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**The following Board members were present:**

Robert Abend  
Cliff Barber  
Bud Crisafulli  
Ralph (RJ) Durham  
Luke Miorelli  
Patrick Ripton  
Albert Underwood

**The following members of staff were present:**

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney  
Denise Campagna, Board Secretary/Manager  
Claudine Mickle, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff  
Misty Shirah, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff

**Others present:**

Cody Mahaney  
Ramon and Carino Castillo  
John Domey  
Ken Welsh

Chair Bud Crisafulli called to order the March 17, 2021, Brevard County Contractor Licensing Board meeting.

Chair Crisafulli swore in all witnesses.

*RJ Durham* motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 Contractors' Licensing Board meeting, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Personal Appearance

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**Ramon Castillo requests the Board approve his exam application for Irrigation Contractor.**

Mr. Castillo was present and requested his wife be allowed to provide testimony on his behalf.

Ms. Castillo stated, her husband's application included seven months of documented experience from Indian River Irrigation but he's performed irrigation work for seven years. Attempts to get additional experience documentation from two previous employers were unobtainable. In 2013 he opened a landscape business, where he had been performing irrigation work, include replacing and repairing sprinkler heads damaged by his crew during lawn maintenance, until he was cited in 2018 for unlicensed contractor advertising; not realizing the trade was regulated and licensure needed. All forms of advertisement for irrigation were subsequently removed. In addition to performing irrigation work during the course of his business, he's done work on his own homes, for family members and for friends.

After hearing testimony, the Board commended Mr. Castillo's efforts in repairing and replacing damaged irrigation equipment that may have occurred while performing landscaping and lawn work for his customers. And recognized that the recommendation letters, provided with his application, were from customers he's performed irrigation work for. Motion to approve by *Albert Underwood*, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**John Domey requests the Board approve his exam application for General Contractor**

John Domey – requested the Board approve his exam application for general contractor.

Ms. Campagna introduced the agenda item. The Board was advised, Mr. Domey's application did not contain sufficient documentation of commercial experience to approve it administratively.

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Mr. Domey was present. During his testimony, he stated, he's been in the construction industry for 23 years, with both a residential and commercial background and is currently a licensed framing contractor. He's been a superintendent for several companies in the area. Many of his clients and investors are looking for him to obtain a general contractor license so that he can build any structure, regardless of the size and type. Mr. Domey requested that Kim Welsh, a licensed general contractor, who was present at the meeting, be allowed to attest to his experience.

After introducing himself, Mr. Welsh stated, Mr. Domey was hired in 04/05 through 08/09 to be a superintendent on a number of commercial and multi-family projects; describing tasks to include structural floor joists, concrete floor systems and solid and reinforced masonry walls; adding Mr. Domey was an integral part of their team and did a fantastic job for them.

Mr. Domey was requested to describe some of the large assembly occupancy buildings and mid-rise, high-rise structures he's been involved in. He briefly described his role as superintendent in the construction of the three-story Calvary chapel educational building.

The Board stated, there are special skills required when constructing structures exceeding three stories. A general contractor is qualified to build large threshold assembly buildings or very large occupancy buildings and are not limited in size. Mr. Domey's experience did not support that for general contractor.

Based on the Board's discussion and testimony provided by both Mr. Domey and Mr. Welsh, the Board motioned to not approve his request for general contractor; however, approved the request for class II building contractor. Motion to approve as class II building contractor by *Luke Miorelli*, second by *Albert Underwood*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cody Mahany requests the Board approve his exam application for Window and Door Contractor.**

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Mr. Mahany was present. He provided testimony regarding his past experience in the window and door business, working most recently as a subcontractor to Lowes Home Improvement as an employee of Joe Marks Construction. After applying for a window and door contractor's license with Brevard County, he became aware that Mr. Marks' license lapsed and the experience documentation provided by Mr. Marks conflicted with his licensure date, affecting the three years of documented experience required for the trade.

The Board discussed their knowledge of home improvement stores and their use of subcontractors. The improvement stores ultimately are responsible for the job contracted and the permit obtained. The subcontractor is typically not listed on the permit. In addition, these stores have training and quality control programs in place.

Based on the testimony provided by Mr. Mahany and the Board's discussion, *Albert Underwood* motioned to approve the request, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Jacob Smith requests the Board approve his exam application for Demolition Contractor.**

Mr. Smith was not present.

The Board tabled the request to the next Board meeting. Motion by *RJ Durham*, second *Patrick Ripton*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Applicants That Passed the Prometric, GITS and Prov Exams**

*Robert Abend* motioned to approve, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Transfers**

*RJ Durham* motioned to approve, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Incoming Reciprocity Approval:**

*Patrick Ripton* motioned to approve, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Public Speaking Session:**

No speakers present.

**Reports:**

**Denise Campagna, Secretary, Licensing Regulation**

Claudine Mickle introduced newly appointed Board member Brian Fleis to the Board.

**Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney**

Mr. Caron reported, a Show Cause Hearing was held earlier in the day. The Special Magistrate's recommended order will most likely be presented to the Board at the April 21, 2021 meeting. An outside attorney for the Board, with a background in construction law, will appear via Skype, should the Board need any direction when considering the magistrates recommendation.

**Bud Crisafulli, Board Chair**

No report

**Members of the Board**

No report

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM