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**OKALOOSA COUNTY ELECTRICAL COMPETENCY BOARD
MINUTES
February 1, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Okaloosa County Electrical Competency Board was held Thursday, February 1, 2018, 3:00 PM, at the at the Okaloosa County Administration Building, first floor BCC Chambers, 1250 Eglin Parkway N., Shalimar, Florida. Board members in attendance were Brent Smith, Joel Richardson, Debra Ripley, Wayne Barlow, Jack Mott, Robert Garcia, and Edward Cochran, Jr. Kenneth King and Linda Flowers were not in attendance.

Growth Management staff in attendance were Tina Ward, Licensing and Permitting Manager; Renée Lucas, Licensing Specialist; and Teresa Mullins, Administrative Assistant II.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brent Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed Mr. Jack Mott to the Board.

A. Roll Call

Ms. Teresa Mullins took roll call.

II. ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS

Chairman Smith welcomed and acknowledged the guest.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 7, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Jack Mott; second by Eddie Cochran; approved unanimously.

IV. OPEN TO PUBLIC (For any item not Quasi-Judicial on this Agenda)

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Renée Lucas informed the Board that the testing agency used by the County, PROV, has informed staff that they have updated their booklist to the 2014 NEC code. Ms. Lucas further stated that the applicant to appear before the Board today will test under the 2014 NEC code, although any past applicant currently testing will still test under the 2011 NEC code.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Swearing in Applicants/ Speakers

Ms. Mullins swore in the applicants.

b. Candidate for Testing Approval:

1. Cosmo Boucher – Residential Electrical Contractor

Mr. Cosmo Boucher was present to answer questions from the Board.

The Board has no questions for Mr. Green.

Chairman Smith asked staff if Mr. Boucher’s file is in order.

Ms. Lucas stated that Mr. Boucher’s file is complete and he has met all of the requirements to test, should the Board approve his request.

Mr. Joel Richardson noted that Mr. Boucher’s experience was all in New York as is the contractor who signed off on his affidavit and asked staff how that experience was verified.

Ms. Lucas stated that she had an email exchange with and had spoken with Mr. Leland by phone, who is the verifying contractor. Ms. Lucas further stated that staff always contacts the verifying contractor in cases where the applicant’s experience is from another State. Ms. Lucas stated that the details of such staff contacts are always included in the applicant’s file. Ms. Lucas noted that this situation is handled the same way for each trade competency Board.

A brief discussion ensued.

Motion to approve made by Debra Ripley; second by Jack Mott; approved unanimously.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Chairman/Vice-Chairman Election:

Chairman Smith opened nominations for Chairman.

Nomination of Brent Smith to continue as Chairman made by Joel Richardson; nomination seconded by Eddie Cochran. Chairman Smith accepted the nomination, and there being no further nominations, and nominations being duly closed, was elected unanimously.

Chairman Smith opened nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Nomination of Joel Richardson to serve as Vice-Chairman made by Brent Smith; nomination seconded by Eddie Cochran. Mr. Richardson accepted the nomination, and there being no further nominations, and nominations being duly closed, was elected unanimously.

b. Discussion on Commercial/Residential Fee Schedule:

Chairman Smith stated that, as neither Mr. Kampert nor Mr. King are present, it would be wise to table this discussion to the next meeting. Chairman further stated that it might be wiser to hold a workshop outside of a regular meeting, where minutes are taken but applicants are not present.

A brief discussion ensued.

Motion to hold a workshop regarding the electrical fee schedule made by Jack Mott; second by Eddie Cochran; approved unanimously.

Ms. Lucas reminded the Board that any recommendations made at the workshop would have to come back before this Board for approval and recommendation before being presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

A brief discussion ensued.

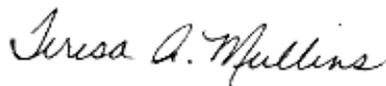
Mr. Cochran asked Ms. Lucas if there were any changes to what inspection staff are looking for now that the 2014 NEC code has been adopted.

Ms. Lucas encouraged Mr. Cochran to talk to the Building Official, Purl Adams, or the Plans Examiner, Laurence Pernel as they would be best able to answer his questions.

A brief discussion ensued.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Joel Richardson; second by Wayne Barlow, approved unanimously.



Prepared by: _____

Teresa A. Mullins, Recording Secretary
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