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SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

(PUBLIC SESSION) - - - DECEMBER 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the December 20, 2022 meeting of the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors was not held at 124 Halsey Street, but remotely. Pursuant to OPMA, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, notice was provided electronically within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting began at 9:00 and was accessed by the public via the (now inactive) link:

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The agenda was provided below to the extent known at the time of this notice. The meeting was limited to urgent matters and those related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any public comments were submitted by 2:00 P.M. on December 19, 2022 by e-mailing Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director, at tuckerp@dca.njoag.gov. The Board made its best efforts to read any comments received during the meeting.

The Board saluted the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph P. Schooley, Chairman

Mr. Gino Pasqualone

Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone

Mr. James H. Flaherty

Mr. Constantinos Papademas

Also in attendance:

Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law Philameana L. Tucker, Executive Director Kathleen Moran, Administrative Assistant Sadiqa Roe, Government Representative Marcy Jones, Administrative Assistant

There were also three (3) guests in attendance.

The Board discussed Senate Bill 2497 which would allow fire and burglar alarm licensees to list their internet address in all forms of advertisements, but not their license number. The Bill would require that the license number be listed on their website.

DAG Donofrio stated that the FBL Committee vehemently opposes this bill. The FBL Committee continually battles unlicensed practice and this bill would make it much more difficult for inspectors, and consumers, to ascertain if someone were licensed. Having only a website address listed on a commercial vehicle would make it more difficult for an inspector to identify if that company were licensed.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Constantinos Papademas, and unanimously passed, that the Board opposes and does not support Senate Bill 2497. The authority having jurisdiction, and consumers, would have a much more difficult time trying to identify a company and ensure whether or not the individual/company is licensed. All advertising, including commercial vehicles, should be visibly marked with the license number.

Roll call vote on the motion:

James H. Flaherty Yes
Anthony L. Anzelone Yes
Gino Pasqualone Yes
Constantinos Papademas Yes
Joseph P. Schooley Yes

Motion carries.

Chairman Schooley asked DAG Donofrio to comment on the new regulation concerning the requirements for examination.

DAG Donofrio stated that the governor signed legislation on December 18, 2018, which went into effect immediately. Therefore, as of December 17, 2022, applicants must submit with their application a Department of Labor certificate showing completion of a four year apprenticeship program followed by one journeyman year.

DAG Donofrio also stated that legislators allowed, for a four year period subsequent to 2018, anyone who has experience prior to that date would be permitted to use that four years of experience in lieu of attending four years in an apprenticeship program and also complete one year as a journeyman.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony L. Anzelone and seconded by Mr. Gino Pasqualone, and unanimously passed, to go into Executive Closed Session to consider and to review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of the law, including Board regulations have occurred. The results of the deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary action or other law enforcement action.

Meeting adjourned at P.M.

A Zoom Appointment and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philameana L. Tucker Executive Director