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Brevard County Contractors' Licensing Board

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**The following Board members were present:**

Robert Abend  
Cliff Barber  
Bud Crisafulli  
Roger Drabek  
Ralph (RJ) Durham  
David Foley  
Luke Miorelli  
Patrick Ripton

**The following members of staff were present:**

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney  
Denise Campagna, Board Secretary/Manager  
Claudine Mickle, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff  
Misty Shirah, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff

**Others present:**

Michael Felicien  
Eric Bremer  
Christopher Autry

Chair Bud Crisafulli called to order the February 17, 2021, Brevard County Contractor Licensing Board meeting.

Chair Crisafulli swore in all witnesses.

**Old Business:**

Personal Appearance

**Lenard Bell requests the Board approve his exam application for Stucco Contractor**

Mr. Bell was not present. The Board acknowledged this was the third consecutive month Mr. Bell was scheduled to appear before them to discuss the lack of experience documentation within his exam application. The Board was advised, Mr. Bell contacted the licensing office recently and indicated he would attend this meeting. In light of receiving confirmation from him, the Board tabled the item for a period of 60 days, adding, Mr. Bell would not be required to submit a new application or pay an application fee should he appear before the Board within the 60-day period.

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Motion to table by *Robert Abend*, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Michael Felicien requests the Board approve his exam application for Demolition Contractor**

Mr. Felicien was present and provided testimony regarding his background in demolition. He stated, he was born in St. Lucia and began performing demolition with his dad at a very young age. He continued in the trade as he grew and developed a passion for it, working on a Hyatt Regency, school reconstruction and many other jobs while in St. Lucia. In 2019, after working in Florida for some time, he was asked to go back to St. Lucia to demo and reconstruct a wall destroyed by a hurricane. The company hired to perform the reconstruction recognized the dangerous nature of the project and didn't want just anyone to perform the work.

The Board discussed the lack of documentation provided to support Mr. Felicien's experience performing demolition and asked Mr. Felicien if he could produce documentation from St. Lucia officials supporting his experience. He stated yes, he could.

The Board tabled the request until such time additional experience documentation was received from St. Lucia officials, further stating, should the documentation be adequate for administrative approval, Mr. Felicien would not be required to reapply or reappear before the Board.

Motion to table from *Robert Abend*, second *RJ Durham*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Clarence Mincey requests the Board approve his exam application for Alarm 1 Contractor**

Mr. Mincey was not present. The Board acknowledged this was the third time Mr. Mincey failed to appear before them nor has he provided any form of communication to the licensing office regarding his inability to appear or interest in pursuing a license.

Based on Mr. Mincey's third no-show, motion to deny his request by *Patrick Ripton*, second *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Personal Appearance

**Eric Bremer requests the Board approve his exam application for Residential Contractor**

Ms. Campagna introduced the agenda item. The Board was advised, Mr. Bremer's application did not include documentation to support any residential construction activities, nor did it include transcripts related to the coursework he attended; in order to determine if education could be considered and applied to his application credentials.

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Mr. Bremer was present and provided testimony regarding his experience and background. Stating, he moved to St. Augustine eleven years ago, after working in both the restaurant and construction industry. After initially entering the restaurant industry in Florida, he opened a handyman business. His business later expanded to bathroom and kitchen remodeling and obtained a contractor's license for both painting and flooring in St. Johns County. After determining the specialty licenses would not allow him to subcontract electric or plumbing work, he applied for a residential contractor's license with St. Johns County; however, decided to move to Brevard County before he could take the residential contractor exam and provide subsequent proof of proper experience documentation to complete their licensing process.

Mr. Bremer stated, he attended college, originally seeking a degree in residential construction but changed course early on to the business program.

After hearing testimony and discussing Mr. Bremer's request, the Board motioned to table the request until such time he can provide proper and supportive experience documentation in structural framing, slabs, structural formwork, and transcripts or that Mr. Bremer complete the residential contractor licensing process in St. John's County and reciprocate his grades to Brevard County and obtain a Brevard County license by reciprocity.

Motion to table by *Luke Miorelli*, second *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Christopher Autry requests the Board approve his exam application for Garage Door Contractor**

Mr. Autry was present and provided testimony regarding his criminal background. He stated, when young, he became self-centered, hung out with the wrong crowd, and drank too much.

He was convicted of felony assault in Texas, and released from prison eight years ago, serving two and a half years. In 2012, he was charged with possession of a firearm and grand theft but feels he's grown now and has changed his ways. Mr. Autry briefly discussed his experience in the garage door industry, a passion he's developed and the importance in educating people on the dangers of garage doors. He stated former employers were unwilling to provide experience documentation for fear of competition.

After hearing testimony and discussing Mr. Autry's criminal background, the Board acknowledged the length of time since his last infraction, eight years, as an indicator that he has changed his ways, since there were considerable frequencies of problems prior to eight years ago.

Motion to approve Mr. Autry's request made by *Robert Abend*, second *RJ Durham*. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Applicants That Passed the Prometric, GITS and Prov Exams**  
(Attachment II-B)

*RJ Durham* motion to approve, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Transfers**  
(Attachment II-C)

*Luke Miorelli* motion to approve, second *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Incoming Reciprocity Approval:**  
(Attachment II-D)

*RJ Durham* motion to approve, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Speaking Session:**  
No speakers present

**Reports:**

**Denise Campagna, Secretary, Licensing Regulation**  
No report

**Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney**

Mr. Caron briefly reported on a preemption bill going through the legislature, similar to the preemption bill from last year; offering to provide the Board with references if interested.

**Bud Crisafulli, Board Chair**  
No report

**Members of the Board**  
No report

**Adjourn:**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM