. Agenjo's exam application, noting the documentation appeared to be more in line with residential contractor experience. Mr. Agenjo reiterated his reasons in obtaining a general contractors license, adding, his experience from New York and South Carolina included foundations, footings of load bearing and non-load bearing slabs, residential parking garages with basements underneath and isn't looking to construct high but does not want to be limited to the types of projects he can perform, thus limiting his son's exposure, with a lesser license.

The Board briefly discussed the different levels of licensing for builders and eligibility opportunities in obtaining the next level of licensing after so many years, should his application for general contractor not be approved.

After hearing Mr. Agenjo's testimony and discussing his application, *Dave Foley* motioned to deny the application for general contractor; however, approved him to take the residential contractor license exam, without the need for reapplication. Motion seconded by *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

Attachments titled, III-A-1, were handed in at meeting by Mr. Agenjo but not discussed at the meeting.

Michael Felicien requests the Board approve his Demolition Contractor License Exam Application.

Mr. Felicien was not present. Licensing staff announced, Mr. Felicien contacted the office the day of the meeting regarding his inability to attend the meeting.

RJ Durham motioned to table the request to the next meeting date. Motion seconded by *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

Dustin Turner requests the Board approve his Fence Contractor Exam Application.

Mr. Turner was present to discuss derogatory information in his criminal background check.

Mr. Turner stated, when he was younger, in 2009, he made some mistakes resulting in a felony conviction and was subsequently incarcerated. After being released, he was interested in opening a landscape business but didn't have the experience and began working for a mom and pop lawn service company. He had an altercation with the business owner over some equipment he was told he could take. Two weeks later, he was arrested. He stated, his wife was 6 and a half months pregnant and he attempted to fight the charges out of court; however, due to a point system within the courts for criminal infractions, he was incarcerated again. Since his release in November 2020, he's hoping to get his life back on track and begin installing fences, a trade he has experience in.

The Board briefly discussed Mr. Turner's background with him and he was advised, they have authority to deny applicants who've committed crimes within a five-year period and more than five years depending on the crime itself.

After hearing Mr. Turner's testimony and discussing his background report, RJ Durham motioned to approve his request; seconded by Cliff Barber. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board encouraged Mr. Turner to be extra vigilant in his business dealings when working with customers in the future, in light of his past. He thanked the Board and hoped to move only forward in his life, not backwards.

Applicants That Passed the Prometric, GITS and Prov Exams

RJ Durham motioned to approve, second *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Transfers

Albert Underwood motioned to approve, second *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

Incoming Reciprocity Approval:

Robert Abend motioned to approve, second *Roger Drabyk*. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Speaking Session:

No speakers present.

Reports:

Denise Campagna, Secretary, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement

Not present.

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney

Mr. Caron advised the Board of a recent Bill filed through the legislature preempting local licensing and would keep the Board abreast of any updates.

Bud Crisafulli, Board Chair

Not present.

Members of the Board

Robert Abend asked the Board to clarify the Board's action or responsibility should criminal activity continue, after approving an applicant who personally appeared before them.

Board members responded, no additional criminal history is reviewed unless a complaint is filed. Should a complaint be received and a violation of the code is determined, a show cause hearing would be requested for possible disciplinary action.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM