

The following Board members were present:

Robert Abend
Bud Crisafulli
Brian Fleis
David Foley
Luke Miorelli
Patrick Ripton
Albert Underwood

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
Maggie Castellano, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement staff

Others present:

Allen Putnam
Mary Ann Pierson
Geoff Golub, Esquire
Michael Milne, Esquire – Attendance via Zoom

Chair Bud Crisafulli called to order the May 19, 2021, Brevard County Contractor Licensing Board meeting.

Chair Crisafulli swore in all witnesses.

New Business:

Special Magistrate Recommended Order

Allen Putnam, Putnam Construction Inc, Brevard County Residential Contractor Certificate of Competency Number 16-RC-CT-00009, State Registration Number RR282811944.

Attorney Justin Caron provided the Board with a brief summary regarding the Show Cause Hearing held on March 17, 2021. He stated, it was held based on a complaint filed by Brooke Higgins and by order of the Contractor Licensing Board pursuant to section 22-535 of the Brevard County code as to why Mr. Putnam's certificate of competency should not be put on further probation, suspended or revoked.

He further stated, Special Magistrate Julie Harrison, issued a findings of fact conclusions of law in the recommended order (included in the Board's agenda package). The order found Mr. Putnam violated the provision set forth in Florida State Statute 489.126 (2)(a)(1) and code of ordinances, Brevard County, sections 22-535(a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)14), (a)(18) and (a)(20). The Order's recommended penalty is as follows: Mr. Putnam pay any outstanding costs, fees and restitution owed from the September 2020 Order, he pay administrative investigative costs of \$550 within 120 days and his Certificate of Competency be placed on probationary status for three years, to run consecutively to its current probation, with a condition that he does not violate Chapter 22 of the Brevard County code, and he appears before the board every six months.

Mr. Caron stated, the hearing was prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Alex Essessee and heard by Special Magistrate Julie Harrison and the county requested a five-year revocation of Mr. Putnam's license. Complainant, Brooke Higgins, as well as Mr. Putnam and counsel Geoffrey Golub were present at the Show Cause Hearing and all three testified.

Mr. Caron added, Mr. Milne, an outside attorney, was available via skype tonight should the Board have any question, as he could not advise the Board since the county prosecuted the case against Mr. Putnam.

The Board briefly discussed the previous recommended order, dated, August 14, 2020, issued by magistrate Harrison to confirm Mr. Putnam complied with the conditions set forth. Board Secretary, Denise Campagna, stated, yes, Mr. Putnam did meet the conditions of the previous order:

Mr. Putnam appear before the Board once every six months to report and respond to any outstanding issues or future complaints.

Pay restitution to the Pierson's for the \$1,500 fireplace loan and \$600 in failed inspection fees.

Pay administrative costs of \$550 and fines totaling \$700.

Mr. Putnam placed on probationary status for two (2) years
After determining the conditions were met. The Board asked if the second recommended order extends Mr. Putnam's probation an additional three (3) years.

Mr. Milne answered, yes.

In light of determining Mr. Putnam met the conditions within the first recommended order, Luke Miorelli motioned to accept the second recommended order. Motion seconded by Albert Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Applicants That Passed the Prometric, GITS and Prov Exams

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

Administrative Transfers

Patrick Ripton motioned to approve, second *Luke Miorelli*. Motion carried unanimously.

Incoming Reciprocity Approval:

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

Old Business:

Personal Appearance

Jacob Smith requests the Board approve his exam application for Demolition Contractor.

Mr. Smith was not present nor did he contact the licensing office regarding his inability to attend the meeting. The Board acknowledged this was Mr. Smith's second no show.

Motion to table the item again, to the next scheduled meeting, made by *Albert Underwood*, seconded by *Robert Abend*. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Speaking Session:

No speakers present.

Reports:

Denise Campagna, Secretary, Licensing Regulation and Enforcement

Ms. Campagna announced, the Board of County Commission recently voted to deregulate the following county specialty trades: painting, floor covering, floor covering with tile, framing and masonry.

The Board acknowledged the skill level needed for these trades and recalled a time, not long ago, when framing wasn't performed properly on new home construction, causing the windows to become unusable and severe leaking to occur. The Board also acknowledged the deregulation of the same trades at the state level which hadn't yet been signed by the Governor.

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney

No report.

Bud Crisafulli, Board Chair

No report.

Members of the Board

No report.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM