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STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BEFORE THE
NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD
HELD OCTOBER 12, 2000

The workshop was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2000, at the offices of the State Contractors' Board, 9670 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89511. Exhibit A is the Notice of Intent to Adopt and a copy of the Proposed Rule and Exhibit B is the Sign-In log.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Johnson
Deborah Sheltra
Margaret Cavin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Nancy Mathias, Licensing Administrator
Mr. George Lyford, Director of Special Investigations
Mr. Frank Torres, Deputy Director of Investigations
Ms. Jeanne Reynolds, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lorne Johnson, President, J/B Ent. Inc.; Robb Smith, President, Roofing Contractors Associates of Nevada; Mark Donahue, General Manager, Cedar Roofing Inc.; John Madole, Associated General Contractors; Chris Dean, General Manager, Dean Roofing; Kevin Quilici, owner, Quilici Construction; Joseph Coyne, Vice President, Alpine Roofing Co., Inc.

Ms. Mathias explained the purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code. She indicated that the notice of the hearing was posted in compliance with NRS 233B on September 7, 2000 at the Las Vegas City Hall, the Sawyer State Building, Clark County Library and on September 5, 2000 at the Washoe County Courthouse, Washoe County Library, Reno City Hall and offices of the State Contractors' Board in Reno and Las Vegas.

Ms. Mathias indicated that the proposed amendments to NAC 624 are needed to comply with legislative mandates concerning the establishment of an investigations office and the qualifications for investigators employed to carry out the provisions of the statute.

The proposed regulation establishes the qualifications required to be employed by the Nevada State Contractors' Board in the capacity of a compliance investigator or a criminal investigator.

Dennis Johnson requested that George Lyford give a overview of the proposed regulation to the members of the public present at the workshop.

Mr. Lyford explained that the intent of the regulation is to create two distinct investigative staffs – one for compliance investigators and one for the criminal investigators. The compliance investigators would be responsible for workmanship issues while the criminal investigators would process criminal investigations and industry regulation violations. Compliance investigators would be required to possess a construction background; criminal investigators would be required to have a law enforcement background.

Several members of the public were present at the workshop to voice concerns regarding the proposed qualifications that would require a baccalaureate degree and one year of experience or an associates degree and three years of experience.

Mr. Robb Smith, President of the Roofing Contractors Association of Nevada; Mr. Kevin Quilici, Owner of Quilici Construction; Mr. Chris Dean, General Manager of Dean Roofing; Mr. Mark Donahue, Manager of Cedar Roofing, Inc. all expressed concern that a college degree does not provide the "hands-on" training needed to conduct field investigations in the various industry disciplines.

Mr. John Madole of the Associated General Contractors commented that it appears that the Board's focus is changing from being a consumer oriented agency to a criminal investigative agency. He expressed concerns that Section 6, 1(a) of the regulation does not give the investigator any latitude in using his judgment. He indicated that by adding restrictive language in regulation, the agency may not have the flexibility required to act on certain matters. He also commented that by adding the requirement of a college degree, the experienced contractor without a degree may be intimidated and not apply for a position that he/she would be highly qualified. Mr. Madole also stated that the pool of applicants would be larger if the specific college degrees were omitted and the discretion of hiring left to the hiring authority of the agency.

After discussion, the Board members in attendance indicated that it would be their recommendation to the full board to eliminate the sections of the proposed rule that require either a baccalaureate degree or an associates degree.

Since there were no other members of the public wishing to comment, the workshop was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Reynolds
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