

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS  
FIRE ALARM BURGLAR ALARM AND LOCKSMITH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2007  
PUBLIC SESSION**

The notice of this meeting was prepared in the Office of the Board and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Star Ledger, the Trenton Times and the Courier Post.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Robert Shoremount at 9:30 a.m. in the Hudson Room, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the date, time and location of this meeting and pertinent material was provided to meeting participants.

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the roll call of members.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present:

Robert Boyer  
Keith Eaves  
William Hartung  
Robert Shoremount  
Jon Sprague

Others Present:

Barbara A. Cook, Executive Director  
George DeLuca, Administrative Analyst  
Sally Barletta, Senior Clerk Transcriber  
Joseph Cantalupo, Member, Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors  
Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General

Committee members Edward Bagniewski, Arthur Fucetola, Charles Okun and Richard Rible were unable to attend the meeting.

Members of the Public:

John F. Poloney

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Advisory Committee members were informed that the revised draft instructions and amended Business License application have been forwarded to the Division Print Production unit for development.

Advisory Committee members were also informed that Committee member Barry Starer has relocated out-of-state and will resign from his position on the Advisory Committee. Accordingly, Mr. Starer has been asked to submit his letter of resignation to the Advisory Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2007 (Previously Forwarded to Committee)**

Upon review of the minutes of the January 16, 2007 Public Session (previously forwarded to the Committee), motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by William Hartung and unanimously passed to approve the Public Session minutes for the January 16, 2007 meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THE MARCH 20, 2007 MEETING**

Upon the review of the recommendations made at the March 20, 2007 Meeting, motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Jon Sprague to correct page four (4), paragraph two (2), line five (5) from "In the Committee's opinion, promptly available minutes would mean within 10 business days of approval of the minutes by the governing body." to "In the Committee's opinion, promptly available minutes should mean within 10 business days of approval of the minutes by the governing body." The motion was unanimously passed to approve the recommendations made at the March 20, 2007 meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Barbara Cook informed the Advisory Committee that 3,611 fire alarm, burglar alarm and locksmith licenses have been issued and 900 applicants are currently being processed through the licensing system.

Executive Director Barbara Cook also informed the Advisory Committee that the NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 2002 edition reference manual is available.

Motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Keith Eaves and unanimously passed requesting that Thomson Prometric update the NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 1999 edition reference manual in the New Jersey Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Candidate Information Bulletin to the NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 2002 edition.

Executive Director Cook informed the Advisory Committee of the adoption of the proposal to establish a late fee and reinstatement fee for Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith licensees .

The Advisory Committee was provided with an overview of the fire alarm, burglar alarm and locksmith online renewal process. Licenses expire on August 31, 2007. It is expected that renewal notices will be sent to licensees in June 2007. The licensee fee for the next triennial period will be \$120.00. New identification cards will be issued by Thomson Prometric to licensees. It is expected that the fee for the new identification cards will be \$15.00. Licensees are not required to undergo an updated criminal history review.

Executive Director Cook also informed the Advisory Committee about an advisory posted on the Advisory Committee web-site with regard to the renewal of licenses.

## **REVIEW OF DRAFT RULE AMENDMENT (Previously Forwarded to Committee)**

- N.J.A.C. 13:31A - 1.10 Reciprocity

Following discussion, motion was made by Edward Bagniewski, seconded by Robert Boyer and unanimously passed to recommend that the Advisory Committee develop an amendment to the current rule or develop a new rule to require that individuals currently licensed in another jurisdiction seeking licensure through Reciprocity shall submit proof that the prerequisite qualifications for licensure in the applicant's jurisdiction are greater than or equal to those currently required by the Advisory Committee. Also, applicants from other jurisdictions will be required to successfully complete the New Jersey requisite licensing examination.

## **DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT (Previously Forwarded to Committee)**

- Inquiry From A Business Engaged In The Internet Based Sale Of Alarm Products And Internet Based Monitoring Of Alarms

The Advisory Committee reviewed and briefly discussed correspondence received by Richard A. Giuditta, Esq., on behalf of a client who requested an Advisory Committee opinion concerning licensure with regard to their plan to provide internet based remote monitoring. A recommendation was made at the March 20,

2007 to invite Mr. Guiditta and his client to appear before the Advisory Committee. Subsequently, Mr. Guiditta informed the Advisory Committee that his client has declined the invitation to appear before the Advisory Committee. Motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Jon Sprague and unanimously passed to approve the recommendations made on March 20, 2007 should Mr. Guiditta's client seek an opinion at a later time.

### **REQUEST FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT (Previously Forwarded to Committee)**

- Inquiry With Regard To "Voice Over IP" (Paul Smoley, Alarm Licensee And Electrical Contractor)

Members in attendance reviewed correspondence submitted by Paul Smoley, Absolute Protective Systems, Inc., with regard to Voice over IP. Subsequent to the discussion, the members of the Advisory Committee requested that correspondence be sent to Mr. Smoley reflecting the Committee's appreciation for his identification of the issues which have emerged due to the integration of Voice Over IP and the installation of alarms and electronic security systems.

### **REVIEW OF DRAFT LEGISLATION**

- S-2473 (Comments Previously Submitted and Previously Forwarded to Committee)

Upon review of the recommendations made at the March 20, 2007 meeting, the Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed comments previously submitted with regard to the draft legislation, Senate Bill S-2473. The Bill would authorize the courts to waive the license revocation process for certain child support obligors. Members of the Advisory Committee have reviewed S-2473 and have provided the following comments:

1. The Advisory Committee supports this measure as a genuine effort to collect child support obligations in arrears. If an individual is making a sincere effort to meet his obligation, his livelihood should not be taken away from him/her.
2. Committee Members expressed an interest in knowing how notification would be given to those agencies who issue the licenses and have denied same for child support arrearages and the court then waives the revocation (denial of licensure) because a good faith effort is being made to meet the obligations and eliminate the arrearages.

Motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Jon Sprague and unanimously passed to approve the recommendations made on March 20, 2007.

- A-3899 (Comments Previously Submitted)

Upon review of the recommendations made at the March 20, 2007 meeting, the Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed comments previously submitted with regard to the draft legislation, Assembly Bill A-3899. The Bill clarifies the length of time by which public bodies are required to make minutes of meetings available to the public. Members of the Advisory Committee have reviewed A-3899 and oppose this legislation as written. In the Committee's opinion, promptly available minutes should mean within 10 business days of approval of the minutes by the governing body.

Motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Jon Sprague and unanimously passed to approve the recommendations made on March 20, 2007.

### **FOR THE COMMITTEE'S INFORMATION**

- Division Of Law Billing Report For The Second Quarter Of Fiscal Year 2007 (Previously Forwarded to Committee)

Upon reviewed of the recommendations made at the March 20, 2007 meeting, the Advisory Committee reviewed the Billing Report provided by the Division of Law for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The report indicated that 33.5 hours for Deputy Attorney General and Paralegal services were accrued during the quarter for a total of \$3,535.08.

Motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Keith Eaves and unanimously passed to proceed into Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., the Advisory Committee reconvened in Public Session to report the following:

#### **REVIEW OF CRIMINAL HISTORY SUMMARIES OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE**

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed criminal history summaries dated February 20, 2007 for four (4) applicants. Upon discussion, four (4) applicants were approved for licensure.

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed criminal history summaries dated May 15, 2007 for one (1) applicant. Upon discussion, one (1) applicant was approved for licensure.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, motion was made by William Hartung, seconded by Keith Eaves and unanimously passed to adjourn the Public Session at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Cook  
Executive Director