

MINUTES

299th Meeting Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board September 10, 2014

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by the Chairman Mr. Felix Carlone.

(A) The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Felix Carlone, at 12:40 PM.

(B) Approval of the agenda and order of business was accepted on a motion by Mr. David Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Arthur Salisbury.

(C) The minutes of the 296th meeting, August 13, 2014, were approved; on a motion by Mr. David Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Arthur Salisbury.

The minutes of the 297th special meeting, August 20, 2014, were approved; on a motion by Mr. Tom Furey and seconded by Mr. David Caldwell.

The statistics of the 298th special meeting, September 3, 2014, were reported and reviewed but due to a lack of a quorum only discussion on the rules and regulations was entertained.

(D) Court Case Update: The court cases were continued until next month's meeting.

Review of Pending Issues with the Building Officials Association: Tabled until next month in that no one was in attendance. It was reported by the Executive Director that next meeting for the association will have a new slate of officers which will be introduced to the Board at its next meeting.

(F) Consideration of Cases on Appeal and Oral Argument:

APPEALS and MOTIONS:

1. 12:40 PM: Claim #8169, Motion by the Claimant to Vacate the Final Order & Proposed Order and hear exceptions. Due to questionable notice delivery notice this matter was put on next months agenda.

2. 1:00 PM: Claim #8173, Lupoli vs. Unique Painting, Heldeberto Lemos; exceptions filed by the Respondent's Attorney Sean Mc Ateer. New attorney entered appearance, Arthur Chatfield, III. At the request of counsel this matter was continued until next months' meeting due to court conflict.

EXPUNGEMENTS:

1. 1:15 PM: Request from Alexandros Chahine, Imperial Flooring LLC, Registration #24326 for expungment of violations: #4644 # 2 & 3. The party failed to attend after notice and opportunity. A motion was made by Arthur Salisbury and seconded by David Caldwell to deny this request, which passed unanimously.

EXPUNGEMENTS:

(G) Report of the Executive Director and Staff:

(1) Statistics Report: 09/10/2014

Since last meeting: 08/13/2014-09/10/2014

Registrations:

Number of Registered Contractors	11238		
Number of Cards Surrendered	6727	Number of Cards	
Expired/Lapsed	17848	Number of Cards Invalidated	1596
Number of Cards Suspended	492		
Number of Cards Revoked	116		

Registration Actions

Number of New Registered Contractors	70
Number of Renewed Contractors	11168

Number of Cards Surrendered	26
Registrations Invalidated	2
Registrations Suspended	4
Registrations Revoked	0

Claims:

Administrative Appeals	2	
Board Appeals	2	
Address Traces		78
Awaiting Further Action	29	
	Court	
	600	
Disposed		257
Final Orders	31	
Hearings	22	
Out of State Services	19	Proposed Orders 146
Under Investigation		125
Total Claims Filed with the Board	7912	
Number of New Claims Processed	23	

Violations:

Action Against Registration	37	
Advertising	3	
Cancelled Insurance		1205
Notice of Hearing	3	
Non-Registered Contractor		
896		
TOTAL RECORDS	2169	

Number of New Violations **85**

Lapsed Registrations/Never Re-Newed:

September	2013
77	
October	2013
77	
November	2013
86	
December	2013
65	
January	2014
63	
February	2014
88	

March	2014
92	
April	2014
99	
May	2014
103	
June	2014
124	
July	2014
111	
August	2014
141	

Month	# Tickets Issued
Fines	
January 2014	0
\$.00	
February 2014	3
\$600.00	
March 2014	4
\$1,350.00	
April 2014	7
\$3,100.00	
May 2014	5
\$1,025.00	

June 2014	7
\$1,475.00	
July 2014	0
\$	
August 2014	2
\$2,500	
September 2014	1
\$500.00	

Commercial Roofers:

Number of Registered Roofers

144

Number of New Registered Contractors 3

Number of Renewed Roofer Contractors 141

Number of Cards Surrendered 22

Number of Expired/Lapsed 70 Registrations Invalidated 1

Registrations Suspended 0

Registrations Revoked 0

(H) Old Business:

(1.) Review of regulations, laws and standards, established by sub-committee,

report of committees and progress. The Boards attorney has been working with the executive director and staff to get the regulations

formulated for the committee to review. This process is ongoing and currently working on rules and regulations for Home Inspectors, Commercial Roofers, and Well & Pump Installers. Several meetings have been held with staff and with the Board. A new committee will need to be established to review education requirements when the new rules and regulations are adopted.

(I) New Business:

(1.) A presentation was provided to the Board regarding the new identification cards

and discussion on pictures and the process to change our current system. In accordance with Rhode Island General Law 5-65-8 (b) the Board will be requesting that the Division of Motor Vehicles provide the Board with pictures from the list of contractors the Board currently has in its records. If we can get this information quickly we will be able to proceed with issuing new identification cards with a picture which will save the time of processing pictures for every card holder. Pictures will need to be changed every ten years and modify the rules and regulations to reflect this new change. The cost of taking the picture will be ten dollars for each registrant.

(2.) Computer Program Update: Working on our existing system and making changes

to support new programs. Hope to be testing the changes shortly and be able to go

go live soon.

(3) Positions: Still waiting on the position of enforcement aide or another similar position which may cause delays to the new licensing programs. This position has been vacant since March 2013.

(4.) PSI date to get licensing programs up and running was October 9, 2014, and have been working on getting SME's to assure the deadline is met, both for roofers and well drillers. Due to standards not being adopted time line will have to be shifted again.

(J) Public Comment: None

(K) Announcements: The next Board meeting is a special meeting which will be held on Wednesday October 08, 2014 at 12:30 PM, Conference Room "A" 2nd Floor. One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.

(L) Adjournment: A motion was made by David Caldwell and seconded by Mr.

Felix Carlone to adjourn the

meeting at 1:45 PM.

**Members Present: Michael Fox, Martin Ezeama,
William Geddes, William Nash,
Felix Carlone, Paul Brunetti,
David Caldwell, Steve Carlino,
Arthur Salisbury and Tom
Furey.**

**Members Absent: J.L.Brillion, Ronald Caniglia,
Robert Cardoza, Edgar Ladouceur
and Eric Wishart.**

**Others Present: George Whalen (Executive Director), and
Staff.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**George W. Whalen
Executive Director
Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board**