

## State of Alabama The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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## MINUTES Board Meeting February 4, 2013

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, February 4, 2013, at the Board's Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. Those members in attendance were as follows: Mr. Albert Hensley, Chair, Mr. Carmon Colvin, Vice Chair, Mr. Charles (Chuck) Turner, Mr. Ronald Weaver, Mr. Donald R. (Donny) Cook, Mr. Mr. Jay Stutts, Mr. Terry Wallace and Mr. Bruce Taylor. Member not in attendance were Mr. Robert Lamborne. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, <a href="www.aecb.alabama.gov">www.aecb.alabama.gov</a>, and the Secretary of State's website, <a href="www.sos.state.al.us">www.sos.state.al.us</a>, in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The minutes from the January 14, 2013 regular meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the Executive Director's Report to include financial information, as of February 4, 2012 (copy available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). He also reported on the number of active and inactive licensees. Mr. Warren reported that the deadline to apply for a Provisional license was June 30, 2013. He also indicated that letters were to be mailed to City and County governments concerning this application period. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Executive Director report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren distributed copies of the proposed changes to the statute for the Board's review. The Board discussed legislative issues regarding this matter.

Mr. Warren reported that letters requesting additional information were sent to two journeyman electrician applicants about their criminal background and one applicant replied. The Board reviewed the written response from the applicant. Mr. Weaver made a motion to

approve the applicant to take the Journeyman Electrician exam. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the composition of the Complaint Committee. It was the consensus of the Board that a Board member would be appointed to serve who was from the same or nearby geographical area as indicated in the complaint.

Mr. Warren reported that plans were underway to publish a Board newsletter and requested articles be submitted within the following two weeks.

The Board reviewed applications for CE Providers. Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the CE Provider applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously approved by the Board, with Mr. Cook abstaining to vote.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Reciprocal applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor applications for examination (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Journeyman Electrician applications for examination (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Waiver applications that were received prior to the original deadline. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that verification of citizenship has been included in the application renewal process.

The Board discussed a local governmental body that requires local examination for Journeyman. The Board noted that the statute does not require Journeyman to be licensed through this Board, although however, it was the opinion of the Board and Legal Counsel that local governments cannot require Journeyman Electricians, who are licensed through the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors, to take local examinations. Ms. Coody commented that the Board's opinion did not conflict with the recent Attorney General opinion concerning this matter. The Board further agreed that State licensees, including Journeyman Electricians, may be required to purchase licenses on a local level. The Board requested that a letter addressing the Board's opinion on this matter be sent to the governmental body.

Mr. Warren commented that it may be helpful to place Board test sites in certain geographical areas.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business of the Board, and Mr. Colvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Hensley adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Hensle

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director