# BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm & Locksmith Advisory Committee

## October 16, 2012

### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of October 16, 2012, was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by the Vice Chairman, Keith Eaves.

All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A</u> 10:4-6. The notice of the meeting has been mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, Courier Post and the Trenton Times. The notice has also been sent to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Committee saluted the flag.

### 2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present:
Keith Eaves
Arthur Fucetola Jr
Sgt William Hartung
Charles Okun
David Rible
Robert Shoremount
Jon D. Sprague

The following members were not present:
Edward Card
Walter Wargacki Jr
Barry Starer
Joseph Cantalupo - Electrical Board Liaison

### Also present were:

David Freed, Acting Executive Director Howard Pine, Assistant Deputy Director George De Luca, Administrative Analyst Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law Lolly Merced, Administrative Assistant To The Deputy Director Lisa Marshall, Customer Service Representative

The following members of the public were present:

Gerard Duffy, Spectrum Cable & Alarm Systems Inc, NJ Burglar & Fire Alarm Association

Matthew Pitts, Vivint, Inc.

Richard Trevelise, Reliable Safety Systems Inc, NJ Burglar & Fire Alarm Association

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements provided at this Public Session.

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A Chairman's Report was not provided at this Public Session.

### 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Freed thanked his staff for their work. He also thanked Lolly Merced for her efforts in taking meeting notes and for doing the minutes. George DeLuca will be preparing meetings agendas and Lisa Marshall will be preparing the minutes for the meetings. Mr. Freed will be taking over full time from Howard Pine.

The Advisory Committee has received the new Candidate Information Bulletin from Prometric. The bulletin has been updated to reflect current reference manuals & fees.

A bidding for testing services is in process in Trenton.

All individual licenses that were not renewed in 2007 now show Expired status instead of Late Renewal consistent with N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1b and N.J.A.C. 13:31A-1.5(e).

The Advisory Committee web site for continuing education sponsors and classes is to be updated and a letter with new sponsor numbers will be sent out upon completion of the project.

### 6. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

Motion was made by David Rible and seconded by Arthur Fucetola to approve the September 18, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### 7. CONTINUING EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Motion was made by William Hartung and seconded by Jon D Sprague to accept subcommittees recommendations. Motion carried. Robert Shoremount abstained from the matter.

### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Jill Walsh, ANSA/ASSUNCAO LLP

Application for Burglar Alarm & Fire Alarm licensing (N.J.S.A. 45:5A-1, et seq. & N.J.A.C. 13:31A-1 et. seq.)

Application Through Reciprocity Provision (N.J.A.C. 13:31A-1.10 (a))

The Advisory Committee held a general discussion regarding correspondence received from Ms. Walsh. Motion was made by Arthur Fucetola and seconded by William Hartung to have Deputy Attorney General Donofrio send correspondence to Ms. Walsh addressing the Committee's need to consider knowledge and experience required by other states on a case by case basis for applications by reciprocity, making it incumbent on the applicant to provide any items needed by the Committee for its' consideration, and to clarify regulations applicable to her other concerns. Motion carried.

Stewart Wilson, Team@multimilliondallar.com

Inquiry on Scope of Practice. Company sells 2GIG wireless security.

A motion was made by Robert Shoremount and seconded by David Rible to have company submit an application for a Business License. Motion carried.

Request for Waiver of Requirements for Alarm License (John Milian)

Mr. Milian requested that the current rule requiring a six-month waiting period for retaking of licensing examinations be waived due to a financial hardship. Motion was made by Jon D Sprague and seconded by David Rible to waive the six-month waiting period for Mr. Milian. The Committee returned to Public Session to announce its' decision. Motion carried.

Request for Waiver of Continuing Education Requirements for License (Edward Trygar, License Number 34LS00031200, Expired 2010)

Mr. Trygar requested that the required 36 hours of continuing education be waived so he may reinstate his locksmith license. Motion was made by Robert Shoremount and seconded by Jon D Sprague to send correspondence to Mr. Trygar stating he must complete all continuing education requirements no later than April 1, 2013. Failure to meet the deadline for compliance may result in the suspension of his locksmith license and/or a penalty of up to \$10,000.00 may be assessed. Motion carried.

Following the motion made with regard to Mr. Trygar, motion was made by Robert Shoremount and seconded by David Rible to send all individuals who answered "No" to the Continuing Education question for renewal of licenses for the current triennial licensing period, a letter indicating they have until April 1, 2013 to comply with CE requirements or their license may be suspended and/or a penalty of up to \$10,000.00 be assessed. Motion carried.

## 9. PERIODIC REPORT ON LEGISLATION FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2013

This report was provided to the Advisory Committee for information only.

## 10. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

(For Information only)

IMO Fidel Munoz

A copy of a signed and filed Consent Order issued to Mr. Munoz was provided for the Advisory Committee's information.

### IMO Matthew T. Rogala

A copy of a signed and filed Order Of Summary Suspension issued to Mr. Rogala was provided for the Advisory Committee's information.

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Trevelise, Reliable Safety Systems Inc, NJ Burglar & Fire Alarm Association Mr. Trevelise addressed the Advisory Committee regarding Z-Wave Technology, a company offering alarm systems, security sensors, etc., utilizing technology enabling remote operation by consumer. He inquired as to the possibility of regulatory amendments relating to new technology. Since Z-Wave product installation can involve re-wiring of thermostats or outlets in excess of 10-volt maximum, Deputy Attorney General Donofrio suggested he submit written inquiries to the Boards of Electrical Contractors, Master Plumbers, HVACR or others as appropriate.

Mr. Trevelise spoke about written comments submitted regarding proposed regulatory changes, expressing particular concern that any changes to continuing education requirements not take effect at any time other than the start of a new triennial license cycle. He also asked about the registration of employees for existing business license holders and was advised by the Committee that any timetable was yet to be determined.

Gerard Duffy, Spectrum Cable & Alarm Systems Inc, NJ Burglar & Fire Alarm Association Mr. Duffy expressed concern to the Advisory Committee about unlicensed individuals and businesses, offering NJBFAA assistance with regard to complaints received by the Committee. He was advised by the Committee that ensuring written complaints are submitted with the most complete detail possible was the best way to assist.

Mr. Duffy asked the Committee if on-line searches for Business Licenses might also be able to display the name of the Business Qualifier and he expressed concern that municipalities are inconsistent regarding identification required when applying for work permits. He then suggested that the Divisions of Consumer Affairs and Community Affairs might meet in an effort to increase coordination of efforts.

Matthew Pitts, Vivint, Inc.

Mr Pitts asked the Advisory Committee for clarification regarding his application for license and answered questions for the Committee regarding same. He has five years experience in Utah and will be a business qualifier for Vivint, Inc., once he obtains a license. Motion was made by Robert Shoremount and seconded by William Hartung to approve Mr. Pitts application for examination. Motion carried.

## 12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALARM & LOCKSMITH LICENSES

The following individuals were provisionally approved to sit for examination: Stelion Levi (Locksmith)

John Milian (Burglar Alarm) A waiver was approved to retake examination Matthew Pitts (Fire and Burglar Alarm)

Mario Rodrigues (Burglar Alarm)

Applications for the following individuals were held in abeyance:

Christopher Lakatosh (Burglar Alarm) was held in abeyance pending receipt of the 72 hours required in trade related technical training.

William Thomason (Burglar Alarm) was held in abeyance pending receipt of the Certificate of completion from the Institute of Security & Technology.

#### REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALARM & LOCKSMITH BUSINESS LICENSES

The following businesses were provisionally approved for business licenses:

Atlantic Lock & Safe Services LLC

Tyco Integrated Security LLC

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Arthur Fucetola and seconded by Jon D Sprague to close Public Session. Motion carried. Public Session was closed at 12:15 p.m.