

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CONTRACTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 9:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, August 10, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Holly Theuns; Ralph Fogg; Ryan Collins; Brandon Nobile; Don Bergman; James Matula; Reed Sudderth

Absent: Michael Waldrop; Robert Allen

Staff Present: Shaun Coss, Building Dept. Coordinator
Karen Murphy, Executive Assistant

4. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCE(S)

to excuse the absences of Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Allen. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

AYE: Holly Theuns, Brandon Nobile, Don Bergman, James Matula, Ralph Fogg, Reed Sudderth, Ryan Collins

Passed

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.

Approval of the July 13, 2021 meeting minutes.
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Motion was made by Reed Sudderth, seconded by Holly Theuns to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

AYE: Holly Theuns, Brandon Nobile, Don Bergman, James Matula, Ralph Fogg, Reed Sudderth, Ryan Collins

Passed

6. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda were noted.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At staff's suggestion, Ms. Crystal Ploszay of Unicorn Epoxy appeared for the Public Comment portion of the hearing. Ms. Ploszay is not a painting contractor, therefore the specialty painting contractor designation is not appropriate and she does not fall into any other specialty category. She wanted to comply with the City's regulations so she may begin her scope of work at Harbour Isle condominiums applying coating to the ground floor. She indicated that she has all of City's requirements to obtain a Competency Card except for test scores as testing is no longer required due to the implementation of House Bill 735. Ms. Ploszay has all other requirements of the Competency Card application including proof of Worker's Compensation and liability insurance.

The Board determined that since she has the insurance and other information that would be needed to obtain a Certificate of Competency; a permit is not required for this scope of work; she is knowledgeable in the field; the contract has been awarded; the work is not structural, permanent, or a liability such as balconies, etc.; and since she has earnestly appeared before the Board to seek their opinion in this situation; they came to the conclusion to make the recommendation that Ms. Ploszay does not need a contractor's license to proceed with the work.

Normally the City issues a citation to contractors working without a license. These citations often go to the Special Magistrate, who may look to the Board of Examiners of Contractors for input or recommendation. Mr. Coss noted that as long as there are municipalities to reciprocate with, the City will continue to require the letters and test scores as part of the application for Certificate of Competency. He indicated that hopefully in the next two years there will be more legislation that will provide more clarification, and it was noted that another solution would be to contact the legislators themselves when issues arise.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

9. APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

a.

Applicant Name	Business Name	Classification Type
Sandra Recinos	ESI Painting, Inc.	Painting

Motion was made by Reed Sudderth, seconded by Brandon Nobile to simultaneously approve the applications for Certificate of Competency of Sandra Recinos doing business as ESI Painting, Inc. and Juan Sosa doing business as Edwing's Unlimited Shutter Services, LLC. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

AYE: Holly Theuns, Brandon Nobile, Don Bergman, James Matula, Ralph Fogg, Reed Sudderth, Ryan Collins

Passed

b.

Applicant Name	Business Name	Classification Type
Juan Sosa	Edwing's Unlimited Shutter Service, LLC	Hurricane Shutters

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AYE: Holly Theuns, Brandon Nobile, Don Bergman, James Matula, Ralph Fogg, Reed Sudderth, Ryan Collins

Passed

10. STAFF COMMENTS

11. BOARD COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Chairman Bergman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM.