

MINUTES

309th Meeting Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board July 8, 2015

1. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of

America led by: Eric Wishart.

2. The meeting was called to order by the Vice- Chairman, Edgar Ladouceur, at 12:38

PM after obtaining a quorum.

3. Approval of the agenda and order of business was accepted on a motion by Mr. Eric

Wishart and seconded by Mr. David Caldwell.

4. The minutes of the 308th meeting, June 10, 2015, were approved on a motion by

Mr. David Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Tony Raposo.

Introduction of new attorney for the Board Mariana Ormonde who will be replacing Ariele Yaffee who has served the Board over the last three years.

5. Review of pending issues with Code Officials from Rhode

Island Building

Officials Association; No pending issues; Building Officials were not in attendance.

Board was informed that the Association may be interested in providing courses for education in the near future.

6. Court Case Update: July 2015 - Court Ordered Restitution/Fines: Will be provided at the next meeting in August.

7. Consideration of Motions: None this month.

8. Consideration of Cases on Appeal and Oral Argument: No appeals or motions filed this month.

9. Consideration of Request for Expungement:

12:40 PM: Request by Steven Guilmette, Heritage Improvement, Registration #13837, to re-instate REVOKED registration. The contractor who had filed in Bankruptcy Court and had been paying restitution in District Court through Justice Assistance, paid some money prior to filing but no payments were ever made on fines which is not forgiven in Bankruptcy Court. Upon review and much discussion a motion was made by Tom Furey and seconded by Dave

Caldwell, Eric Wishart & Paul Brunetti to deny the request for expungement. Motion was called by acting chair and passed unanimously.

10. Education: No cases to review.

11. Report of the Executive Director and Staff:

(1) Statistics Report: 06/10/2015

Registrations:

Number of Registered Contractors	11711		
Number of Cards Surrendered	6961		
Number of Cards Expired/Lapsed	18077	Number of Cards	
Invalidated	1697		
Number of Cards Suspended	505		
Number of Cards Revoked	122		

Registration Actions

Number of New Registered Contractors	130
Number of Renewed Contractors	11581
Number of Cards Surrendered	17
Registrations Invalidated	0
Registrations Suspended	3
Registrations Revoked	0

Claims:

Administrative Appeals	3	
Board Appeals	0	
Address Traces		81
	Court	
	633	
Awaiting Further Action		30
Disposed		6977
Final Orders	51	
Hearings	28	
Out of State Services	18	Proposed Orders 145
Under Investigation		120
Total Claims Filed with the Board	8095	
Number of New Claims Processed	29	

Violations:

Action Against Registration	55	
Advertising	3	
Cancelled Insurance		1313
Notice of Hearing	3	
Non-Registered Contractor		

February 2015	1
\$ 500.00	
March 2015	1
\$ 250.00	
April 2015	3
\$2,250.00	
May	1
\$ 250.00	
June	3
\$ 750.00	

Commercial Roofers:

Number of Registered Roofers

148

Number of New Registered Contractors 0

Number of Renewed Roofer Contractors 148

Number of Cards Surrendered 22

Number of Expired/Lapsed 74 Registrations Invalidated 0

Registrations Suspended 0

Registrations Revoked 0

12. Old Business:

(1.) Regulations, laws and standards were the topic of discussion and were reviewed by the Board. Upon review it was determined that we would continue to go forward with subcommittee meetings on Home

Inspectors and Commercial Roofers; Well Drillers and Pump Installers will follow. Several meetings have already been conducted and more are scheduled so we can start the process of Regulatory Reform Review. Underground Utilities will have a Public Hearing on Monday July 27, 2015 at 12:30 PM in Conference Room A, on the second floor of the Administration Building. The Board after reviewing comments and sending responses to the Office of Regulator Review will vote on adopting those changes at its next Board meeting so they can be filed with the Secretary of State's office before the emergency regulations lapse on September 21st; must be filed 30 days prior.

13. New Business:

a. Budget: Will be reviewing new proposed budget as to need to increase registration

fees for fiscal year 2017. More discussion will be had on this subject next

legislative session.

b. Computer Program Update: We are currently testing the system and still finding bugs that need to be worked out. Looks like early fall is when we will be ready to go live.

c. 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. The Principal Building Official Position is also

vacant since December 2014 which needs to be filled. Also a counter clerk has

been out on extended medical leave, reducing our staff by 25%.

d. PSI: The date to get licensing programs up and running was moved to August

2015 with hopes that all the other licensing programs are ready with their rules and

regulations. The new changes to add another review from the Regulatory Reform

Office will more than likely delay at least some of the new licenses from being

ready for that time.

e. Roofers and Well/Pump installers licensing requirements. Legislation was

submitted in regard to this to include water filtering systems. Several other bills

have also been filed in this regard and are up for consideration. Items were never

addressed this legislative session so will have to wait for resubmittal next year.

f. Board Appointments: Reappointments/new appointments are still pending and

should be forthcoming by September.

g. Legislation: Only the bill changing the Mechanics' Liens Law, House Bill 5932 Sub A, passed this session impacting the Board; new legislation will have to be discussed and put in early for next year's session.

h. Underground Utility Contractors License: Public Hearing scheduled to get comments for adoption.

i. Education Sub-Committee: Board established a subcommittee on education of three members: Felix Carlone, Tom Furey and Arthur Salisbury. Meetings will be held prior to Board's meeting every month after the first few months. The first cases will be reviewed by the full Board to get a handle on how these cases will be reviewed.

j. NASCLA: Enforcement and sting operations resulted in 13 tickets being issued, 12 Non-Registered contractors and 1 hiring a non-registered contractor. Worked in conjunction with other state members to go after un-registered or licensed contractors across the country.

14. Public Comment: None

15. Announcements:

**The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 12:30 PM,
Conference Room "A" 2nd Floor; One Capitol Hill,
Providence, Rhode Island.**

16. Adjournment: A motion was made by David Caldwell and seconded by Mr.

William Geddes and Martin Ezeama to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Members Present: Edgar Ladouceur, Mathew Olson, Tony Raposo, David Caldwell, Paul Brunetti, Tom Furey, Robert Cardoza, William Geddes, Martin Ezeama, Michael Fox, Eric Wishart and Ron Caniglia.

Members Absent: William Nash, Steve Carlino, J.L.Brillon, Felix Carlone, and Arthur Salisbury.

Others Present: George Whalen (Executive Director), Attorney Arielle Yaffee &

Mariana Ormonde, expungement parties and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

George W. Whalen

**Executive Director Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and
Licensing Board**