

MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

This regular meeting of the Alarm, Locksmith and Fire Sprinkler Industry Committee scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of September was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act [25 O.S. § 301 -314.]. Advance public notice was sent to the Secretary of State’s Office by electronic transmission specifying the time and place of the meeting. Notice was also prominently posted at the Oklahoma Department of Labor’s website at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC BODY: Alarm and Locksmith Industry Committee

DATE: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

ADDRESS: ACCO Building
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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Agenda Item 1:

Call to order:

Dennis Bloye, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Agenda Item 2:

Roll call:

ALFS Committee members present at roll call: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

Absent: Jeremy Caughman, Kris Pettigrew, and Rick Bruder

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Bernita Hart, Cynthia Buettner, Derrek Lewis, Don Schooler, Gordon Meisinger, and Ruth Neville

Agenda Item 3:

Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act

Ruth Neville read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Agenda Item 4:

Review and approval/amend June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve the August 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Patrick Ivey.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: Ryan Grimm

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 5:

LIMITED public comments regarding only those companies and/or individuals seeking licensure, as listed in this agenda

No public comments.

Agenda Item 6:

Review of Company Applications

Fire Alarm Specialist, Inc.

No representative was present for Fire Alarm Specialist Inc. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve the company application for Fire Alarm Specialist. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Tel Aid Industries Inc.

No representative was present for Tel Aid Industries Inc. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve the company application for Tel Aid Industries Inc. The motion was seconded by Patrick Ivey.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Patriot Alarms

Matthew Lee was present to represent the company and answer questions from the Committee. Mr. Lee discussed his education, work experience, and services offered by the company. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve the company application for Patriot Alarms. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Central Fire Protection Inc.

Discussion regarding Central Fire Protection was set aside until after Executive Session.

Dent Wizard International Corp.

Leo Meres was present to represent the company and answer questions from the Committee. Mr. Meres discussed his work history and services offered by the company. Patrick Ivey made a motion to approve the company application for Dent Wizard International Corporation. The motion was seconded by Duane Dyson.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Vinny B's Lock & Key LLC

James Vincent Bart was present to represent the company and answer questions from the Committee. Mr. Bart discussed his work experience and services offered by the company. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve the company application for Vinny B's Lock & Key LLC. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None
Abstain: None
Motion approved.

Agenda Item 7:

Alarm, Locksmith & Fire Sprinkler (ALFS) License approval

Bernita Hart, Director, Alarm Locksmith and Fire Sprinkler/Licensing, said four hundred nine (409) licenses had been issued. Ms. Hart said the Licensing Division continues to work at half-staff. Ms. Hart said the turnaround time for processing applications is approximately three (3) weeks.

Don Schooler, ODOL General Counsel, said Governor Stitt's Executive Order 2020-20, allowing an additional fourteen (14) days for an individual to renew an expiring license, has been extended through September 28, 2020. Mr. Schooler said any licenses expiring during that time have an additional fourteen (14) days to renew, extending the renewal period to October 12, 2020. Mr. Schooler encouraged persons with an expiring license to renew as soon as possible.

Ms. Hart said the ODOL lobby remains closed to the public. Ms. Hart said a drop box for applications is located in the lobby, or applications may be submitted through USPS.

Ryan Grimm made a motion to approve the licenses issued in August 2020. The motion was seconded by Robby Hernandez.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 8:

Review of ALFS compliance activities and program updates

Bernita Hart said rules changes to *Alarm, Locksmith, and Fire Sprinkler Industry Act and Administrative Rules 380:75* will go into effect September 15, 2020. Ms. Hart said these changes include application for a Temporary Fire Sprinkler Trainee License.

Don Schooler said the changes had been requested by the Committee in December 2019. Mr. Schooler said the changes will go into effect September 15, 2020. Mr. Schooler explained the changes to *Alarm, Locksmith, and Fire Sprinkler Industry Act and Administrative Rules 380:75*, which include changes to a Temporary Fire Sprinkler Trainee license, display of a company sign at a worksite, licensure of a Salesperson, and inspection deficiency repair tag. A handout of the changes was available to attendees of the meeting.

Agenda Item 9:

Discussion regarding Nurse Call Systems

Dennis Bloye said a company owner had reached out to Rick Bruder with questions regarding a med-alert style system, asking if nurse call licensing is required for their particular system. Mr. Bloye said as he understands it, this particular system would not require a nurse call license, because it is as wireless phone based system. Mr. Bloye opened the floor for committee and public discussion.

Patrick Ivey said MPERS is a Medial Personal Emergency Response System. Mr. Ivey explained the technological differences between traditional nurse call systems, and MPERS or PERS, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each system.

Steven Brekel, Oklahoma Fire and Burglar Alarm Association (OKFBAA) said this type system does not fall under the current definition for Nurse Call. Mr. Brekel said in the current environment, it would be difficult to pass regulation for these systems.

Lowell Roberts, Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association (OMLA), said the Fire Marshalls need to be included in this discussion.

Committee and public discussion included emerging technologies, commercial and personal devices, wired and wireless devices, and consumer safety.

Mr. Bloye said he would like an opinion from the ODOL. Don Schooler said he could not offer an opinion on the matter at this time.

Mr. Bloye said this item should be included on next month's agenda for additional discussion.

Agenda Item 10:

Discussion regarding testing requirements for Residential Fire Alarm Salesperson

Dennis Bloye opened the floor for Committee and public discussion.

Steven Brekel, OKFBAA, reminded the Committee of discussion on this subject from two (2) years ago. Mr. Brekel said they had proposed testing for Residential Fire Alarm Salesperson be removed from licensing requirements. Mr. Brekel discussed residential fire alarm systems and code requirements. Robby Hernandez said he does not believe a salesperson needs the same training requirements as a technician.

Danna Fowble, OKFBAA, reminded the Committee that the Occupational Licensing Commission is looking at deregulation industries including ours. Mrs. Fowble said removing the testing requirement for only Residential Fire Alarm Salesperson is a compromise.

Patrick Ivey made a motion to remove testing requirements for Residential Fire Alarm Salesperson and any other reference requirements for testing of OAC 380:75-3-4(5)(D). The motion was seconded by Robby Hernandez.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, and Robby Hernandez

No: Ryan Grimm and Dennis Bloye

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 11:

GENERAL public comments

No comments.

Agenda Item 12:

Proposed Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(4) for confidential communications pursuant to §307(B)(7) for discussing any matter where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of State or Federal Law.

Patrick Ivey made a motion to move to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved. The Committee moved to Executive Session at 10:01a.m.

Agenda Item 13:

Adjourn from Executive Session, with a recorded vote and/or public action on any item of business considered by the ALFS Committee while in Executive Session.

Ryan Grimm made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Robby Hernandez.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved. The Committee reconvened Regular Session at 10:57a.m.

Action as a result of Executive Session

Roman Mortensen was not present at the meeting. No action taken.

Scott Timanus was not present at the meeting. Don Schooler said the ACCO building is not available during our regularly scheduled meeting October 7. Mr. Schooler said a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 14. Mr. Schooler said tabled items should be tabled to October 14. Robby Hernandez made a motion to table action on Mr. Timanus' Fire Sprinkler Trainee Application until the October 14, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Duane Dyson.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Joseph Tibbs was present to address Committee concerns regarding his application. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve Mr. Tibbs Manager Application. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Dillon Forrester was present to address Committee concerns regarding his application. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve Mr. Forrester's Fire Sprinkler Trainee Application. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Brandon Kennedy was present to address Committee concerns regarding his application. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve Mr. Kennedy's Trainee Application. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Timothy Pressley was present to address Committee concerns regarding his application. Robby Hernandez made a motion to approve Mr. Pressley's Trainee Application. The motion was seconded by Ryan Grimm.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Leo Burns was not present at the meeting. Ryan Grimm made a motion to table action on Mr. Burns' Fire Sprinkler Application until the October 14, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robby Hernandez.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Bloye returned Committee attention to Agenda Item 6, approval for the company application for Central Fire Protection Inc. Ryan Grimm questioned Mr. Tibbs regarding his related work experience. Mr. Tibbs said he has been doing Fire Sprinkler work for eight (8) years. Ryan Grimm made a motion to approve the company application for Central Fire Protection Inc. The motion was seconded by Robby Hernandez

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

Agenda Item 14:

New Business

Don Schooler said we only learned yesterday after posting of today's meeting agenda, that the ACCO Building is not available during the October 7 regular scheduled meeting. Mr. Schooler said the meeting date has been pushed back to Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00a.m. Mr. Schooler said the meeting scheduled for December 2 has also been pushed back to Wednesday, December 9 at 9:45a.m.

Agenda Item 15:

Dennis Bloye said the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 9:00a.m. at the ACCO building, and the December meeting is scheduled for December 9 at the ACCO building.

Agenda Item 16:

Adjournment

Ryan Grimm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robby Hernandez.

Roll call:

Yes: Bernita Hart, Patrick Ivey, Duane Dyson, Ryan Grimm, Robby Hernandez, and Dennis Bloye

No: None

Abstain: None

The meeting adjourned at 11:06a.m.