

**HOME INSPECTION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 12, 2008
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

CMs Absent: Michael Fitzpatrick

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 14, 2008

The Committee reviewed the minutes of October 14, 2008 and, on a motion by Chairman Del Greco, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casper, voted to approve the minutes as amended.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Arthur Russo reported the following home inspector statistics as of October 10, 2008:

Actively licensed home inspectors 726
Expired home inspectors 54
Inactive home inspectors 73

ED Russo mentioned the continued shortage of administrative staff, but acknowledged that one staff member is expected to return from her disability leave shortly.

The Committee's Webpage has been updated to reflect the current slate of officers.

Chairman Del Greco stated he will be attending an ASHI meeting on November 13, 2008 in Garwood, NJ, if timely approved by the State.

Incoming Correspondence

Michael J. Fitzpatrick - Inspection 21

RE: Change of Address
October 16, 2008

Mr. Fitzpatrick requested that the address for the Inspection21 Home Inspection Institute be changed on the Committee's Website.

After reviewing this correspondence the Committee concluded to request its Print Production Unit to reflect Inspection 21's updated address on its Website.

Outgoing Correspondence

Richard A. Merkt, Assemblyman
Re: Michael Brander, Application #1358445
October 15, 2008

Assemblyman Merkt requested the status of Mr. Brander's home inspector application.

The Committee advised Assemblyman Merkt that all home inspector applications proceed through a process and are reviewed in a timely manner. Further, the Assemblyman was advised that Mr. Brander's application would follow this process.

Jeff Coldon, President
Certified tank Testing
RE: Violation of Committee Regulation
November 2008

The Committee obtained a copy of a marketing promotion during the month of October 2008 which offered a \$100 gas card to licensed inspectors for three paid referrals to the Certified Tank Testing company.

The Home Inspection Advisory Committee concluded that this practice, of receiving a gas card for referrals, constituted a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:40-15.19. The Committee directed that CIT be advised that home inspectors who participated in this promotion could be exposed to disciplinary action. Chairman Del Greco was recused from any discussion in this matter.

The Editor
RE: Rescheduling of the November 2008 Meeting Date
October 28, 2008

The Committee advised the major newspaper editors of the change in its November 2008 meeting date.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

On a motion by Chairman Del Greco, seconded by Vice Chairman Casper, the Committee voted to approve the following individuals for licensure.

Applicant Application #

Christopher Wright 1362679
David Rogo 1372869 **
Patrick Pisani 1373571

*Pending Insurance

REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

The Committee tabled the review of any continuing education courses to its next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

EBPHI - National Home Inspector Examination, Policies, Procedures and Content Booklet

This correspondence was noted for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph McGrath spoke about the installation of home fire suppressant systems in new homes or new additions.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Casper, seconded by CM Del Greco, the Committee unanimously 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 to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Casper, seconded by CM Del Greco, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM.

APPROVED BY:

Michael Del Greco
Chairman

Arthur Russo
Executive Director