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**The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors**

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**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting**  
**December 3, 2012**

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, December 3, 2012, at the Board's Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. Those members in attendance were as follows: Mr. Albert Hensley, Chair, Mr. Robert Lamborne, Mr. Charles (Chuck) Turner, Mr. Ronald Weaver, Mr. Jay Stutts and Mr. Bruce Taylor. Member not in attendance were Mr. Carmon Colvin, Mr. Terry Wallace and Donald R. (Donny) Cook. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, [www.aecb.alabama.gov](http://www.aecb.alabama.gov), and the Secretary of State's website, [www.sos.state.al.us](http://www.sos.state.al.us), in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The minutes from the October 1, 2012 regular meeting and November 19, 2012 special/called meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the proposed Rule, Chapter 303-X-5 Continuing Education for Board approval. A public hearing for this proposed Rule was held November 19, 2012, and public comments were considered by the Board. The Board discussed adopting the Rule requiring continuing education (CE) for licensed Journeyman Electricians. It was noted that Journeyman licenses are not required in Alabama, at this time, although offered by this Board. Requiring CE for licensed Journeyman Electricians may allow them to reciprocate with other states. Mr. Warren indicated that he would review this matter further. It was the consensus of the Board that they were in favor of requiring, in

the future, CE for licensed Journeyman Electricians and to revisit the discussion at a future date along with the consideration to require licensing by Journeymen.

The Board was in favor of allowing 24 months (2015) for Electrical Contractors to obtain 14 hours CE units.

Mr. Warren reported that publication of the ABEC newsletter will resume and will be sent to licensees, which will include information about these rules changes and other information that will affect licensees.

Mr. Turner made a motion to amend the proposed Rule, Chapter 303-X-5 Continuing Education as discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that Mr. Butler was running for House of Representatives, District 30, and, if elected, will no longer be eligible to serve on the Board; however, he would be the second licensee to serve in the Legislature.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the Executive Director's Report and financial information, as of December 3, 2012. He also reported on the number of active and inactive licensees. A projected budget report for 2013 was also provided (copy available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Executive Director report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the annual Board Training session is scheduled January 23, 2013, and he encouraged members to attend this training.

Mr. Warren also reported that he is developing an AECB Orientation Manual, similar to one he received at the recent NASCLA meeting. Each Board member will receive a copy of this new manual, and he plans to create a personal picture ID badge for Board members.

Mr. Warren reported that he is working with the Governor's office in obtaining reappointments and new appointments to the Board.

Mr. Warren suggested various committees be appointed to slim-line discussions and operations of the Board, e.g., Educational Committee, Disciplinary Committee (comprised of three board members, along with Executive Director, General Counsel

and Investigator, which would allow 6 remaining board members to vote on disciplinary issues), and a Legislative Committee. This subject would be readdressed at the January Board meeting.

Mr. Warren reminded the Board that the Legal Contract expires in February 2013 and will be considered at the upcoming January meeting, and the Examination Contract expires in October 2013 and will be considered at the April meeting to develop specifications for another 5-year contract.

Mr. Warren reported that election of officers are due following June expiration of Board terms and will be addressed at a future meeting.

Mr. Warren announced that the Administrative Services contract was due for annual renewal. Mr. Weaver made a motion to approval the annual renewal of the Administrative Services contract with Warren and Company. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed recommendations for changes in the statute to be considered during the 2013 Legislative session. Mr. Warren recommended that the Board again consider the change to remove the requirement for testing by Provisional licensees, as had been recommended for past two years. He also recommended that the statute be changed to allow appeal of the Board's decisions be made through the Montgomery Circuit Courts rather than the various county courts.

Mr. Warren reported on the number of late registrations for both waiver and provisional licenses, and asked the Board to consider opening-up the application period for these applicants.

Mr. Warren asked the Board to explain service work experience. The Board reviewed exemptions as cited in the statute. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that installation of plugs, fans, etc. should require licensing, and asked the Board Counsel to review the licensing exemption for owners and employees of owners.

Mr. Warren presented the 2013 Board meeting schedule for the Board's approval. Mr. Lamborne made a motion to approve the 2013 Board meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lamborne made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Reciprocal applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of

Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor applications for examination (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamborne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lamborne made a motion to approve the Journeyman Electrician applications for examination (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lamborne made a motion to amend Rule Chapter 303-X-2-.01 Qualifications for an Electrical Contractor's License, by removing the requirement for a provisional licensees to taking an examination within 12 months and replacing the August deadline for provisional applications to June 30, 2013 deadline and that this Rule be approved as an emergency rule and regular rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

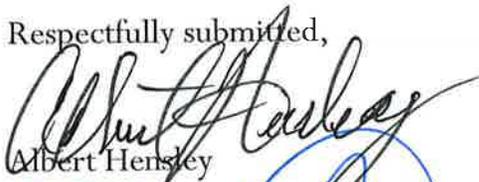
The Board discussed obtaining a list from local governmental bodies of electricians, so that they may be notified of this new application deadline for provisional licenses.

It was the consensus of the Board to address in January 2015 licensing and CE requirement of Journeyman Electricians.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business of the Board, and Mr. Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stutts and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Hensley adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Albert Hensley

Chair



Keith E. Warren

Executive Director