



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
HOME INSPECTION LICENSING BOARD

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MAY 22, 2013

The Connecticut Home Inspection Licensing Board held a meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2013 which was called to order at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: Richard J. Kobylenski (*Home Inspector*)
James J. O'Neill (*Public Member*) (Participation by telephone)
Bruce D. Schaefer (*Home Inspector*)
Daniel Scott (*Public Member*)
William Stanley, Jr. (*Home Inspector*)

Board Members Not Present: Eric Curtis (*Public Member*)
David B. Sherwood (*Home Inspector*)
Lawrence R. Willette (*Home Inspector*)

Board Member Vacancies: None.

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, Department of Consumer Protection
Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer Protection
Vicky Bullock, Department of Consumer Protection

Others Present:

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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1. Call to order: by Chairman; the meeting was called to order by Chairman William Stanley, Jr. at 9:30 AM.

2. Review of minutes of the November 1, 2012 meeting the Board.

Mr. Hurlburt noted that the minutes should reflect Mr. Stanley as the Chairperson. As such, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with this correction noted. (O'Neill/Kobylenski)

3. Review of Final Decisions and Orders:

None before the Board today.

4. Applications for review:

None before the Board today.

5. Applicants appearing before the Board:

None before the Board today.

6. Formal Hearings to be held:

None before the Board today.

7. Old Business

(A) Continuation of Discussion concerning proposed Regulatory changes for Home Inspector Continuing Education Subject Matter. Mr. Stanley summarized the Board's past discussions regarding this matter. The change requires technical revisions to the regulations which can be done in house by the Board and Department and approved by the regulatory review commission. Mr. O'Neill asked that he be sent the final language the Board wants amended and he will speak to the Department's Legislative Liaison in the course of his work during this Session at the Legislative Office Building.

Mr. O'Neill made the suggested that perhaps the way to go is to make a change to the Home Inspector Statutes that will override the Regulation. This amendment will state that continuing education subject matter is to be determined by the Board. This change

which will provide the Board with the latitude, in the future, to make changes as necessary without having to go through a cumbersome legal process. Mr. O'Neill will work with the Department's Legislative Liaison to see if the proposed language amendment can be added to another piece of legislation.

8. New Business

(A) Information concerning the Home Inspector Examination for the 2013 Calendar Year; for the Board's information and discussion. Mr. Stanley raised the possibility of organizing another review session for the Board to review and amend as required test questions. Mr. Hurlburt will follow up on this and get back to Mr. Stanley.

Mr. Stanley noted that the current cost for the candidate to take the examination is presently \$65.00. PSI, the Department's Test Administrator, will administer the National Home Inspector Examination at a cost of \$225.00 to the candidate. Mr. Stanley detailed the process by which this National Examination is kept current with the times and therefore relieving the Board of this duty. Mr. Schaefer questioned why the cost of the National Examination is so much more than the current examination. The Board discussed various reasons that may contribute to the increased cost.

Mr. Stanley asked the Board to consider the advantages to administering the National Examination such as reciprocity for Connecticut Candidates who wish to get licenses in other States. He noted the fact that a candidate is already invested a significant amount of money for his other training to get them where they are currently and the difference between \$65.00 and \$225.00 may not be that significant. It was also noted that the national Home Inspector Examination is giving on an ongoing basis.

After more discussion on the present examination review process and the advantages and disadvantages of both examinations, the Board decided to table further discussion until their next meeting. Mr. Stanley offered to provide the Board with more information on the National Home Inspector Examination at this time.

(B) Connecticut Business and Law – Results of Exam Review Committee; for the Board's information and discussion. Mr. Hulbert stated that he and Mr. Stanley reviewed this examination and reached the conclusion that this examination is not applicable to the Home Inspection profession and probably should be eliminated and would not be hard to eliminate by the State. Mr. Hulbert will call PSI and ask them to modify their examination bulletin to eliminate the Business and Law Examination as a part of the Connecticut Home Inspector Examination.

(C) Department of Consumer Protection counts for "Active" Home Inspector (HOI) Licenses and Home Inspector Intern Permits (HOP); for the Board information and discussion. The Board acknowledged this information and reviewed these statistics.

The number of licensees appears to be down from recent years which comes as no surprise to the Board.

9. Other Business

A. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. There was brief discussion on Board attendance and the Department procedures for replacing Board Members that have resigned or for vacancies. Mr. O'Neill noted that he has experienced attendance issues with in the course of his work.
2. The Board asked for a complaint report at their next meeting to apprise them of any issues with the Home Inspection profession.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM. (Schaefer/Scott)

Note: the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 28, 2013 beginning at 9:30 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

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