# HOME INSPECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of April 14, 2009 Public Session

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Home Inspection Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Del Greco at 9:45 a.m. in the Monmouth Conference Room, seventh floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the time, date and place and all pertinent material had been provided.

# SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

Joseph Grabowy read the statement required by Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, and announced that notice of the meeting was prepared in the office of the Committee and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Star-Ledger, the Courier Post, the Bergen Record and the Atlantic City Press.

# ROLL CALL

CMs present: Michael Del Greco

Daniel Casper Michael Fitzpatrick

CMs absent: None

Others present: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, and five members of the public.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 10, 2009

The Committee reviewed the minutes of March 10, 2009 and, on a motion by Vice-Chairman Casper, seconded by Chairman Del Greco, voted to approve the minutes as amended.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- a. Licensing Statistics:
- Licensed Home Inspectors Active 732
- Home Inspectors Expired 53
- Home Inspectors Inactive 82

Statistics were noted for the record.

# b. Continuing Education Units

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Casper, seconded by CM Fitzpatrick, the Committee voted to approve the continuing education report as noted.

c. Draft 2010 Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed the draft listing of meeting dates for the year 2010 and on a motion by Vice-

Chairman Casper, seconded by CM Fitzpatrick, voted to approve the list as presented.

# d. Incoming Correspondence

1) Michael J. Fitzpatrick

RE: New School Location - Inspection21

March 21, 2009

Mr. Fitzpatrick has advised the Board that it moved its Mount Laurel, NJ school to Toms River, NJ, and requested the Committee's Website be updated accordingly.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

2) Roland D. Lucas

RE: Consent Order, Complaint #53452

March 30, 2009

Mr. Lucas agreed to the terms of the Committee's Consent Order. Hence, this matter is closed.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

3) Douglas Sabey RE: Consent Order March 30, 2009

Mr. Sabey agreed to the terms of the Committee's Consent Order. Hence, this matter is closed.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

4) James A. Levy RE: Inspection21 March 6, 2009

Mr. Levy has advised the Committee that he has resolved his differences with Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Executive Director Inspection 21, regarding his completion of the home inspection curriculum.

After reviewing this correspondence the Committee noted it for the record.

5) David G. Esposito, Esquire

RE: Order to Enforce Litigant's Rights - Mr. David Lou (a.k.a. Mr. Lewis), Complaint #62098 January 20, 2009

Mr. Esposito requested that the Committee forward an Order to Enforce Litigant's Rights to Mr. Lou at the address contained in its records.

ED Russo advised that the Committee's records do not contain a licensee with that name and that Mr. Esposito will be so notified. Thereafter, this matter was moved to executive session for further discussion.

6) Robert J. Bernot, Esquire

RE: Uniform Penalty Letter In Lieu of Formal Disciplinary Complaint Sure Home Inspection Services - Gregor Van Pelt, Complaint #62463 March 18, 2009

Mr. Bernot, Esq. has advised DAG Bradford that his client, Mr. Van Pelt, has agreed to the terms of the Committee's previously issued UPL. However, the Committee office has not yet received the signed certification page of the UPL.

After reviewing this matter, the Committee, on a motion by CM Fitzpatrick and seconded by Vice-Chairman Casper, voted to

finalize its Uniform Penalty Letter and to modify it slightly by extending the repayment schedule to six months or \$125.00 per month, for a total penalty of \$750.00.

7) Craig Lewis, Lewis Home Inspections

RE: Complaint #33095

March 7, 2009

Mr. Lewis responded to the Committee's February 17, 2009 dated UPL.

After reviewing this matter the Committee directed that Mr. Lewis be requested to furnish it with a copy of the REHS (registered environmental health specialist) license which clearly identifies the license holder. This matter will be tabled until receipt of this information.

8) Kathleen Porcelli, American School of Business RE: Home Inspection Pre-Licensing Course

April 3, 2009

Ms. Porcelli, on behalf of her company, submitted a copy of American School of Business's Home Inspection Pre-licensing course for Committee review.

After reviewing this matter, the Committee recommended that the curriculum be sent to Kathleen Alexander, New Jersey Department of Education, for review with its recommendation that approval for this course be denied based upon the on-line approach/implementation of the curriculum and the lack of the required mentored training inspections.

9) Darren Miller

RE: Continuing Education

April 14, 2009

M. Miller requested additional time to complete his continuing education requirements.

Afer reviewing this matter, the Committee voted to grant Mr. Miller an extension of six (6) months, from April 30, 2009, to complete his continuing education credits.

e. Outgoing Correspondence

1) Jonathan P. Dixon & Associates

Architects & Engineers, P.C.

RE: Request for an extension of time to complete his continuing education units

April 6, 2009

Mr. Dixon was advised that the Committee granted him a six (6) month extension to October 31, 2009 to complete his continuing education units. Further, he was advised to review its statutes and regulations regarding the practice of the profession for the resolution of his other questions.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

2) Barry Bourquin

RE: Complaint #57463 and #57464

March 16, 2009

The Committee advised Mr. Bourquin, in writing, that it has concluded its investigation into these matters

and found insufficient causes for action in both cases. Hence, these matters are considered closed by the Committee.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

# APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Casper, seconded by Chairman Del Greco, the Committee voted to approve Jeffrey Guidetti, application #1412605, for licensure.

On a motion by Chairman Casper, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casper, the Committee voted to approve Donald Pierson, application #1407201, for licensure pending receipt of an insurance certificate.

# REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

On a motion by Vice Chairman Casper, seconded by CM Fitzpatrick, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following continuing education courses with the corresponding number of professional development hours (PDH):

Sponsor Course PDH

NABIE Relationship of Building Inspection Engineering and Material Sciences 1.5

100% Education by

McKissock Attic Ventilation 2.0

NJALPHI Rick Management 2.0

NY Metro Chapter Masonry Repairs and Foundation Waterproofing 1.0

NABIE Walls that work on Coastal Climates 1.5

NJALPHI Air Conditioning 2.0

100% Education by McKissock Obey the Law: Standards of Practices for NJ Home Inspectors 2.0

100% Education by McKissock Home Inspection: What are you doing `outside? 4.0

100% Education by McKissock Plumbing Cross Connections 3.0

100% Education by McKissock Electrical Service Inspections 3.0

100% Education by McKissock Construction Details and Trends for Home Inspectors 5.0

100% Education by McKissock Practical and Successful Reporting 4.0

NABIE Hurricane Hugo Begins 20 years of Hurricane History - What do we still have to learn? 1.5

Rutgers/DCA Modulating Condensing Hydronic Heat Sources 6.0

Rutgers/DCA Chimneys & Vents 7.0

Certainteed Corp. Introduction to Decking and Railing Systems 1.0

Certainteed Corp. The evolution of footing forms 1.0

Certainteed Corp. New dimensions in asphalt shingles 1.0 NACHI Structural engineering 2.0 NACHI Dry Basement Technology 2.0 NACHI The home inspector & EIFS 2.0 NACHI Structure for home inspectors #2 2.0 NACHI Wood Destroying insect Information 1.0 NACHI Home Inspection Report Writing 2.0 NJALPHI Foundations 2.0 NY Metro Chapter ASHI Plumbing Systems - Part 1 1.0 DCA Building Construction & Collapse 7.0 DCA Principles of Modern Building Construction 7.0 Garden State ASHI Basement Defect and Water Intrusion 2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - Updated Schools List The Board noted the list of approved schools for the record. PUBLIC COMMENTS Linda Geczi, of New Jersey ALPHI, spoke about "green" continuing education courses such as those pertaining to residential solar panels, etc. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION On a motion by Chairman Del Greco, seconded by Vice Chairman Casper, the Committee voted to enter into Executive Session. RETURN TO PUBLIC On a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Committee re-entered into Public Session for the purposes of adjournment. ADJOURNMENT On a motion by Chairman Del Greco, seconded by Vice Chairman Casper, the Committee voted to adjourn

the meeting at 4:00 PM.

APPROVED BY:

Michael Del Greco

Chairman

Arthur Russo

Executive Director