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# Message from Chair Margaret Cavin



For those that are familiar with the Contractors Board, it comes as no surprise when I tell you our mission of protecting the public and promoting confidence and trust in the construction industry is what draws each member to serving on the Board.

As a Board, we take the responsibility of properly vetting our licensed contractors seriously because we understand the risk factors of letting an unknown professional into your home. Extensive efforts are made to evaluate all spectrums of qualifications and concerns of those applying for a contractor's license to minimize potential risks or harm to consumers.

Our application process strives to balance the needs and opportunities for our applicants with the public's right to be protected and safeguarded. We take into consideration factors related to financial responsibility, character and past criminal offenses, as well as knowledge and skills of the trade and various laws that govern the construction and business industries.

Just as we make resources available to the public, our website offers contractors and applicants applying for licensure information that can help an individual determine if they qualify for waiver of trade exam or experience requirements, as well as sharing valuable insights about pitfalls to avoid when completing an application to make the processing and approval as streamlined as possible. Although we are a public protection agency, we share in the goal to expand the number of licensed contractors working in Nevada.

There is nothing more rewarding than granting someone a license and seeing their dreams become a reality. We appreciate the efforts made by our licensees to do things correctly and in accordance with the laws and industry standards that govern the construction trade. As a licensee, we take on an even greater responsibility and accountability with the public by paving a path of recourse for homeowners in the event others in the industry fail to uphold their end of the bargain.

The Residential Recovery Fund that is paid into by biennial assessments from all residential licensed contractors is one of the most valuable tools to encourage homeowners to hire licensed contractors. Since the first claim was awarded in 2001, over \$11 million has been distributed to eligible homeowners who had a negative and financially harmful experience with their contractor. In most cases, the licensed contractor they hired subsequently had its license revoked due to bad business practices, both financial and workmanship related.

The Recovery Fund is a symbolic way of bringing the Board's mission together with the industry to send a clear message that we care about the residents of Nevada. We all aim to protect consumer's interests while being able to provide our customers with quality service. This is why serving on the Board is so valuable, and why we will continue to partner and collaborate with the industry on important initiatives that further our common goals.

# Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Many of the initiatives we set out to achieve this quarter focused on ways to improve and streamline the experience of applicants for licensure.

As I've shared with you in previous Horizon publications, the Board has been actively engaged in state discussions concerning efforts to reduce barriers to licensure and improve opportunities for licensure by endorsement. In addition to the strategic initiatives being sought at the state and national levels, the Contractors Board has been taking a proactive review of its statutes, regulations, and policies to identify areas that could be modified or eliminated to enhance the licensing experience for those applying both in and out of state.

Regulatory changes have already been made to provide licensure by endorsement opportunities. Advancing this progress, several initiatives were submitted to the Governor's office this quarter for consideration in the 2019 Legislative Session, and I am pleased to report that all of our recommendations were accepted and placed into bill form.

Assembly Bills 25, 26, 27, and 29 include initiatives that address financial review requirements for new licensees, allow for the reinstatement of licensure without penalty for members of our military called to active duty, elimination of the timeframe requirement for experience to allow any experience to be considered, elimination of the time allowed for a license to remain on inactive status, among



others.

We will be pursuing changes to our Residential Recovery Fund award allowances to be able to make more funds available to eligible and qualifying homeowners who have been harmed during the course of their construction project. In light of some significant cases with more than 100 homeowners harmed in total by a single contractor, allowing the Board to distribute a greater amount of funding will better protect homeowners and assist them in recovering from financial losses incurred.

The Contractors Board has always made the protection of the public a priority in its daily operations. We receive an average of 3,000 complaints a year dealing with workmanship concerns, money owing issues, allegations of violations of the laws governing contractors, and unlawful contracting/advertising.

Embedded within these complaints are unfortunate

cases that deal with our senior citizens. Nothing brings me more frustration than seeing seniors in our communities being taken advantage of, and I will continue to advocate for their protection above all else in everything we do.

In this issue are two key areas I'd encourage you to read. The first highlights some of the senior cases we investigated during the quarter, while the second piece has to do with our Contractor Training Day program this year. Paul Greenwood provided extremely valuable and pertinent information about how elder abuse exists within our industry and actions contractors can take to better meet the needs of elderly customers, while also understanding various warning signs related to elder abuse and what to do with information or observances you make during your home interactions.

I will always be proud of every case we validate and are able to resolve that makes a senior whole again. But I continue to encourage each of you within the industry to evaluate your own business practices and see what efforts you can make in your own operations to better meet the needs of your senior customers - efforts to be more accommodating, responsive to their needs, and employ greater empathy during your interactions.

There will always be a 'next generation of seniors and one day, we'll be it, so let's ensure our practices are something we can live with as future customers.

*Margi A. Grein*

# Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Department is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered twice a month by the Board, which guides applicants through key areas of the application, experience qualifications, and exam and bonding requirements.



## Quarterly Statistics

- New License Applications: 460 (+16%)
- Licenses Issued: 357 (+28%)
- Change Applications: 680 (-8%)
- Active Licenses: 15,673 (+3%)
- Inactive Licenses: 621 (-11%)
- Placed on Inactive Status 37 (+37%)
- Voluntarily Surrendered: 63 (+7%)
- Active License Renewals: 1,860 (+8%)
- Inactive License Renewals: 59 (-24%)
- License Suspensions (no bond): 191 (-8%)
- Licenses Cancelled: 120 (-34%)
- Application Denial Hearings: 10 (+25%)
- Financial Responsibility Hearings: 8 (+100%)

## Board initiatives aim to streamline licensing

The Contractors Board has posted an online State Equivalency Chart as a guide for people interested in obtaining a Nevada contractor's license by endorsement. The guide outlines states' testing and experience requirements giving applicants who are interested in applying for waivers benchmarks for comparing their credentials from other states. The Board is also pursuing legislative changes in the 2019 Legislative Session that focus on experience requirements, reinstatement rights, inactive licenses, financial requirements for new licensees, among other changes.

Additionally, the Board is working to improve its license classification system. It recently compiled the number of active licensees in each classification and reviewed scopes of work to identify areas for consolidation.

# Enforcement

NSCB's Criminal and Compliance Investigations Divisions respond to all consumer and industry complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractors. The Board assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations. After gathering evidence against unlicensed contractors, the Board submits cases to the local district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

## Interviews Help Pave Path for Licensure

Licensing utilizes the expertise of Enforcement to conduct interviews with applicants whose history reveals criminal activities of concern. The interview process is an informal administrative meeting that affords an applicant the opportunity to provide further explanation and reasoning about crimes they may have committed.

Based on the information disclosed during the interview, Enforcement will make a recommendation on whether the applicant poses a risk to the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Of the 13 applicants interviewed for this purpose during the reporting period, 11 (85%) were approved for licensure and 2 (15%) applicants were denied licensure and afforded the opportunity to request an appeal hearing before the Board.

### Residential Recovery Fund July 1 - September 30

- 27 new cases
- 9 monetary awards
- \$91,960.96
- \$6.4 million balance as of Sept. 30, 2018

## QUARTER IN REVIEW

### 693 Complaints Opened

- 280 Workmanship (40%)
- 52 Money Owing (8%)
- 109 Industrial Regulation (16%)
- 178 Contracting without a License (26%)
- 71 Unlawful Advertising (10%)
- 3 Criminal Fraud (<1%)

### 100 Citations Issued

- 43 to licensed contractors
  - \$57,300 in Fines
  - \$15,008 in Costs
- 19 to unlicensed contractors
  - \$20,500 in Fines
  - \$7,817 in Costs
- 38 Criminal Citations

### 50 Disciplinary Hearings

- 15 Licenses Revoked
- 40 Cases assessed fines & costs
  - \$142,100 in Fines
  - \$44,133 in Costs

### 2 Summary Suspensions

### 61 Criminal Affidavits Filed with District Attorney Offices

### 83 Cease & Desist Orders Issued to Unlicensed Contractors

# Board Comes to Aid of Seniors; Addresses Life-Safety Complaints

*The Contractors Board opens and investigates all complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractors it receives from the public. Cases that involve alleged crimes against senior citizens and/or threats to public's safety receive priority attention. The Board will include a recommendation to seek additional penalties for acts committed against seniors, as permitted under Nevada Revised Statutes 193.167 when referring criminal cases to a district attorney for prosecution.*

uring the quarter, the Board investigated several cases involving senior citizens and life/safety matters. A sampling of these investigations is summarized below:

- Workmanship issues arose after a licensed contractor installed a wall furnace in an 83-year-old woman's home. The Board learned that Southwest Gas had determined the equipment was unsafe – a possible obstruction could result in carbon dioxide buildup in the home. The Board issued the contractor a Notice to Correct, but the contractor determined he would not be able to make the repairs necessary. The contractor reimbursed the homeowner in full, removed the faulty equipment, and patched the wall.

- A leak caused by an unlicensed contractor's installation of a hydrotherapy bathtub a 73-year-old woman's home resulted and mold and mildew damage. The installer fully cooperated in the Board's investigation, paid fines for the unlicensed activity, refunded the home-

owner's money, replaced defective fixtures and passed the examinations required for licensure in Nevada.

- An 80-year-old woman allegedly paid an unlicensed landscaper more than \$8,500 over five weeks for lawn care services. According to information the Board provided to prosecutors, the woman felt obligated to continue paying the man because he treated her with kindness, while charging \$600 for small landscaping projects such as replanting shrubs. The case is pending prosecution.

- An unlicensed contractor demolished gas and plumbing lines at the beginning of a remodeling project, forcing a woman from her home for more than a month. As the project dragged on with little progress, the homeowner filed a complaint with the Board. Working swiftly to make her home livable, the Board instructed the woman to obtain bids from licensed contractors. Repairs were quickly made, and the Board sent its evidence to the district attorney's office, recommending it seek restitution and prosecution.

## Background Check Initiative

The Contractors Board initiated 51 background investigations during the quarter. The Enforcement Department closed 54 cases. Eighteen remain open. During the investigations, the Board interviewed 22 applicants with criminal histories, issued six administrative fines to applicants for misrepresentation of material facts, levied \$3,000 in fines and assessed \$1,436 in investigative costs.

<b>Fingerprints Submitted</b>	<b>828</b>
Total fingerprints returned with criminal histories	191
Total fingerprints returned without criminal histories	637
<b>Criminal Histories</b>	<b>23%</b>

# Panelists discuss recruitment

## *Training Day focuses on workforce, senior customers*

The Nevada State Contractors Board's annual Training Day tackled the state's skilled labor shortage and how government agencies and private industry is working to bring more workers to the building trades.

The panel discussions, held in Reno on Sept. 10 and in Las Vegas on Sept. 11, brought together educators, contractors and state workforce development professionals to discuss the state of the construction industry's recruitment, retention, and marketing efforts. The issue is both acute and chronic; the construction workforce continues to age at the same time as students seem less and less interested in careers in construction management and the skilled trades.

Panelists noted that when the housing bubble burst, triggering the Great Recession of the late 2000s, many of Nevada's contractors were forced to reduce their workforce. Now that the economy has recovered, developers that put off projects are ready to build. However, many of those workers who left the industry – and even the state – found other work and are not coming back to construction.

● Dennis Perea, deputy director of Nevada's Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, participated in both the Reno and Las Vegas events. His agency offers job training and placement assis-



*Manny Lamarre (right) executive director of the Nevada Office of Workforce Innovation, makes a point about employee recruitment and development during the Nevada State Contractors Board's Training Day in Las Vegas on Sept. 11. Other panelists included Sean Stewart (left) of the Nevada Contractors Association and Dennis Perea (center), deputy director of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.*

tance for people seeking work, as well as vocational rehabilitation and workforce and economic data analysis. Working with Nevada JobConnect, DETR "provides workers with skill assessments and sets them up with training providers to improve those skills," Perea said. "We help them determine which jobs they are qualified for and help them through the application and placement process."

In addition to Perea, the Reno panel featured a diverse array of experts:

● Caryn Swobe, president of communications consultant Swobe Strategies and the northern Nevada policy and community strategist for the Nevada Office of Workforce Innovation, plots and implements strategies to develop the state's skilled, diverse and aligned workforce through collaboration among public, private, and non-profit stakeholders.

● Frank Woodbeck, executive director of workforce development for the

Nevada System of Higher Education, oversees development of college and university curricula that prepare the next generation of Nevada employees and advocates for programs that grow and stabilize Nevada's workforce.

- Jim Miller, chief operating officer for United Construction and President of the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, oversees networking, career development, and construction industry advocacy programs for northern Nevada contractors, suppliers, and professional service providers.

Swobe noted that OWINN awards grants to organizations that create or expand internships, co-ops, on-the-job-training and other work-based learning programs.

With construction of the Las Vegas Raiders stadium, convention center expansion and Reno's Park Lane project leading the way, Nevada employs more than 90,000 construction tradespeople and building contractors, an increase of more than 7 percent in the last year.

In Las Vegas, Executive Director Manny Lemarre represented OWINN on the panel, along with Perea and Sean Stewart, CEO of the Nevada

Contractors Association. Both NCA and the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors are regular and active advocates of workforce development efforts, offering extensive training opportunities to those in the industry, as well as partnering with K-12 and higher education institutions to promote the value of a viable career in construction.

NSCB's Training Day events also included a presentation from Paul Greenwood, former deputy district attorney of San Diego County. During his 22 years in the prosecutor's office, Greenwood brought hundreds of cases of elder abuse, many involving con artists purporting to be contractors. He now consults on elder abuse topics and advocates for greater awareness and more vigilant investigation and prosecution of physical, sexual and financial abuse of older Americans.

Greenwood advised contractors to review their marketing and sales tactics to ensure they do not intimidate older homeowners or make them feel uncomfortable. He also wants home improvement contractors and others who come into contact with older Nevadans to be on the lookout for possible abuse. He told the story of William Pitre, an unlicensed contractor who passed himself off as a Christian handyman in flyers left on cars in church parking lots. A 79-year-old widow contacted him to repair a fence and reseal her driveway. With the job half-finished and the workmanship substandard, Pitre demanded excessive payment. He left burly workmen with the victim as he went to cash the check she had written. A vigilant bank teller became suspicious and called the victim to confirm the check's legitimacy. But with Pitre's "associates" looming over her, she authorized the bank to honor the check. The victim was too embarrassed to call the authorities, but the bank went above-and-beyond, calling Adult Protective Services. The ensuing investigation landed Pitre in prison.

Like the fast-thinking bank teller, legitimate contractors can do their part to help elders recognize potential scams, Greenwood said.



*Former prosecutor Paul Greenwood urges contractors to take care when marketing services to seniors and to look for signs of abuse among their older customers.*



# Nevada Contractor's Checklist

The following information is provided to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see Nevada's *State Contractors Board Handbook*, Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Include your license number and monetary limit on all contracts & bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Keep your bond current. NRS 624.270
- Check to ensure that licenses or persons with whom you contract are valid and active. NAC 624.650
- Ensure you're using the business name as referenced and approved by the Board. NRS 624.305
- Do not allow bids or contracts to exceed your monetary limit value (including change orders). NRS 624.3015(2)
- Do not work outside the scope of your license classification. NRS 624.3015(3)
- Maintain all records, documentation, receipts, contracts, etc. for a minimum of three years. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include the Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure on all residential contracts. NRS 624.520
- Provide customers with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 & NAC 624.6932
- Make sure your license number is on all business advertisements, including vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspapers, website, etc. NRS 624.720.
  - Your license number should be approximately 1 1/2 inches on your motor vehicle. NRS 624.288
- If your address or other pertinent information about the business changes, notify the Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)

# Board takes disciplinary action

**Affordable Patios & Sunrooms, dba Reno Patios & Fireplaces**, license number 56075 (prefabricated steel structures, awnings and louvres), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, engaging in business or submitting a bid without the proper license, contracting beyond the scope of the license, misrepresenting or omitting a material fact, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay the lowest of three bids obtained to complete the remainder of the Notice to Correct issued by the Board.

**Steven Charles McBride, dba S.C. McBride General Builder**, license numbers 41385 (residential and small commercial) and **S & A McBride, LLC, dba McBride Lawn Care & Landscaping**, license number 52508 (landscaping) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a contract or proposal, contracting beyond the scope of the license, willful disregard of the state's building laws, and for the partnership, corporation or firm participating in a prohibited act. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**Dream Design, LLC**, license numbers 79799 (installing terrazzo and marble), 79786 (tiling), 79996 (finish carpentry limited to wood floors only) and 79800 (finishing floors) based out of Las Vegas, were suspended pending a hearing scheduled for August 22.

**A C E Services, Inc.**, license number 76785 (air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, failure to establish financial responsibility, and failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel or address within 30 days. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and as-

essed investigative costs.

**Richard William Turk**, license number 82267 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, misuse of a license, and failure to include information on the Residential Recovery Fund in a contract or proposal. Licensee was fined \$700, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay \$4,622 in restitution.

**Excal Construction, Inc.**, license number 40957A (carpentry, maintenance, and minor repairs) based out of Stagecoach, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws. Licensee was fined \$250 and the license limit was reduced to \$45,000.

**Pride Investment Group Inc., dba With Pride Construction Co.**, license number 67706 (residential and small commercial), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to establish financial responsibility, and disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**M.C. Mohave Construction, LLC**, license numbers 25771A (residential and small commercial) and 75068 (plumbing and heating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation of failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another, failure to take appropriate corrective action, abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project, failure to prosecute a construction project or operation thereby causing material injury to another, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to respond and comply with a written request from the Board,

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substandard workmanship, failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure of the general contractor to provide required disclosures to the owner of a single-family residence, willful disregard of the building laws of the state, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, wrongfully diverting money to a use other than that for which it was received, failure to pay any money due for any materials or services ren-

dered, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Investigative costs and restitution were not assessed, as the contractor has entered bankruptcy proceedings.

**New Gen Painting**, LLC, license number 80816 (painting and decorating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., stipulated to a finding of viola-

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*\*There is no program in the month of December*

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tion for failure to comply with a written request from the Board. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

**Sky Canyon Roofing, LLC**, license number 82399 (roofing and siding), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, failing to provide true name, license number, or contact information of the person offering the service, failure to demonstrate experience, knowledge, and financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$7,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**Dream Design, LLC**, license numbers 79799 (installing terrazzo and marble), 79786 (tiling), 79996 (finish carpentry), and 79800 (finishing floors), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, and acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$2,200, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution of

\$9,823 to the homeowner.

**Carpets by J, LLC, dba Nevada Rug Company**, license number 75665 (covering floors), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the license number of monetary limit on a contract or proposal, failure to respond to and comply with a written request by the Board, failure to possess any other license required by the state or a political subdivision of the state, willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was

revoked. Licensee was fined \$10,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**Into Homes Construction**, license number 58830 (carpentry maintenance and minor repairs) and **Jefforey Stephen Bailey, dba All About Homes**, license number 78164 (residential and small commercial), based out of Reno, Nev., were found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, diversion of funds, bidding excess of the license limit, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,000 and assessed investigative costs.

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***Alva Paint & Drywall, LLC***, license number 78556 (painting and decorating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond a written request by the Board, failure to comply with an order from the Board, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

***Sustain Builders***, license number 78779 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit and failure to comply with a Board request for information or records. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$10,000 and assessed investigative cost.

***Robertson Bright Industries, LLC***, license number 69146A (electrical), was found in violation of failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was placed on probation. Licensee was fined \$1,000.00 and assessed investigative costs. The license limit was reduced to \$1,000,000 and the licensee was provided 90 days to provide the Board a current financial statement that supports a \$5,000,000 license limit or a different license limit, at which time the probation status will be lifted. Failure to comply will result in suspension of the license.

***Now Services of Nevada, LLC, dba Cool Air Now***, license number 79017 (refrigeration and air conditioning), ***Now Services of Nevada, LLC, dba Plumbing Repair Now***, license number 79139 (plumbing), and ***J&F Building Co.***, license numbers 76264 (residential and small commercial) and 81489 (air conditioning), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. License numbers 79017 and 79139 were

revoked. Licenses 76264 and 81489 will remain suspended for up to 90 days until J&F Building Co. demonstrates the removal of Juan Sotelo as an officer, qualifier, or partner. Failure to do so will result in revocation of the licenses. Licensee was fined \$20,500, ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution to the homeowners, and assessed investigative costs.

***Quality Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc.***, license number 73705 (air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services rendered, failure to comply with and respond to written requests from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,000 and assessed investigative costs.

***M&R Fire Protection, LLC***, license number 69511 (fire sprinklers), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,600 and assessed investigative costs.

***Urena, LLC***, license numbers 67701 (tiling) and 67732 (installing terrazzo and marble), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license and bidding or contracting in excess of the license limit. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs. The licenses were reactivated.

***Tommy Lee Collier, dba Air Unlimited***, license number 53339 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract and failure to

***See DISCIPLINE, page 15***

# “Qualifying party” must remain active

All active contractors’ licenses and license applications in Nevada must list an employee or owner as the “qualifying party” on behalf of the business. This qualifier must be regularly employed by the licensee and actively engaged in the work under which the license is classified. He or she must possess the necessary experience, knowledge and skills to supervise or perform the contracting work.

Depending upon the business type, the qualifying party may be the business owner, a partner, a manager, a corporate officer or an employee. To be eligible he or she must pass the required examinations for the license, demonstrating the required years of experience as a journeyman, foreman, su-

pervisor or contractor in the license classification. In most cases, the required experience is four years, obtained within the 10 years before submitting the application.

The qualifier must take day-to-day responsibility for the company, including making technical and administrative decisions. He or she must be vested with the authority to make or recommend to the company’s chief executive personnel decisions such as hiring, firing, transferring, promoting, directing and disciplining employees. And the qualifier must exert direct control of construction operations. These responsibilities must be the qualifying party’s sole professional attachment, assuming no other employment which would con-

flict with these duties. This requirement would preclude the qualifier from serving in a similar role on behalf of another for more than one license, unless certain ownership requirements are satisfied. Contractors are required to notify the Nevada State Contractors Board when their qualifying person no longer is affiliated with the company. This notification must come no later than 10 days after the association terminates. Failure to notify the board results in an automatic suspension of the license.

If a new qualifier is not in place within 30 days, the license is subject to suspension. See [Nevada Revised Statutes 624.031 and 624.285](#) for additional information.

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establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,850, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay \$5,400 in restitution to the homeowner. The license is suspended until a current financial statement supporting the license limit is submitted to the Board. Failure to comply with the Order will result in revocation of the license.

**Sharpline Multimedia, Inc.**, license number 71603 (low-voltage electrical), based out of Carson City, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with Nevada’s building regulations, failure to comply with a written request from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$850 and assessed investigative costs.



The Nevada State Contractors Board is evaluating rule changes to clarify its regulations. Small business and other stakeholders may [visit our website](#) to view the proposed changes and participate in the business impact study.

# Fund builds construction's future

Created to increase and improve the quality of the current and future construction industry workforce, the Nevada State Contractors Board's Commission on Construction Education works to meet the demand for skilled craftspeople and highly educated and trained construction managers.

The 2001 session of the Nevada State Legislature established the Commission to encourage programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry.

Funded by donations and fines paid by contractors for violations of the state's contractor licensing laws, the Construction Education Fund is distributed in the form of grants to interested educational institutions and organizations that seek to enhance construction education and training programs to persons of all ages, including elementary, high school and college students and people employed in the industry.

"The Contractors Board encourages construction professionals to not only contribute to the fund, but also to urge worthy organizations with whom they work to apply for grants," said NSCB



***NSCB's Commission on Construction Education administers grants that help students and young professionals advance their training and careers in the industry. These students learned more about career paths and the Board's mission at a Construction Career Fair held, Oct. 5 at UNLV.***

Executive Officer Margi Grein. "We all know there is a great need for more and younger construction workers in order for Nevada to continue its phenomenal growth."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts there will be nearly 800,000 more construction jobs available by 2024. However, that number is larger than the total number of students currently enrolled in construction educational and training programs.

Grant applications are available on the Board's website at: [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov).

## Building Trivia

### Taj Mahal

- Construction: Begun 1631; completed 1653.
- Architecture: Classic Indo-Islamic
- Workforce: 20,000 at the height of construction
- Original purpose: Mausoleum
- Building materials: Red brick clad in marble

# \*FINGERPRINT FEE INCREASE\*

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## RE: FBI Fee Change Effective January 1, 2019

Dear Civil Applicant Customer:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) portion of the State of Nevada's Records Bureau Fingerprint Fees will be changing for fingerprint background checks effective **January 1, 2019**. The State Fee portion of the background check will remain the same.

Currently through December 31, 2018, the fee structure is as follows:

Method of Submittal	FBI Fee	State Fee	Total
Fingerprint Based Submissions	\$12.75	\$23.50	\$36.25
Volunteers	\$11.50	\$18.00	\$29.50

## Effective January 1, 2019, the new fee structure will be as follows:

Method of Submittal	FBI Fee	State Fee	New Fee Total
Fingerprint Based Submissions	\$13.25	\$23.50	\$36.75
Volunteers	\$11.25	\$18.00	\$29.25

If you have any questions regarding the new fee structure, please feel free to contact our fiscal section supervisor at (775) 687-0170 or e-mail your questions to [ap@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:ap@dps.state.nv.us).

Sincerely,

### Signature on File

Tammy Trio  
Administrative Services Officer III

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Office of Traffic Safety • Training • Board of Parole Commissioners • Emergency Response Commission

# Continued Education & Training

**T**echnology has changed the way different industries operate. It has even changed the construction industry. In order to keep up with changing technology and information, it has become a necessity to continually seek training and education. If you are interested in furthering your education and training your employees, please click on links to various OSHA safety, construction and computer courses. Links will direct you to various educational institutions located in Northern and Southern Nevada. Contact information will be listed, so please direct any questions regarding the courses to the educational institutions.

## Southern Nevada

### College of Southern Nevada

#### CSN Course Schedule (.pdf)

*\*Please Note: The CSN Course Schedule link is a PDF document. The following pages and categories are listed for your convenience. Note, too, that some courses may require prerequisites.*

Air Conditioning Technology - pg. 5

Computer Office Technology - pg. 31

Building Information Modeling - pg. 7

Fire Protection - pg. 62

Building Codes, pg. 7, pg. 16

Geographic Information Systems - pg. 65

Construction Technology - pg. 20

Mechanical Technology, pg. 85

Computer Aided Drafting/Design - pg. 22

Sustainable Construction - pg. 110

Construction Management - pg. 31

General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276

#### OSHA Safety Courses

<http://tinyurl.com/6pa9vyx>

#### Computer Courses

<http://tinyurl.com/6twzcuj>

#### Computer Basics

<http://tinyurl.com/6wubnmm>

#### Contact:

[OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu](mailto:OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu) or  
1 (877) 651-OSHA

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# Northern Nevada

## Truckee Meadows Community College

**Safety and Training Courses:** <http://tinyurl.com/7m226hq>  
**contact:** [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu) or (775) 857-4958

**Computer Courses:** <http://tinyurl.com/7jdvmmr>  
**Contact:** [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu) or (775) 829-9010

### TMCC Course Schedule

**\*Please Note:** This link is a PDF document. The following pages, categories and phone numbers are listed for your convenience. Some courses may require prerequisites. For information, call **(775) 673-7000**.

**Air Conditioning Courses** - pg. D-191

**Architecture** - pg. D-196

**Building Inspection** - pg. D-205

**CADD** - pg. D-209

**Computer & Office Technology** - pg. D-211

**Construction** - pg. D-215

**Electrical Technology** - pg. D-234



## Great Basin College

**Course catalog**

**General Inquiries Contact** (775) 738-8493

Great Basin College offers several courses of interest to Nevada's contractors:

Computer Aided Drafting & Design

Electrical Theory

Industrial Millwright Technology

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Office Technology

Welding

## Western Nevada College

**Course Schedule:** <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/catalog/all/>

**Courses of interest to contractors include:**

Air Conditioning

Applied Industrial Technology

Building Codes and Inspections

Computer Aided Drafting Design

Construction Management and Trade Courses

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Applications/Internet Courses

Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy Courses

**Contact:** [info\\_desk@wnc.edu](mailto:info_desk@wnc.edu) or (775) 445-3000

