



# PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

## MINUTES

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board was held at 201 Highland Avenue, Building 3 in the Largo City Hall Complex on March 21, 2006. This meeting was publicly advertised and a quorum was present.

Members in attendance were:

### MEMBERS

Thomas Tafelski, Vice Chair  
Steve Andrews  
Rick Dunn  
Gareth Eich  
Kevin Garriott  
Ernest Hand  
Rick Howard  
Jack Joyner  
Patrick Murphy  
Danny Sandlin  
James Saul  
Charlie Spitzer  
John Tillinghast  
Fritz Wolf

### CLASSIFICATION

Building  
Building Official  
Building Official  
Architect  
Building Official  
Fire Marshall  
Swimming Pool  
Mechanical  
Building Official  
Building Official  
Plumbing  
Electrical  
Roofing  
Residential

Also attending:

Rodney Fischer, Exec. Director  
Jason Ester, Esq.

Carol Jones, Admin. Secretary  
Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

### I. PUBLIC HEARING - Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

The Board received local technical amendments to Table 2903.B Minimum Water Service Size, Florida Building Code 2004 – Residential; Table 603.1 Minimum Water Service Size, Florida Building Code 2004 – Plumbing as recommended by the Countywide Board of Adjustment & Appeals – Plumbing, Mechanical & Gas Division I.

After consideration and on a motion by Member Joyner, seconded by Member Murphy, the Board voted approval of the local technical amendments as submitted, a copy of which has been made a part of the minutes.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

After consideration, and on a motion by Member Eich, seconded by Member Joyner, the Board unanimously accepted/approved the consent agenda as presented. All stipulations are Final Orders of the Board in accordance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes. Motion carried.

- A. Minutes for PCCLB, January 17, 2006
- B. Financial Reports – December 2005; January/February 2006
- C. Examining Committees Reports – February 8, 2006; March 8, 2006
- D. Stipulations (Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes) – approved:

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|-----|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Robert W. Bledsoe           | C05-743        |
| 2.  | Robert S. Wisenbaker        | C05-853        |
| 3.  | Richard Wayne Moore         | C05-953        |
| 4.  | Gunnar E. Johnson           | C05-969        |
| 5.  | Brian Allan Stover          | C05-989        |
| 6.  | John W. Knight              | C05-1002       |
| 7.  | Joseph M. Belanger          | C05-1008       |
| 8.  | Mark E. Blair               | C05-1017       |
| 9.  | William R. Regenhardt       | C05-1053       |
| 10. | Mohammed K. Bashar          | C05-1121       |
| 11. | Victor Anthony Trino        | C05-1134       |
| 12. | Daniel B. Valentine         | C05-1139       |
| 13. | Jeffrey S. Shore            | C05-1160       |
| 14. | Corey F. Babcock            | C05-1171       |
| 15. | Gerald T. Money             | C05-1199       |
| 16. | Bonita Slick                | C05-1202       |
| 17. | Albert M. Palumbo           | C05-1215; 1334 |
| 18. | Douglas D. Heeder           | C05-1242       |
| 19. | Susanne L. Van Selow        | C05-1247       |
| 20. | Larry L. Bosworth           | C05-1251       |
| 21. | Warren Louis Bourgeois, Jr. | C05-1257       |
| 22. | S. Douglas Erwin            | C05-1266       |
| 23. | Steven L. Walker            | C05-1277       |
| 24. | Michael M. Shimshoni        | C05-1283       |
| 25. | George Lai                  | C05-1286       |
| 26. | Robert W. Bledsoe           | C05-1331       |
| 27. | Brent S. Griffith           | C05-1378       |
| 28. | John Mark Costanza          | C05-1388       |
| 29. | William H. Young, Jr.       | C06-03         |

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. The Board conducted informal administrative hearings in accordance with Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. The Respondents either elected an informal hearing or defaulted by not executing an Election of Rights and were therefore scheduled for informal hearings by the Board to resolve the complaints. The actions taken are Final Orders of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. Rodney S. Fischer appeared in the cases for the Petitioners.

1. David Acevedo (C05-973) – Case resolved prior to meeting at pre-hearing conference.

2. Kevin Loucks, a Certified Roofing Contractor, C-8591, did not appear and was not represented in the cases of Administrative Complaints C05-974; 1253; 1385. After consideration, review, and on a motion by Member Dunn, seconded by Member Spitzer, the Board voted to accept the allegations of Administrative Complaints C05-974; C05-1253; and C05-1385 as Findings of Fact and concluded Respondent violated Section 24 (2)(d)(h)(j)(m), Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, and imposed the following penalty:

- a) Respondent is reprimanded for misconduct for violation of licensing laws and building code; and
- b) Respondent is assessed an administrative fine of \$1,000.00 for each administrative complaint; and
- c) Respondent's license as a Certified Roofing Contractor is suspended with notification to be given to all Pinellas County jurisdictions; however, suspension is stayed for 30 days and will become probation if Respondent resolves outstanding Administrative Complaints C05-974; C05-1253; and C05-1385 and satisfies all administrative fines.

3. William E. Turner (C05-1015) – Case resolved prior to meeting at pre-hearing conference.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS, CORRESPONDENCE AND REQUESTS

- A. Probable Cause Committee vacancy.
- B. Board approved reappointments/appointments to various committees and boards.
- C. Verbal reports by Executive Director:
  - 1. Annual Investigative Statistical Report for 2005;
  - 2. Development of brochure for utilization by law enforcement community to assist in dealing with construction licensing laws and violations;
  - 3. Investigator Group monthly meetings, unique to Pinellas County;
  - 4. Current investigation re unlicensed contractor's financial harm to elderly homeowner;
  - 5. Update re program to allow on-line renewals of license;
  - 6. House Bill 1351, proposed legislation which would extend the Jim Walters Rule to homeowners;
  - 7. Introduction of legislation by CLOAF proposing to change the name of occupational license to "business tax".

Member Saul distributed a handout and sought support for the Florida Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors proposal to eliminate Exemption No. 15, Chapter 489.103 pertaining to laws regulating the installation and maintenance of water conditioning units.

National Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Inc. progress report received for January 2006.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Baier, Palm Harbor, re Kevin Loucks Administrative Complaint C05-1253.

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The next meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board will be held on May 23, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. at Building 3, Largo City Hall Complex, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, Florida.

Upon motion by Member Joyner, seconded by Member Spitzer, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.