

**The following Board members were present:**

Robert Abend  
Clifford Barber  
Bud Crisafulli  
Ralph Durham  
Brian Fleis  
Luke Miorelli  
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  
Maggie Castellano, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff

**Others present:**

Greg Tibbets

**Call to Order:**

Chair Bud Crisafulli called to order the August 18, 2021, Brevard County Contractor Licensing Board meeting.

*Ralph Durham* motioned to collectively approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021, May 19, 2021, and the June 16, 2021 Contractors' Licensing Board meetings, second *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Personal Appearance

Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff member, Claudine Mickle, introduced the agenda items, stating the first item was to introduce Greg Tibbets.

**Greg Tibbets requests the Board approve his exam application for HARV Class B Contractor.**

Mr. Tibbets was present accompanied by various Brevard County Facilities Department staff members in support of his application.

Mr. Tibbets testified to his employment as a Tech with the County, HVAC 2, seeking approval of his application for Limited HARV Class B Contractor. He acknowledged that his application was not approved as he had not previously worked under a licensed contractor for the required number of years. Mr. Tibbets detailed his experience to include attending eight months of a technical college in 2006. Further, from 2006 to 2008 worked in California for McDonalds on the restaurant refrigeration and package units. In addition, had a team underneath him, as the Equipment Manager for McDonalds, teaching them about refrigeration and package units specifically for the restaurant. Mr. Tibbets further detailed his training with Taylor Refrigeration as it pertains to their equipment as well.

Robert Abend asked if the only reason he couldn't be administratively approved was that he didn't work for licensed contractors and could not provide adequate experience documentation?

Ms. Mickle confirmed no, staff was not able to determine he had the five years of documented experience required for that particular trade.

Robert Abend, further questioned in reviewing the resume provided if there was a specific reason that explicit information on what projects were worked on along with what the scope was not be provided. Mr. Tibbets expressed he thought he did provide detailed experience with the equipment as it pertains to McDonalds refrigeration.

Ralph Durham discussed the problem that the experience documentation provided and expressed his concern with the experience not being able to be proven. Mr. Tibbets expressed his confusion that under the State of Florida nowhere does it state under your experience it must be under a licensed contractor. Mr. Durham responded with confirmation that it is a requirement to work under a licensed contractor.

Ms. Mickle advised that Mr. Tibbetts provided a fair amount of experience detail on his application, however not having a licensed qualifier to validate it is why it was not considered and therefore not administratively approved.

Luke Miorelli questioned Mr. Tibbetts to verify if he is looking mostly to specialize in refrigeration. Mr. Tibbetts confirmed yes, to the County specifically as an HVAC tech. In addition, stated if he were to contract out on his own it would be specializing in refrigerators, ice cream machines, etc.

Ralph Durham interjected that the HARV Contractor license is not limited to just refrigeration. The Class B license is capable of up to 25 tons. Durham inquired about the required experience for a journeyman. Claudine Mickle advised it is a 4-year requirement and further expressed, he would have to apply to downgrade his contractor application to journeyman to verify if the experience will satisfy.

Ralph Durham asked the attorney if the board can proceed and accept this applicant based on previous experience that is not provable on paper? Attorney Justin Caron verified that the Licensing Board has the final say determining the qualifications.

After further discussion, *Luke Miorelli* motioned to approve Mr. Tibbetts's application for Class B contractor. Motion seconded by *Ralph Durham*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Charles Morris requests the Board approve his exam application for a Swimming Pool Unlimited Contractor.**

Mr. Morris was not present nor did he notify licensing staff that he would not be unable to attend.

Motion to table the agenda item to the next scheduled Board meeting made by *Albert Underwood*. Second by *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Show Cause Hearing:**

Terri Jo Wireman - Terri Jo Wireman, TJ Builders LLC, Brevard County Residential Contractor Certificate of Competency Number 17-RC-CT-00033, State Registration RR282811974.

Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff member, Maggie Castellano provided the Board with a summary of four complaints received over the last 13 months filed against Terri Jo Wireman of TJ Builders LLC.

Based on the information provided; *Luke Miorelli* motioned to approve the request for Show Cause Hearing. Motion seconded by *Ralph Durham*. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**Incoming Reciprocity Approval**

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

**Public Speaking Session:**

No speakers present.

**Reports:**

**Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney**

No report.

**Bud Crisafulli, Board Chair**

No Report.

**Members of the Board**

**Robert Abend** discussed previous meetings discussion regarding the various qualifications between Residential, Building and General contractors. Giving him a better understanding in the different classifications of building construction. In the recent devastation of the South Florida Surfside Condominium disaster and the Harbor Cay Condominium as well as the construction of Versailles.

**Albert Underwood** reported that a recent Residential Swimming Pool situation has occurred in Pasco County; 500 single family residences have unfinished swimming pools. Mr. Underwood believes it would be less common to occur in Brevard, as the County moves quickly in the building

review process and the oversight of licensing regulation. When the Pasco County pool contractor renewed their county license, apparently the check bounced. In addition, The Workers compensation expired and Pasco County allowed for further permits to be issued. The problem dates back to 18 to 20 months ago. A lot of consumers have been harmed by this situation. The contractor will face penalties, fines and civil suits, and Pasco County will still be involved with any consumer complaints.

Claudine Mickle added we may not have disciplinary authority over state certified contractors, however if the consumer is in our County we try to mediate the complaint. We see a trend if several complaints come in on one contractor. Our building official has the authority to revoke local permitting privileges. Ms. Mickle further advised that in Licensing we keep communication open with building departments and work as quickly as we can to resolve any issues.

**Luke Miorelli** advised too much money is brought in on shell portion of the project. 80% of contract is on the shell where realistically the shell is 30%. A certain percentage over the cost of the job, the permit must be pulled within 30 days of the job.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM