

**Minutes from the May 15, 2024  
Brevard County Contractors' Licensing Board  
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**The following Board members were present:**

Roger Drabyk  
Ralph (RJ) Durham  
Brian Fleis  
David Foley  
Kerry Gardner  
Patrick Ripton  
Albert Underwood

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

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney  
Dawn Verostic, Development Services Manager  
Claudine Mickle, Development Services Assistant Manager  
Cherronda Washington, Development Services Supervisor  
Misty Shirah, Development Services Supervisor  
Marc Smith, Manager Contractor and Code Compliance Division  
Denny Long, Supervisor Contractor and Code Compliance Division  
Maggie Castellano, Contractor and Code Compliance Officer

**Call to Order:**

Vice-Chair *Albert Underwood* called to order the May 15, 2024, Brevard County Contractors' Licensing Board meeting.

**New Business:**

**Affirm Staff Finding**

**Raymond Smith, Roofing and General Contractor, G and G Roofing Construction Inc**

Claudine Mickle introduced the item and requested the Board suspend G and G Roofing permitting until such time as they can find a new qualifier.

Assistant County Attorney Justin Caron explained that their current qualifier Raymond Smith was currently in jail pending federal investigation.

The Board inquired whether under Florida Statute 489.121, which pertains to completing work without certification after the death of a contractor, could be applied in this situation or as a guideline. As it specifies death, Mr. Caron said that would not be applicable.

Albert Underwood and RJ Durham brought up concerns over current and pending work G and G was involved with and the effect on the company employees and homeowners. Claudine Mickle added that this item was brought up to be proactive as Mr. Smith was the sole owner of G and G and their financial situation was unclear given the circumstances.

Justin Caron brought up a similar situation from several years ago where a company with an incarcerated qualifier was speedily guided through the county licensing process.

The Board discussed the hesitancy to suspend permitting privileges but ultimately acknowledged that there would be issues if problems arose on the projects for all sides if permits were being issued and the license holder was not able to present.

*David Foley* motioned to suspend G and G Roofing permitting as outlined by staff until a secondary qualifier is in place, second *RJ Durham*. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Personal Appearance:**

#### **Caleb Turnbaugh requests the Board approve his exam application for Residential Contractor**

Mr. Turnbaugh was present. He stated to the Board that he was here speak on and figure out what more qualifying information he could get to show his competency, as the documentation provided was not enough for staff to administratively approve the application.

Mr. Turnbaugh spoke to qualifying projects he had worked on but much of it was nontraditional employment and with his uncle who is a career State Certified General Contractor. The Board commented that they had seen many similar situations of people with family "experience" that was obvious but not well documented.

*RJ Durham* motioned to table and have Mr. Turnbaugh return at a future Board meeting with more documentation to strengthen his exam application, second *Patrick Ripton*. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Applicants That Passed the GITS and Prov Exams:**

*RJ Durham* motioned to approve, second *Kerry Gardner*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citation Report:**

The Board reviewed the report. The Board discussed the mechanisms of what can be done to go after the violators as the current process involves actions against the homeowners of properties where the contractors are received the violations.

**Public Speaking Session:**

No public speakers.

**Reports:**

**Dawn Verostic, Development Services Manager**

No report

**Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney**

No report

**Bud Crisafulli, Board Chair**

No report

**Members of the Board**

No report

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM