

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
FIRE ALARM BURGLAR ALARM AND LOCKSMITH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2005
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 Somerset 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:

Richard T. Aicher
Robert Boyer, Vice Chairman
Keith Eaves
William Hartung Charles Okun
Robert Shoremount, Chairman
Jon Sprague
Barry Starer
Others Present:

Barbara A. Cook, Executive Director
George DeLuca, Administrative Analyst
Alok Jain, Personal Assistant to the Executive Director
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, and Richard Rible were unable to attend the meeting.

Members of the Public:

Bruce C. Sumner
Nicholas Hart
Dan Rowan
Jeff Davis
Gerard Duffy
Rich Trevelise
Brian Lombardo
Melanie Ryerson
Richard Olive
Harry G. Pyetti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Public Session agenda was amended for this meeting to include discussion of the Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Advisory Committee Rules, (N.J.A.C. 13:31A - 2.7).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2005

Upon the review of the minutes of the April 19, 2005 Public Session, motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by William Hartung and unanimously passed to approve the Public Session minutes for the April 19, 2005 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Cook informed the Advisory Committee that 2,500 applicants have been processed for fire alarm, burglar alarm and locksmith licenses and approximately 1,986 applicants are currently being processed.

Executive Director Cook also informed the Advisory Committee that 25 applications for license through examination have been prepared for review by Committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Trevelise, Reliable Safety Systems, Inc., and a member of the New Jersey Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, informed the Advisory Committee of a meeting in which he participated with Senator Paul Sarlo, co-sponsor of Senate Bill S-2337. The meeting participants discussed home theater and video conference systems and whether a license should be required of businesses that install the systems.

Mr. Trevelise also informed the Advisory Committee that the New Jersey Burglar and Fire Alarm Association will offer eight (8) hours of instruction in Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (UCC), Life Safety Code, and Barrier Free Sub-Code. The successful completion of the subject matter is required as a prerequisite for approval to take the burglar and fire alarm licensing examinations.

Jeff Davies, J & P Lock & Alarm, stated his agreement with the Advisory Committee's previously stated position with regard to Senate Bill S-2337.

Richard Olive, a member of the South Jersey Locksmith Association, inquired when the Advisory Committee would initiate the licensing of alarm and locksmith businesses. Mr. Olive was informed that the licensing of businesses will begin once the licensing of individuals under the waiver and grandfathering provisions is completed. Mr. Olive was also advised that there are regulatory and procedural matters that must be resolved prior to the licensing of the businesses.

Harry G Pyett, a member of the South Jersey Locksmith Association, inquired whether an individual needs to obtain a license when duplicating keys. Chairman Shoremount referred Mr. Pyett to the Advisory Committee's rules and the definition of "Locksmithing services".

DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL S-2337

Motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Keith Eaves and unanimously passed to table further discussion of Senate Bill S-2337 until Executive Session.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., motion was made by Robert Boyer, seconded by Jon Sprague and unanimously passed to proceed into Executive Session.

At approximately 1:25 p.m., motion was made by Charles Okun, seconded by Robert Boyer and unanimously passed to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Public Session.

INQUIRY FROM SENATOR PAUL SARLO WITH REGARD TO SENATE BILL 2-2337

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed correspondence forwarded by Senator Paul Sarlo on behalf of a constituent. Senator Sarlo requested that the Advisory Committee provide a written interpretation whether licensing is required for the type of services provided by the constituent.

Motion was made Robert Boyer, seconded by Keith Eaves and unanimously passed to request that Deputy Attorney General Joseph Donofrio draft a response to Senator Sarlo based upon the determination made by Advisory Committee that the services provided by the constituent are within the scope of practice for which a license is required.

REVIEW OF CRIMINAL HISTORY SUMMARIES OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed criminal history summaries for thirty-two (32) applicants. Of the thirty-two (32) applicants, twelve (12) applicants will receive a Demand for Statement in Writing Under Oath from Deputy Attorney General Joseph Donofrio. Eighteen (18) applicants were approved for licensure and two (2) applicants will receive a Demand for Statement in Writing Under Oath.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

- N.J.A.C. 13:31A-2.7, Locksmith Employees, Inclusion of "CIL" Rating As Comparable With The "CRL" Rating To Satisfy The Requirement As An Unsupervised Locksmith Employee (Published In The May 7, 2005 New Jersey Register)

The Advisory Committee reviewed and acknowledged the publication of the proposed amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Keith Eaves, seconded by Jon Sprague and unanimously passed to adjourn Public Session at 1:45 p.m. and continue with the review of applications for Alarm and Locksmith Licenses and subcommittee review of criminal histories for the remainder of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Cook
Executive Director