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VENETIA FLOWERS, LAYPERSON
BRENT ROBINSON, LAYPERSON
CHARLES E. MILLER, FIRST ALTERNATE, CGC023830

MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY
CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2021 9:30 A.M.
MARATHON GOVERNMENT CENTER

Zoom webinar Information/ Trade Applications and Renewal Reinstatements
When: Nov 9, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Contractor Examiner Board Meeting – November 9, 2021

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

****Chairman Rudy Krause calls meeting to order at 9:54 am****

CBAA meeting immediately preceded this meeting

Present roll call: Mr. Brent Robinson, Mr. Gary Centonze, Ms. Venetia Flowers, Mr. Steve Henson, Ms. Marnie Walterson, Chairman Rudy Krause

Present no roll call:

County Attorney: Ms. Paunece Scull

Board Attorney: Mr. Thomas Wright

Building Official: Mr. Rick Griffin

2. Excused Absence Approval

Frank Herrada has asked to be excused to attend continuing education.

****Steve Henson moved to approve the absence. Marnie Walterson seconded. Motion Passed****

3. Agenda Changes

****Rudy Krause added information before industry input regarding public meetings from the Planning Department and about the rescheduled meeting with DBPR****

4. Approval of Agenda

****Steve Henson moved to approve. Brent Robinson seconded. Motion passed****

5. Approval of Minutes for: September 7, 2021 (Must have participated in September 7, 2021 meeting to move or second)

****Steve Henson moved to approve. Brent Robinson seconded. Motion passed****

6. Next scheduled meeting: January 18, 2022 (tentative)

A. Approval of 2022 CEB Calendar

****Marnie Walterson moved to approve. Rudy Krause seconded. Motion passed****

7. Swearing - in of Witnesses to Testify

****No one was present to swear in. Mr. Wright will swear in people on zoom individually before they speak****

8. "Is there anyone from the public who would like to speak on an Agenda item?"

****No answer from the public****

9. "Have any Board members been contacted outside the presence of this meeting regarding an agenda item?" If so, would you please disclose the nature of the contact?

****Answered-No by all Board Members****

****County is proposing updates to Flood Ordinance. Three public zoom meetings have been scheduled December 2, 2021 5:05 pm, January 20, 2022 3:00 pm, and February 3, 2022 5:05 pm****

****Rudy Krause asked how the meetings will be advertised-Rick Griffin answered that it is being handled by Mayte from the planning department. Emily Schemper (on zoom) answered that they will be advertised in the newspaper and that the information will be on the agenda on the County's website****

****Rudy Krause asked for an update on the previously cancelled DBPR meeting to discuss House Bill 735. Rick Griffin said that he would re-schedule the meeting and update when that information is available****

INDUSTRY INPUT

Industry Input: We will now open the floor for any comments or questions from the construction industry or public. Please either use the raised hand feature on Zoom or make sure that you have filled out a green speaker card if you are here in person.

Jethon is there anyone with their hand raised on Zoom? **No**

Do we have any in person speakers signed up to speak? **No**

Updates from September 7, 2021 Meeting:

Multi-discipline inspectors need more pay/Scull

****Ms. Scull reported that the resolution needs to be made to the County Administrator not the BOCC. Resolution is being revised to reflect this. Steve Henson is concerned that the County will lose good employees. Rudy Krause wants an update from Ed Koconis before giving a specific dollar amount recommendation****

****Ed Koconis updated later in the industry input section when he was able to appear by zoom. He recommended \$2500 for plans reviews and inspectors. Rudy Krause asked what it is now and what the maximum number of licenses is. The maximum number of additional licenses that one can get is 6 and the current amount is \$1500 per license (per Ed)****

****Steve Henson moved to have the resolution drafted to expedite the matter asking for an additional \$1000 per license in incentive pay at the discretion of the Building Official. Gary Centonze seconded. Motion passed****

Update on the effects HB 735/Scull

****Ms. Scull reported that permitting types are being looked at to be eliminated before 2023****

****Gary Centonze asked for an update on if the County is seeing more people working without needing a license and how that is being handled****

****Another update will be provided during the January meeting****

Can Aluminum Louver Panels be used below base flood levels/Bursa

****The County is still waiting for FEMA to respond to the question from the last meeting as to why they made their decision****

****Karl Bursa then gave a presentation of the new Technical Bulletin 9 that shows that aluminum louvers will not be approved in VE zones/Coastal A zones. Rudy Krause asked if carbon fiber will be approved. Karl Bursa answered that it will not be approved for A and V zones****

If there is nothing further from the public, then this closes out the industry input section of this meeting and we will continue with the rest of the CEB agenda.

10. Old Business:

Violators Request to Appeal: Mr. Howard did not appear

1. Case No: 21300372_March 12, 2021

Name: Howard, Steven John

MCC: 6-77 Prohibited actions: Unlicensed Contractor

Service: Requested Appeal 06/29/2021

Notification of 09/07/2021 meeting date-via email and mailed 08/09/2021

Requested and granted a continuance from September meeting to November 9, 2021

Fine: \$500.00

Inspector: Lachelle Thompson

Previous Violations: None in the last 5 years

****Steve Henson moved to deny appeal. Marnie Walterson seconded. Motion passed****

****Steve Henson moved to impose the fine of \$500 + \$458.17 in administrative costs which includes the \$27 lien filing fee if not paid in 30 days. Rudy Krause seconded. Motion passed****

****Took a break at 11:10 am resumed proceedings at 11:20 am****

11. New Business:

A. Dennis Porcelain requests reinstatement of his permit pulling privileges in Monroe County

****Mr. Porcelain was sworn in over zoom by Thomas Wright****

****Mr. Porcelain asserted that he has been trying to get a letter from the homeowner as required by the dated 09/13/2016. Steve Henson moved to grant a continuance until the January 18, 2022 meeting to be provided copies of the messages that he has sent the homeowner. Venetia Flowers seconded. Motion passed****

****Steve Henson directed staff (Jamie Gross) to contact the homeowner to try to get additional information before the next meeting****

B. Don Horton's application to become a member of the CEB

****Steve Henson moved to approve application as a member in full standing. Gary Centonze seconded. Motion passed. Staff needs to put it on the next BOCC agenda for approval****

C. Lien request for non-payment of citation/Imposition of fines & costs:

Case No: 21200092

Name: Hollenbeck, Cody Michael

Company: N/A

MCC: 6-77 Certificate of Competency Required: unlicensed Contractor

Issued: 04/07/2021

Intent to Lien Notice: 09/23/2021

Fine: \$500.00 Administrative Costs: \$163.85

****Steve Henson moved to file for lien for the \$500 fine + \$163.85 for administrative costs. Rudy Krause seconded. Motion passed****

Case No: 21301352

Name: James S. Hall

Company: Solid Solutions Concrete Construction LLC

MCC: 6-234 a, b, c Contractor's license number on advertisements, vehicles and contracts

Issued: 06/28/2021

Intent to Lien Notice: 09/23/2021

Fine: \$500.00 Administrative Costs: \$186.70

****Rudy Krause moved to file for lien for the \$500 fine + \$186.70 for administrative costs. Marnie Walterson seconded. Motion passed****

****Steve Henson would like administrative costs to include all prep for the hearing and the time spent hearing the case****

****Rudy Krause wants an update on the administrative cost procedures to be included in the January 18, 2022 meeting****

D. Construction Trades Application Review for Verification of Construction Experience and Approvals:

1. MacLaughlin, Mark/ New Application/ Unlimited Swimming Pool

****Appeared on zoom. Sworn in. Since he is an active certified state contractor, he requested to not have to take the Business & Procedures. This was approved by Brent Robinson****

2. Burns, Michael/ Reciprocity from Martin County/ Plumbing Contractor ****Approved-Venetia Flowers****

3. Hernandez, Robinson/New Application/Journeyman Electrical ****Approved-Steve Henson****

4. Ballanes, Sergio/ New Application/ Landscaping Specialty****Approved-Gary Centonze****
5. Ceja, Alejandro Jr. / New Application/ Landscaping Specialty****Approved-Gary Centonze****
6. Macias-Romo, Jose/ New application/ Landscaping Specialty****Approved-Marnie Walterson****

E. Discussion about Background Checks in Licensing

****Steve Henson along with other Board Members received an anonymous complaint regarding our background checks for licensing. The complaint is regarding how a specific contractor received a license. Staff was directed by the board at Mr. Henson's request to investigate the complaint and bring information about the steps that were taken in this particular case to the next meeting****

F. Presentation of Journeyman new requirements from HB 735

****Jamie Gross made a presentation of the differences between the Journeyman requirements that Monroe County had before the passage of HB 735 and what they are with the new law. There are approximately 11 individuals who may no longer meet the requirements****

11. Old Business: (Continued)

- A. New Trade Application and Instructions approval to put new forms on the website
****Approved by Board with no motion or vote necessary****

Should the County raise the minimum passing test score to 75% to fall in line with the state?
****Leave it as it is now at 70% since it seems that only Journeyman licenses have been raised to the 75% level by HB 735, but no other license types****

B. ABO Rey Ortiz - Update from March 9th, 2021 Presentation by County Admin. Christine Hurley

1. Work without permits at resorts by Handyman
 2. Handyman Business Tax Receipt vs. Contractor License/ Certificate of Competency
 3. Outreach to Hotels and Realtors
- **Update postponed until January 18 meeting****

****Rudy Krause asked why permit types are being eliminated. Ms. Scull let the Board know that this process is currently happening in discussion and that the question will not be able to be fully answered until some preliminary decisions have been made****

12. Staff Reports

1. Rick Griffin, Building Official/CEB Secretary/ Rey Ortiz, Assistant Building Official **None**
2. Thomas Wright, Contractors Examining Board Attorney **Wished everyone Happy Holidays**
3. Paunece Scull/ Assistant County Attorney **None**
4. LaChelle Thompson, Unlicensed Contractor Code Investigator **Written report submitted**

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

**Present – Jamie Gross Licensing Coordinator for
Maria L. Partington CEB liaison / Senior Licensing Coordinator
Contractors Examining Board**

Meeting Location - Open to the public:
Marathon Government Center
BOCC Room Second Floor
2798 Overseas Highway
Marathon, Fl. 33050

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