

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICE
CONTRACTOR LICENSING and ENFORCEMENT SECTION
CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD
DIVISION "B"

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the **CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION "B"** was called to order at 10:28 a.m., on TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008, in the 16th Floor Conference Room # 1605 of the Metro-Dade Flagler Building located at 140 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130-1563.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Affronte
Nestor Bustamante, **Chairman**
Art Fernandez
Charles Goins
Benny Horowitz
Barry Jordan
Lucio Rivero
Calvin Samuels
Kenneth Scott, **Vice-Chairman**
Todd Stiff
David Yocum

STAFF

Alvaro Cosculluela, P.E., Clerk of the Board
Eduardo W. Gonzalez, Assistant County Attorney for Benjamin Simon, Assistant County Attorney
Richard Seavey, Assistant County Attorney for Marlon Moffett, Assistant County Attorney
Jose Lezcano, Acting Supervisor Contractor Licensing & Enforcement Section
Shirley Brown, Supervisor Contractor Licensing
Alison Corvetto, Licensing Clerk
Nelly Nieves, Board Recording Secretary
Court Reporter, Tanya Settler of Official Reporting Service Inc.
Interpreter, Genevieve E. Paul of Carmazzi Language Service

The **minutes of the December 4, 2007** meeting were reviewed and **approved as written.**

APPEARANCES

PLUMBING APPEARANCES

REYNALDO LEYVA (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)

Appeared before the Board to request late renewal of his personal certification which expired September 30, 2003. Mr. Leyva's continuing education record reflects 48 hours pending. A motion was made by Lucio Rivero and seconded by Charles Goins to **APPROVE pending submission of his continuing education hours**. Mr. Leyva's request for late renewal of his personal certification was granted. The motion carried unanimously.

MECHANICAL APPEARANCES

RICARDO A. DIAZ (EXAM APPLICANT – MASTER REFRIGERATION – UNLTD)

Appeared before the Board to appeal the denial of his application for referenced examination. After some discussion and deliberation, the Board **DENIED** his application for examination for lack of sufficient evidence to prove six(6) years of comprehensive experience in the trade.

ARMANDO G. LOPEZ (MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE)

Appeared before the Board to request late renewal of his personal certification which expired September 30, 1999. Mr. Lopez's continuing education record reflects 80 hours pending. A motion was made by Michael Affronte and seconded by Barry Jordan to **APPROVE** his request for late renewal **pending receipt of his continuing education hours**. The motion carried unanimously.

EDUARDO ROSELL (EXAM APPLICANT – MASTER ROOM A/C)

Appeared before the Board to appeal the denial of his application for referenced examination. After some discussion, a motion was made By Michael Affronte and seconded by Lucio Rivero to **APPROVE** his application for examination. The motion carried unanimously.

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ELECTRICAL APPEARANCES

ANTONIO D. ALFONSO (MASTER BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM)

Appeared before the Board to request late renewal of his personal and business certification which expired March 31, 2001. Mr. Alfonso's continuing education record reflects 64 hours pending have been submitted and he is up to date. A motion was made, seconded and carried to **APPROVE** Mr. Alfonso's request for late renewal.

JOSE SUAREZ (**EXAM APPLICANT** – MASTER ELECTRICIAN)

Appeared before the Board to appeal the denial of his application for referenced examination. After some discussion and deliberation, a motion was made, seconded and carried to **APPROVE** Mr. Suarez to sit for the **journeyman** examination. **If successful, then may apply for the master examination and the Board would consider waiving the two(2) year waiting period before allow to sit for the master examination.**

PLUMBING APPLICATION/FILE REVIEW

NEW CERTIFICATION

The following business application was reviewed by the Board and **APPROVED**:

GARNER, MARGARET (MASTER LAWN SPRINKER)
ALL GREEN IRRIGATION SERVICES, INC.

The following business application was reviewed by the Board and **DENIED** due to derogatory credit information received:

LEVY, MICHAEL (MASTER PLUMBER)
ALL DADE PLUMBING & SPRINKLER

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PLUMBING continues...

CHANGE OF AFFILIATION

The following business application was reviewed by the Board and **DENIED** for lack of ownership:

SLOTSKY, PHILLIP (MASTER SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE – LIMITED)
FR: SABRA POOLS
TO: EXQUISITE POOL INC.

INACTIVE STATUS

---NONE---

RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL CERTIFICATE ONLY - BROWARD COUNTY

---NONE---

RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL/BUSINESS CERTIFICATES – BROWARD COUNTY

---NONE---

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PLUMBING APPLICATION/FILE REVIEW

APPROVED EXAM APPLICANTS - JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER

HUDSON, WILLIAM (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)
JACOBS, BRIAN (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)
MORALES, DANIEL JOSE (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)
PEREZ, ENRIQUE (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)
ZAMONA, HECTOR (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)
ZAMORA, LEONARDO JOSE (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)
ZAYAS, PABLO JOSE (JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER)

The following examination applications were reviewed by the Board and **DENIED** for lack of experience:

GARAS, SALAMA (MAINTENANCE PLUMBER)
MOHR, JOHN (PLUMBING MAINTENANCE)

APPROVED EXAM APPLICANTS – MASTER PLUMBER

ALMENDAREZ, JOHAN (MASTER LAWN SPRINKLER)
DIAZ, LINO (MASTER LAWN SPRINKLER)
SOCARRAZ, MATTHEW (MASTER LAWN SPRINKLER)
TORRES, CESAR (MASTER LAWN SPRINKLER)

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MECHANICAL APPLICATION/FILE REVIEW

NEW CERTIFICATION

---NONE---

CHANGE OF AFFILIATION

---NONE---

INACTIVE STATUS

---NONE---

RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL CERTIFICATE ONLY - BROWARD COUNTY

The following application was reviewed by the Board and and **APPROVED**:

SAUNDERS, RONALD C. (JOURNEYMAN SHEET METAL)

RECIPROCITY–PERSONAL & BUSINESS CERTIFICATES- BROWARD COUNTY

---NONE---

APPROVED EXAM APPLICANTS - JOURNEYMAN MECHANICAL

GARCIA, JAIME (JOURNEYMAN AIR CONDITIONING)
RODRIGUEZ, SEVENO R. (JOURNEYMAN GENERAL MECHANICAL)
MOHEDANO, JOSE A. (MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE)

The following examination application was reviewed by the Board and **DENIED** due to maintenance experience only:

GOMEZ, WILLIAM (JOURNEYMAN AIR CONDITIONING)

EXAM APPLICANTS - MASTER MECHANICAL

---NONE---

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ELECTRICAL APPLICATION/FILE REVIEW

NEW CERTIFICATION

The following business applications were reviewed by the Board and **APPROVED**:

CASTRO, VICTOR (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
V.I. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR INC.

MORALES, THOSVANY (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
M & D ELECTRICAL SERVICES INC.

CHANGE OF AFFILIATION

The following business application was reviewed and **APPROVED** by the Board:

DIAZ, ANDRES (MASTER BURGLAR ALARM)
FR: ATLANTIC BURGLAR ALARM OF DADE COUNTY INC.
TO: SUNCOAST WIRING OPTIONS CO.

INACTIVE STATUS

The following application was reviewed and **APPROVED** by the Board:

SAMUELS, CALVIN MICHAEL (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
FR: TROPIC ELECTRIC INC.

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RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL CERTIFICATE ONLY – BROWARD COUNTY

The following applications were reviewed by the Board and **APPROVED**:

ALONSO, EDDY (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
BULA, RICARDO (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
CONSUARA, LUIS E. (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
DABUL, JOSE L. (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
PAVETA, OSVALDO (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
ROBLETO, VICTOR (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
RODRIGUEZ, LUIS M. (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
SMITH, PAUL (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
TAYLOR, JAMES SMITH (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)

RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL & BUSINESS CERTIFICATE – BROWARD COUNTY

The following business applications was reviewed by the Board and **APPROVED** Board:

EISEMTAVT, WILLIAM (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
SHOCKPROOF ELECTRIC INC.

RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL CERTIFICATE ONLY – WEST PALM BEACH

---NONE---

RECIPROCITY – PERSONAL & BUSINESS CERTIFICATE – WEST PALM BEACH

---NONE---

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APPROVED EXAM APPLICANTS - JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN

HERNANDEZ, JOSE (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
LEE, BOBBY MANTELL (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
MORENO, RODRIGO (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)
TAPIA, JORGE LUIS (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)

The following examination was reviewed by the Board and **DENIED** due to not working for a licensed contractor:

MORENO, RODRIGO (JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN)

EXAM APPLICANTS - MASTER ELECTRICIAN

The Board reviewed and **DENIED** the following applications for lack of a journeyman as a prerequisite:

ALMONTE, EMILIO (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
ARMAS, JESUS (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
GARCES, ROBERTO (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)
GUTIERREZ, YANDRO (MASTER ELECTRICIAN)

The Board reviewed and **DENIED** the following application for lack of working for a licensed contractor in the trade:

CASTILLO, YOENYS (MASTER LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN)

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BOARD INFORMATION

The Board **acknowledged** the following report:

Miami-Dade County Exam Roster of December 15, 2007

ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2008 (Chairman and Vice-Chairman)

A motion was made by Bennie Horowitz and seconded by Barry Jordan to maintain the status quo: Nestor Bustamante for Chairman and Kenneth Scott for Vice-chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “B”
SPECIAL SESSION
MEETING of JANUARY 8, 2008**

Re: ILLEGALLY OBTAINED LICENSES

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS on GUILTY/NO CONTEST PLEAS:

- **Board reserves the right to use discretion to alter the order**

PLEA / DATE

1. Raul Castro (Electrical) October 26, 2007/Not Guilty
Lightning Power Electric Corp **Changed Plea to “No Contest”**
(30 Counts)
Respondent’s Attorney: Adrian D. Fernadaz
Results: Fined \$4,000 on Count 1; Fined \$500 each on Counts
2,3,4,6,7,9,10,13,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,26,27,28,29; Fined \$5,000 each on
untransferred permits Counts 5,8,11,12,17, 25 and 30; 90 days to transfer permits to a
licensed contractor for a reduction to \$500 each; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; Barred
two(2) years from applying for a Contractor license; 365 days to pay; must make monthly
payments to start within 90 days; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of
Business and Professional Regulation – Electrical Contractors Board on barred time.
2. Jose Alberto Garcia (Plumbing) November 28, 2007/Not Guilty
New Concept Plumbing Inc. **Changed Plea to “Guilty”**
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Yehuda Bruck
Results: Fined \$1,000; Pay Administrative Cost of \$823; Barred two(2) years from
applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of
Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred
time.
3. Juan Gonzalez (Plumbing) November 28, 2007/Not Guilty
J & A Plumbing Services Inc. **Changed Plea to “Guilty without Questions”**
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Steven Falk
Results: Fined \$2,500 plus Administrative Cost \$823; Fined \$1,500 for unreturned
license which will be waived if returned; Barred two(2) years from applying for a
Contractor license; 60 days to pay; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of
Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred
time.

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. Luis Gonzalez (Plumbing) Quinonez Plumbing Inc. (Eight Counts) Respondent’s Attorney: No Legal Representation Results: Fined \$4,000 on Count 1; Fined \$500 each on Counts 3,4,5,7 and 8; Fined \$5,000 each on Counts 2 and 6. Barred two(2) years from applying for a Contractor license; Plus Pay Administrative Cost \$823; six(6) months to pay; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred time.	October 26, 2007/Not Guilty Changed Plea to “No Contest”
5. Gerardo Haramboure (A/C Unlimited) Kendall Appliances (Ten Counts) Respondent’s Attorney: Samuel Rabin, Jr. Results: Counts 2,3,9 and 10 were withdrawn by the County based on permits obtained by a licensed contractor; Fined \$1,000 on Count 1; Fined \$5,000 on Count 7 which will reduce if transfer to a licensed contractor; 30 days to transfer permit; Fined \$500 each on Counts 1,4,5,6 and 8; Barred two(2) years from applying for a Contractor license; 60 days to pay; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred time.	October 26, 2007/Not Guilty Changed Plea to “Guilty”
6. Jorge Mendez (Plumbing) Mendez Plumbing Inc. (12 Counts) Respondent’s Attorney: Joseph Tesmond	October 26, 2007/Not Guilty <u>BOARD ORDERED A CONTINUANCE</u> Proper/Sufficient Notice an Issue

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| 7. | Oswaldo Mendoza (Electrical)
O.H. Electric Services Inc.
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Yehuda Bruck
Results: Fined \$1,000; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; 60 days to pay; Barred two(2) years from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation – Electrical Contractors Board on barred time. | November 28, 2007/Not Guilty |
| 8. | Orlando R. Mesa (Plumbing)
Mesa-Sons Corp dba Mesa-Sons Plumbing Corp.
(Two Counts)
Respondent’s Attorney: No Legal Representation
Results: Fined \$1,500 each on Count 1 and Count 2; Fined \$1,500 for unreturned license which will waive if return; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; 60 days to pay; Barred five(5) years on applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred time. | October 26, 2007/Not Guilty
Changed Pleas to “Guilty” |
| 9. | Carlos A. Pacheco (Electrical Sign)
Sign Master & Lighting Inc.
(Five Counts)
Respondent’s Attorney: No Legal Representation
Results: | November 28, 2007/Not Guilty
COUNTY REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE/GRANTED |

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| 10. Rafael Perez (Refrigeration & A/C)
PRT Cool Service Inc.
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Yehuda Bruck
Results: Fined \$5,000; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; Barred indefinitely from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred time. | November 28, 2007/Not Guilty
Changed Plea to “Guilty” |
| 11. Richar M. Puerto (Electrical)
Pro. Power. Electric Inc.
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: No Legal Representation
Results: Fined \$1,000; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; 60 days to pay; Barred five(5) years from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation – Electrical Contractors Licensing Board on barred time. | November 28, 2007/Not Guilty
Changed Plea to “Guilty” |
| 12. Javier Reynaldo (Electrical)
Pirates Industries Inc. dba Pirates Electrical Contractors
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Yehuda Bruck
Results: Fined \$1,000; Fined \$1,500 for unreturned license; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; 90 days to pay; Barred five(5) years from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation – Electrical Contractors Licensing Board on barred time. | November 28, 2007/Not Guilty
Changed Plea to “Guilty” |

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13. Mitchell Rodriguez (Electrical) Prosperity Electric Ltd Co.
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Lee Stapleton Milford
Results: Fined \$5,000 which may be reduced to \$4,000 if return license; Pay Administrative cost \$823; 60 days to pay; Barred five(5) years from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation – Electrical Contractors Licensing Board on barred time.
14. Ivan Tuduri (Electrical) South Technology Inc.
(Ten Counts)
Respondent’s Attorney:
Results: Fined \$2,500 on Count 1; \$5,000 each on Counts 5,7,9 and 10 which may be reduced to \$500 each if transfer permits to a licensed contractor; 60 days to transfer; Fined \$500 each on Counts 2,3,4,6 and 8; Nine(9) months to pay; Barred five(5) years from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation – Electrical Contractors Licensing Board on barred time.
15. Gilberto Valdes (A/C Unlimited) Omega Air Conditioning Systems Inc.
(One Count)
Respondent’s Attorney: Thomas Payne
Results: Fined \$2,500; Fined \$1,500 for unreturned license which will waive if return license; Pay Administrative Cost \$823; 90 days to pay; Barred two(2) years from applying for a Contractor license; Recommendation to the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation - Construction Industry Licensing Board on barred time.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:05 P.M.

ACCEPTED _____

DATE _____