

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
Of
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

Friday, June 6, 2014
9:00 AM
Office of the LSBHI
4664 Jamestown Ave., Suite 220, Baton Rouge

Board Members in Attendance:

District 1 – Friedrich Gurtler	District 4 –
District 2 – Roy E Burst III	District 5 – Michael Burroughs
District 3 – Cal Grevemberg	District 6 –
	District 7 – Keith Blanchard

I

Those members being in attendance, Cal Grevemberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous Quarterly Board Meeting. Mr. Mike Burroughs motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Keith Blanchard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

II

C-13-010 LSBHI v. Peterson - Pre-hearing resolution -The Board reviewed the proposed pre-hearing settlement. After much discussion Keith Blanchard motioned to accept the pre-hearing settlement. Fritz Gurtler seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Peterson is to pay the maximum a fine of \$1,000 authorized by La. R.S.37: 1485(C) and costs of \$4,000.00 to be paid in monthly installments of \$500 payable on the 20th of each month beginning in June 2014. Total Fine: \$5000.00

C-14-003 Wolfe v. Barilaro- This complaint was dismissed. The SIE determined that the complaint lacked sufficient evidence to establish a violation of the Licensing Law or Administrative Rules.

C-14-004 Tolleson v. Crosby LHI#10677– Both parties were present. Ms. Tolleson alleged that Mr. Crosby violated SOP 501B.10 &11 by overstating in his report the negatives of polybutylene piping. After hearing from both parties Mr. Keith Blanchard motioned to dismiss the complaint based on the knowledge and expertise Mr. Crosby has of the situation. Mike Burroughs seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

C-14-005 Farrell v. Wallace LHI#10776 - Both parties were present and addressed the Board. Mr. Fritz Gurtler motioned to find Mr. Wallace in violation of the following and Mike Burroughs seconded and the motion was carried: LAC46XL.305B.1,a, b, & d—305B.3d– 317B.4 & 5– 319D– 313B.4

The Board ordered a separate fine for each violation totaling \$1250.00. Below is the breakdown:

LA46XL.305B.1 \$250.00

LA46XL.305B.1a \$100.00

LA46XL.305B.1b \$0.00 Must attend the next Standards of Practice Seminar

LA46XL.305B.1d \$300.00
LA46XL.305B.3d \$100.00
LA46XL.317B.4 \$100.00
LA46XL.317B.5 \$100.00
LA46XL. 319D \$200.00
LA46XL.313B.4 \$100.00

III

The Board reviewed the application for In-field trainer Michael Turner. Fritz Gurtler motioned to approve the application. Mike Burroughs seconded and the motion was carried.

IV

Discussion of SB66 and the pre-inspections agreement, it was noted that no changes were needed.

V

Albert Nicaud briefed the Board on the rule for military trainees. Military Training: During the 2013 Legislative session a law passed to allow Military personnel a fast track for licensing. This law went into effect May 20, 2014. It can be found on our website under Law and Rules -LAC 46 XL.122

VI

The Board then discussed the duties of a Special Investigative Entity (SIE). The SIE on a complaint should use the words, “appears” or “may” have violated the standards. All SIE reports should be kept an allegation. The SIE should not make a conclusion, rather they should state whether or not the complaint has or lacks sufficient evidence for a hearing.

VII

Home inspectors will be given full credit for all continuing education courses given by a Board approved CE provider that covers Mold. In the past only 2 hours were given because Mold was out of the scope of a Home Inspection. Now that Mold will be part of the Standards of Practice, full credit will be given.

VIII

Roy Burst III motioned to table the discussion of changes in the renewal process for HI’s whose license has been expired more than three years until further notice. Mike Burroughs seconded and the motion was carried.

IX

The Board then discussed the standardization of field training and discussed revisiting the qualifications for live and platform trainers. The Board established a sub-committee to look into and discuss the issues. The sub-committee appointed by Vice Chairman Fritz Gurtler consist of, Joe Cook, Ron Hufft, Peter Barilaro, Larry Herbert and Mike Burroughs (chair of the committee).

X

What is involved with becoming a Board member? December 2014 two Board members terms will be expiring. **District 3** and **District 4**. There are several steps that are involved with becoming a Board Member. The board shall be composed of one member from each congressional district appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of the [Louisiana Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors](#), the [Louisiana Realtors Association](#), the [Louisiana Homebuilders](#)

[Association](#), and the [Louisiana Mortgage Lenders Association](#). Each member of the board shall be a United States citizen and a resident of the state, and shall have been actively engaged in the home inspection business on a full-time basis for one year preceding the appointment. The initial board members shall be required to obtain a license in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. Thereafter, each member of the board shall be a licensed home inspector. Each member appointed by the governor shall be confirmed by the Senate. Each member of the board shall receive a certificate or commission from the governor. In order for the Governor to accept the nomination an application must be completed. <http://www.gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&cpid=63>

Executive session 1:45 P.M.

Open session 1:50 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned 1:51 P.M.

Mr. Grevemberg motioned to adjourn, Mr. Gurtler seconded and the motion was carried.

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Marc LeBlanc, Harry Crosby Jr.; Larry Herbert; Peter Barilaro; Steve Carlson; Mary Tolleson; Scott Hearne; Ron Hufft; Roland LeBlanc; Carl Heck; Carlton Jones; Frankie Farrell; Joe Cook; Hunter Bridges; Brian Albarez; Charlie Carew; Michael Turner; Sidney Chaisson Jr.; Dan Dormady; William David Wallace; Tina Baril; Robert Moyer; Dick Chance; Debra Milligan; Jimmy Sitter; Barry Landry; Fred Rittler; Chris Gomez; Dave Hartmann; Gordon Atwell; Cynthia Shockey

Minutes recorded by: C.O.O. Spinosa