



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

A. Call to Order, Roll, Establishment of Quorum and Chair's Introduction

Licensing Committee Chair James Ruane call the meeting of the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) Licensing Committee to order on February 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via WebEx teleconference. A quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

James Ruane, Chair
David De La Torre
Miguel Galarza
Diana Love
Johnny Simpson

Steven Panelli had an approved absence.

CSLB Staff Present

David Fogt, Registrar
Michael Jamnetski, Chief Deputy Registrar
Foad Gharahgozlou, Chief of Licensing
Yeaphana La Marr, Chief of Legislation
Jason Perez, Chief of IT
Mike Melliza, Chief of Administration

Steve Grove, Chief of Enforcement
Katherine White, Chief of Public Affairs
Hal Clay, Classification Deputy
Americo Garcia, Public Affairs Manager
Stacey Paul, Budgets Manager
Mariah Rovera, Executive Staff

DCA Staff Present

Kristy Schieldge, DCA Legal Counsel

Members of the Public Present

Aaron Barnaby
Aaron Stockwell
Anna Carno
Audrey Thornton, Housing and Economic
Rights Advocates
Bradly Kirk
Bruce Wick
Chelsey Olsen
Chris Peterson
Chris Walker
Craig C. Weaver, Esq.
Matthew Wainwright
Phil Vermeulen, Contractors Licensing
Center

Deborah Wilson
Jennifer Ellingson
Joel Ulloa
Josh Buswell-Charkow, CALSSA

Judie Bucciarelli
Larissa Petrucci
Maria Parra
Martin Herzfeld
Mark Rice
Mary Day
Paul Nagata
Stacey Tutt, NHLP & CEJ
Stephanie Carroll



Richard H Markuson
Rivas Home Improvement
Rob Stoker
Shauna Krause

Victor Velazquez

B. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Legislative Proposal Regarding Information a Qualifying Individual Must Provide Under Business and Professions Code Section 7068.1

Licensing Committee Chair James Ruane introduced agenda item C, located on page 8 of the Committee packet. Chair Ruane stated there were two proposed amendments to Business and Professions Code (BCP) section 7068.1.

Chief of Licensing Foad Gharahgozlou provided an overview of BCP section 7068.1, the statute that governs a license qualifier, including how many licenses a person may qualify, and qualifier duties and responsibilities.

Chief Gharahgozlou explained the first staff recommendation to remove the duty statement requirement and informed the Committee that the potential legislation would be discussed by the Legislative Committee in the next meeting.

Chief Gharahgozlou also explained the second staff recommendation to require an additional contractor license bond of \$25,000 any time an individual wants to qualify an additional entity and the majority of personnel are not the same or the businesses are not subsidiaries of each other. Chief Gharahgozlou confirmed that this was an information only item and potential legislation would be discussed by the Legislative Committee in the next meeting.

Committee Member Comment:

There was no committee member comment.

Public Comment:

Liz Web, a licensee with CSLB, was concerned with the license renewal fee.

Chief Deputy Registrar Michael Jamnetski provided Liz Webb with contact information to address their concerns.

Phil Vermeulen with Contractors Licensing Center, agreed with the staff recommendation to remove the duty statement. Vermeulen stated they do not believe CSLB had the appropriate staffing to accommodate verifying all applicant duty



statements.

D. Review, and Discussion of Licensing Division Classification Determination Process

Committee Chair Ruane introduced agenda item D, located on page 14 of the Committee packet. Chair Ruane stated Contractors State License Board (CSLB) employs a Classification Deputy to respond to classification inquiries from the public and identify new issues relating to emerging technologies in CSLB licensing classifications.

Chief Gharahgozlou stated the Licensing Classification Deputy is CSLB’s primary contact in response to inquiries of licensing and classification matters from the Legislature, license applicants, contractors, building departments, other state agencies and the general public.

Chief Gharahgozlou explained that when classification inquiries do not have a clear answer in CSLB law or regulations, staff will refer the matter to the Executive Office. Chief Gharahgozlou added the matter may then be discussed with stakeholders and considered for public discussion at future Board or Licensing Committee meetings.

Committee Member Comment:

There was no committee member comment.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

E. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the February 16, 2023, Licensing Committee meeting. Johnny Simpson moved; David De La Torre seconded. The motion carried, 5-0.

BOARD MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSAL
James Ruane, Chair	✓				
David De La Torre	✓				
Miguel Galarza	✓				
Diana Love	✓				
Steven Panelli			✓		
Johnny Simpson	✓				

The Licensing Committee adjourned at approximately 9:24 a.m.