

Memorandum



Date: October 16, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 1(F)(1)

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards – Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division A


In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am transmitting the 2024 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A. The Sunset Review Report covers the prior biennial cycle which includes the years of 2020 and 2021 and current 2024 sunset review biennial cycle which includes the years of 2022 and 2023. The Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A approved the attached report at its meeting of July 31st, 2024 and has recommended the continuation of its board.

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Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer

Date: July 31, 2024

To: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

From: Robert Stobs, II 
Chairperson, Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A

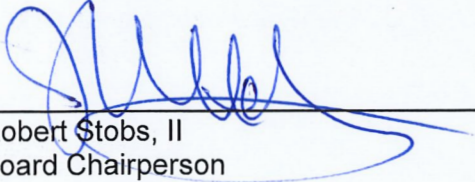
Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for 2022/2024 – Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A

Pursuant to Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am submitting the 2022/2024 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of July 31, 2024.

It is recommended that the BCC approve the continuation of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A.

BACKGROUND

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board – Division A was established in 1957 through Ordinance 57-25. The Board assures that competency standards are met in the trades and specialty construction categories and works to resolve citizen complaints. Since its creation, the Board has issued thousands of trade certificates and contractor licenses as well as taken appropriate disciplinary action. The Construction Trades Qualifying Board - Division A should continue to function to serve the community by reviewing and approving the contractor and tradesmen applications and conducting disciplinary hearings to resolve contractor complaints.



Robert Stobs, II
Board Chairperson

**2022/2024 SUNSET REVIEW REPORT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARDS
January 2024**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Name of Board Reporting:

CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD - DIVISION "A".

2. Indicate number of board members, terms of office, and number of vacancies:

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board - Division "A" is comprised of 14 members, who serve three-year terms.

For terms of office and number of vacancies, Refer to Appendix "A".

3. Identify number of meetings and member's attendance (Activity from Jan. 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 and Activity from Jan. 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023):

Nineteen (19) meetings were held from 2020 through 2021. Quorum was obtained for all the meetings held in 2020 through 2021. Twenty-one (21) meetings were held in 2022 through 2023. Quorum was obtained for all the meetings, except two meetings held in 2022 through 2023.

Refer to Appendix "B" for the Board Attendance Record.

4. What is the source of your funding?

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board - Division "A" is funded through the contractor licensing and renewal fees collected by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department.

5. Date of Board Creation:

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division "A" was created in 1957 through Ordinance 57-25.

6. Attach a copy of the ordinance creating the board.

Refer to Appendix "C" for Ordinance 57-25 and the most recent amendments to Chapter 10 made through Ordinance 13-86.

7. **Include the Board’s Mission Statement or state its purpose.**

Ensure competency standards are met in the trades and specialty categories through the review and approval of contractor and tradesmen applications for certification and conduct disciplinary hearings to resolve contractor complaints.

8. **Attach the Board’s standard operating procedures, if any.**

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division “A” shall be governed by “**Roberts Rules of Order**” in all instances and cases to which they are applicable.

Refer to Appendix “D” for the Board’s standard operating procedures.

9. **Attach a copy of the Board’s by-laws, if any.**

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division “A” is governed by the authority of Miami-Dade County, Chapter 10.

10. **Attach a copy of the Board minutes approving the Sunset Review, including vote of the membership.**

Refer to Appendix “E” for minutes approving the Sunset Review Report.

II. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

1. **Is the Board serving the purpose for which it was created?**

Yes, the Construction Trades and Qualifying Board – Division “A” has continued to review and approve contractor and tradesmen applications for certification and conducted disciplinary hearings to resolve contractor complaints. Subcommittees have been created to work on specific subjects and make recommendations to the Board and to the Miami-Dade County Commission, upon its request.

2. **Is the Board serving current community needs?**

Yes, the Board assures that competency standards are met in the building and building specialty trades and works to resolve citizen complaints concerning licensed and unlicensed construction work in Miami Dade County.

3. **What are the Board’s major accomplishments? (Last 48 Months/Since Establishment)**

The Board was established in 1957 and since then has issued thousands of trade certificates and contractor licenses as well as ruled regarding disciplinary action.

In 2020 - 2023, the Board conducted **83** formal and informal evidentiary hearings and addressed over **466** appearances by Miami Dade County residents, trade groups and contractors. Over **2,484** licensing applications were reviewed during this period.

4. **Is there any other Board, either public or private, which would better serve the function of this Board?**

There is no other public or private Board acting with the functions of the Construction Trades and Qualifying Board, Division “A” at a local level.

5. **Should the ordinance creating the Board be amended to better enable the Board to serve the purpose for which it was created?**

The ordinance creating the Board does not require changes for the Construction Trades Qualifying Board - Division “A”. At present, there is sufficient flexibility in the Board to organize the required subcommittees that are necessary to increase the efficiency of the full Board.

6. **Should the Board’s membership requirements be modified?**

The actual membership composition is properly balanced and serves well the interests of the public and the contractor/engineering community. There are currently six vacancies on the Board in the following categories: Roofing Contractor (2), Building Specialty Contractor (2), General Contractor and an Architect.

7. **What is the operating cost of the Board, both direct and indirect?**

The direct and indirect cost respectively for Construction Trade Qualifying Board Division “A” was \$34,002 and \$532,910 for FY 2019-20 and \$28,802 and \$486,545 for FY 2020-2021. The direct and indirect costs respectively for the Construction Trade Qualifying Board – Division A was \$22,914 and \$502,883 for FY 2021-22 and \$25,147 and \$513,559 for FY 2022 –2023.

8. **Describe the Board’s performance measures developed to determine its own effectiveness in achieving its stated goals?**

The number of tradesman and contractor certificates issued as well as how many disciplinary hearings held are measurements used to evaluate effectiveness.

Refer to Appendix “F” for a recap of Board’s activity in these areas.

APPENDIX A

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD
DIVISION "A"

<u>Members</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Term</u>
Coffey, Julie A.	Public	District 4	(3) year
Reyes, Antonio	Registered Engineer	District 13	(3) year
Palomares- Starbuck	General Contractor	At Large	(3) year
Quintana, Ileana	Engineering Contractor	District 11	(3) year
Ransom-Jackson, Shellie	Public	District 1	(3) year
Rose, James	Engineering Contractor	District 7	(3) year
Schwitzer, Marilyn	Swimming Pool Contractor	District 3	(3) year
Stobs, Robert J. II	General Contractor	District 9	(3) year
Coffey, Julie A.	Public	District 4	(3) year

Vacancies

<u>Status</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Appointing Commissioner</u>
Vacant	Roofing Contractor	District 6 <i>Incumbent - Nilo Hernandez</i>
Vacant	Roofing Contractor	District 5 <i>Incumbent - Milton Thompson</i>
Vacant	Architect	District 8 <i>Incumbent - Milton Thompson</i>
Vacant	General Contractor	District 10
Vacant	Building Specialty Contractor	District 12

APPENDIX B

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2020 ATTENDANCE**

BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 2020	FEB 2020	MAR 2020	APR 2020	MAY 2020	JUN 2020	JUL 2020	AUG 2020	SEP 2020	OCT 2020	NOV 2020	DEC 2020	Total Attendance
Harold R. Charles	A	E	N/A	N/A	N/A	E	E	R	E	E	E	E	0 of 8
Julie Coffey	E	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	5 of 8
Todd J. Jonas	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	C	NM	NM	NM	NM	4 of 4
Lorenzo J. Palomares-Starbuck	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	7 of 8
Ileana M. Quintana	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	8 of 8
Antonio Reyes	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	S	P	E	P	P	7 of 8
James Rose	E	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P		P	P	P	P	7 of 8
Marilyn Schwitzer	P	E	N/A	N/A	N/A	E	P		P	E	P	E	4 of 8
Robert J. Stobs	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P		P	P	P	P	8 of 8
Iver E. Williams	P	E	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P		E	P	P	P	6 of 8
QUORUM	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
CODES:													
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CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2021 ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 2021	FEB 2021	MAR 2021	APR 2021	MAY 2021	JUN 2021	JUL 2021	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	OCT 2021	NOV 2021	DEC 2021	Total Attendance
Harold R. Charles	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	R	E	E	E	E	0 of 11
Julie Coffey	E	P	E	P	A	E	P	E	P	E	E	E	4 of 11
Ileana Quintana	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	C	P	P	P	P	9 of 11
Lorenzo J. Palomares-Starbuck	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	E	7 of 11
Shellie Ransom-Jackson	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	E	S	P	P	P	P	8 of 11
Antonio Reyes	P	P	E	P	E	P	E	S	P	P	P	E	7 of 11
James Rose	E	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	10 of 11
Marilyn Schwitzer	P	E	P	P	E	E	P		P	P	P	P	8 of 11
Robert J. Stobs	P	P	P	P	E	P	P		P	P	P	P	10 of 11
Iver E. Williams	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM		NM	NM	NM	NM	2 of 2
QUORUM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
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**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2022 ATTENDANCE**

BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022	JUN 2022	JUL 2022	AUG 2022	SEP 2022	OCT 2022	NOV 2022	DEC 2022	Total Attendance
Harold R. Charles	E	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	R	NM	NM	NM	NM	0 of 10
Julie Coffey	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	N/A	P	P	P	9 of 10
Shellie Ransom-Jackson	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	C	N/A	P	P	E	7 of 10
Lorenzo J. Palomares-Starbuck	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	E	N/A	E	P	E	5 of 10
Ileana M. Quintana	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	S	N/A	P	P	P	8 of 10
Antonio Reyes	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	S	N/A	P	P	P	8 of 10
James Rose	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		N/A	P	P	P	10 of 10
Marilyn Schwitzer	P	E	P	P	E	E	E		N/A	P	P	E	5 of 10
Robert J. Stobs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		N/A	P	P	P	10 of 10
QUORUM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	
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**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2023 ATTENDANCE**

BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	JUL 2023	AUG 2023	SEP 2023	OCT 2023	NOV 2023	DEC 2023	Total Attendance
Julie Coffey	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	R	E	E	P	P	7 of 11
Lorenzo J. Palomares-Starbuck	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	E	E	E	5 of 11
Ileana M Quintana	E	E	P	P	E	E	P	C	P	P	P	P	7 of 11
Shellie Ransom-Jackson	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	E	7 of 11
Antonio Reyes	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	9 of 11
James Rose	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	10 of 11
Marilyn Schwitzer	E	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	E	E	8 of 11
Robert J. Stobs II	P	P	P	P	E	E	E		E	P	P	P	7 of 11
QUORUM	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
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APPENDIX C

ORDINANCE NO. 57 - 25

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR FIRM TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OR ACT IN THE CAPACITY OF A CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR, MASTER JOURNEYMAN, OR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AS DEFINED IN THIS ORDINANCE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF DADE COUNTY WITHOUT A CURRENT VALID CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY ISSUED BY THE DADE COUNTY EXAMINING BOARD HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE SEVERAL TRADES CONCERNED; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATION AND QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, MASTERS, JOURNEYMEN AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT DADE COUNTY; REQUIRING CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY; DEFINING TERMS; EXEMPTING OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CERTAIN OTHERS FROM THIS ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY; EXEMPTING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY CERTIFICATE HOLDERS FROM EXAMINATION; ESTABLISHING EXAMINATION AND ANNUAL RENEWAL FEES; REQUIRING CURRENT CERTIFICATE FOR ISSUANCE OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE; ESTABLISHING SEPARATE EXAMINING BOARD FOR BUILDING, ENGINEERING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS; ESTABLISHING AN EXAMINERS' MEDIATION BOARD; AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF RULES; PROVIDING FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AND SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATES DEFINING AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONDUCT BY CONTRACTORS; ESTABLISHING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND REPEALING ALL COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, MUNICIPAL CHARTERS, SPECIAL LAWS AND GENERAL LAWS WHERE AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD:

CHAPTER 17

Examination and Qualification of Contractors,
Subcontractors, Masters, Journeymen and Maintenance
Personnel

Section 17.01 It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor, subcontractor, master, journeyman, or maintenance personnel, as hereinafter defined, anywhere within the incorporated or unincorporated areas of this County without a current valid certificate of competency issued by the County Examining Board having jurisdiction over the several trades concerned.

Section 17.02 Definitions:

(A) "Firm" shall include a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or any other type of business organization.

(B) "Contractor" is any person, firm or corporation who engages in any business under an express or implied contract in any of the trades hereinafter listed.

(C) "Subcontractor" is one who contracts with a contractor to perform part or all of the latter's work.

(D) "Engage in Business" shall mean doing a trade for any owner or any tenant of land or of a building or of any part thereof, or for any person, firm or corporation in possession or in charge of the same or any part thereof, or entering into a contract with any such owner, tenant, person, firm or corporation for the doing of a trade.

(E) "Trade" shall include but shall not be limited to plumbing; electrical work; plastering; construction, repair or removal of buildings, and any other similar occupation connected with the construction industry.

(F) "Building Contractor" is any person or firm who undertakes, or offers to undertake, or purports to have the capacity to undertake or submits a bid or does himself or by or through others, to construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, move, wreck, or demolish any building, or other structure, to excavate, to commence any project, development or improvement or do any part thereof including the erection of scaffolding, or any other structures

or works in connection therewith or the incorporation of labor or material therein.

(G) "General Contractor" is a contractor whose construction work involves two or more building trades or crafts, who has financial means to undertake the work and the knowledge gained by not less than ten years experience either as a superintendent for a general contractor or as a licensed building contractor for such period (or has had an educational equivalent thereto) or in any combination thereof, and has satisfactorily passed a general contractor's examination, and has shown that his scope of operation should be unlimited as to the height and complexity of design of the construction he undertakes.

(H) "Sub-general Contractor" is a contractor whose construction work involves two or more building trades or crafts, who has financial means to undertake the work and the knowledge gained by not less than five years experience as a superintendent for a general contractor or a building contractor or has been a licensed sub-building contractor for such period or has had the educational equivalent thereto, or in any combination thereof, and has satisfactorily passed a Sub-General Contractors' examination and, thus, has shown that his scope of operation should be permitted for the construction or alteration of buildings of not more than two stories in height, but this proviso shall not prohibit him from engaging in the construction of a structure of a greater height when he acts as a sub-contractor under the supervision or responsibility of a general contractor.

(I) "Sub-Building Contractor" is a contractor whose construction work involved the use of two or more building trades or crafts, who has financial means to undertake the work and has the knowledge gained by three years experience as a superintendent for a general contractor or a building contractor (or has had experience in construction work or an educational equivalent thereto), or in any combination thereof and has satisfactorily passed a Sub-building Contractor's examination, and thus, has shown that he is qualified to engage in the business of a beginning contractor in the construction of a simple one story design with load bearing walls which does not require more advanced technical knowledge, and in the case of commercial or

industrial structures or buildings which shall not exceed 1500 square feet.

(J) "Specialty Contractor" is a contractor whose operations consist of the performance of construction work requiring special skills and whose principal contracting business involves the use of specialized building trades and crafts, usually a minor part of the complete structure. Specialty contractors shall be classified as, but not limited to, one of the following crafts:

Awning Erection
Cabinet and Millwork
Cement and Concrete
Demolition
Elevators
Fence Erectors
Flooring
Glazing
Gunite and Sandblasting

House Moving
Insulating
Masonry

Painting
Plastering
Roofing
Roof Waterproofing
Sign Erection
Sheet Metal
Steel Reinforcing and Iron
Structural Steel Erection
Swimming Pools (Construction Only)

Termite Treating
Tile, Marble and Terrazzo

(K) "Engineering Contractor" is a contractor who does work such as, but not limited to: harbors; docks; excavating; filling and grading; drainage; pile-driving; levees; pumping stations; and similar type of work in conjunction with water power, water control, water works and water supply; paving and sidewalks; curbs and gutters; streets and roads, bridges and overpasses and underpasses in streets, roads, and public thoroughfares; underground sewage collection and disposal systems, bulkheading and underground utility line construction; both sanitary and storm sewer systems, and similar work, or that portion of such installation and systems not generally defined or considered, under the provisions of this chapter, or in general trade practices, as a building structure, plumbing, electrical, gas or mechanical installation (as defined under "mechanical contractor".)

(L) "Plumbing Contractor" is a contractor doing work on any premises or in any building or structure requiring the installation, maintenance, repair, alteration or extension of a plumbing, septic tank, wells, swimming pool and solar heating systems and all appurtenances, apparatus or equipment used in connection therewith, including any incidental excavation work, and who is or who employs a supervising Master Plumber at all times.

(M) "Septic Tank Contractor" is a contractor who does any work involving the installation, cleaning, repair, alteration or extension of a septic tank or laundry waste treatment system and all appurtenances, apparatus or equipment used in connection therewith.

(N) "Well Drilling Contractor" is a contractor who operates a well drilling machine, apparatus or appliance in the drilling of water or drainage wells or who is engaged in the installation, maintenance and repair of pumping and piping incidental to a private swimming pool, not under the regulation of the State Board of Health, and having a closed system not connected to a water supply used for human consumption.

(O) "Gas-fitting Contractor" is a contractor doing work on any premises or in any building or structure, requiring installation, maintenance, repair, alteration or extension of fuel gas piping or appliances, including liquified petroleum gas piping and appliances if such contractor qualifies under State law.

(O-1) "Liquified Petroleum Gas Installation Contractor" is a contractor doing work on any premises or in any building or structure requiring the installation, maintenance, repair, alteration or extension of liquified petroleum gas piping or appliances or who furnishes the liquified petroleum gas to the consumer and maintains the gas mains, lines, laterals, tanks, regulators, meters and other paraphanalia in connection therewith.

(P) "Electrical Contractor" is a contractor doing work on any premises or in any building or structure requiring the installation, repair, alteration, addition or changes to any system of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment for light, heat or power, and who is, or who employs, a supervising master electrician at all times.

(Q) "Electrical Sign Contractor" is a contractor doing work on any premises or in any building or structure requiring the installation, repair, alteration, addition or change to any system of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment for electrical signs, and who is, or who employs a supervising master sign electrician at all times.

(R) "Mechanical Contractor" is a contractor doing work on any premises or in any building or structure requiring the installation, repair, alteration, addition or change to any system or refrigeration, air conditioning, heating, ventilating, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems, and apparatus or equipment used in connection therewith.

(S) "Master" shall mean any person who possesses the necessary qualifications, training and technical knowledge to do, plan, layout and supervise the work connected in his particular trade. He must be a qualified contractor or work for a qualified contractor, and hold a current certificate of competency indicating his qualification, in order to work in his trade.

(T) "Journeyman" shall mean any person who possesses the necessary qualifications, training and technical knowledge to do and supervise the work connected in his particular trade. He must work for a qualified contractor and hold a current certificate of competency indicating his qualification, in order to work in his trade.

(U) "Maintenance Personnel" includes all maintenance personnel who are regularly employed to maintain and make minor repairs to systems, apparatus and equipment, such as plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, air conditioning, boiler, heating and ventilating, which is installed, contained in and used upon premises or in buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the person or firm by whom such personnel is employed. Such maintenance personnel must hold a current certificate of competency for maintenance work or as master or journeyman in the trade or trades in which they are to engage. A master or a journeyman will automatically qualify, without further examination as maintenance personnel in their particular trade. The word "maintenance" as used in this paragraph is not intended to include operators of appliances or equipment.

Section 17.03 Any person or firm not possessing a current certificate of competency and holding themselves out as plaintiff or defendant in any court of this State or advertising in a newspaper or otherwise to be a contractor shall be subject to the provisions and penalties of this chapter and a certified copy of such court records or a copy of the newspaper or other advertising making such an

assertion shall be prima facia evidence in Court or in any other proceeding authorized by this Chapter that the person or firm purported to have the capacity to act as a contractor.

Section 17.04 The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to the following:

(A) An owner of residential property altering, or repairing his own home or duplex if occupied by the owner and not intended for sale. An owner of residential property may construct one single family residence for his own use and occupancy without qualifying for a certificate of competency, but the application for a building permit for construction of more than one single family residences in a year's time shall be construed as engaging in the construction business and such an owner must secure a certificate of competency before the permit will be issued. Nothing herein shall release an owner-builder from the requirement for obtaining a permit.

Section 17.05 A Contractor's certificate of competency shall be obtained in the following manner:

(A) Any person or firm required or desiring to be qualified as a contractor shall make application on a form prescribed by the appropriate Contractors' Examining Board at the office of the Secretary of such Board in the Building Division of the Zoning and Building Department, except that in the case of Engineering Contractors the application shall be filed with the appropriate Board in the Department of Public Works. The application shall be retained by the Board together with all supporting papers.

(B) Should applicant be a firm, the application shall be executed by the President or one legally qualified to act for the firm shall show his authority to so act on the application, and shall name an authorized agent on behalf of the firm showing his authority:

(1) To act for the firm in all matters in any manner connected with the contracting business; (2) to supervise the construction under the occupational license issued to the firm; and (3) to take the qualifying examination for the firm, unless holding a current certificate of competency of the class and type necessary. The firm shall be quali-

fied only through the qualifications of such agent taking the examination, or through an agent currently qualified, and if the agent (qualifier) shall sever his affiliation with such firm, the certificate of competency held by such firm shall be automatically cancelled. An agent (qualifier) shall be restricted to the work of the firm he is currently qualifying.

(C) No application shall be considered unless the applicant gives all information required on the form, which shall include:

- (1) A statement of applicant's proposed contracting business;
- (2) The type of certificate being applied for;
- (3) Name, residence, business address of applicant;
- (4) If applicant is a firm, the name and business address of the firm and the name, residence of all directors and officers of the firm and their interest therein, and the name, residence of the applicant's qualified representative and information contained above. If applicant is corporation, a certificate of incorporation.
- (5) A sworn financial statement of the applicant, a credit report, and an agreement authorizing the secretary of the appropriate Contractors Examining Board to obtain from any source dealing with the applicant; even though confidential, such additional information concerning the applicant's financial condition as the secretary deems necessary.
- (6) A sworn list of all businesses owned, operated, or managed by applicant or in which the applicant has had an interest of any kind during the past 5 years, and the addresses of these businesses.
- (7) Receipt from the appropriate Board showing the fee of \$25 for the examination and qualification of the applicant has been paid.
- (8) Three letters of recommendation from reputable business or professional men, not related by blood or marriage to the applicant, of this county, or the county of applicant's last business venture, vouching for the applicant's reputation as to honesty,

integrity and good character.

(9) A sworn statement, stating under oath that the applicant has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony during the past five years, and that he is not presently charged with committing a felony or misdemeanor. If this is not the case, applicant shall specify the details of the conviction or charges.

(D) The Secretary of the appropriate Board shall notify the applicant of the next regular examination and shall notify the Board of the application prior to its next regular meeting and make such additional investigation as may be directed by the Board.

(E) The Contractors Examining Board shall prescribe the type of examination of the applicant to show his degree of experience; his knowledge of building, safety, health and lien laws of the County, State and Federal governments as may be applicable; and his knowledge of rudimentary administrative principles of the contracting business for which application is being made.

(F) The Contractors Examining Board shall not issue a certificate of competency unless, by a majority vote of the Board members present, the Board finds:

(1) That the applicant, or if applicant is a firm then the qualified representative, has made a passing grade on the written or verbal examination and has the necessary experience for the type of certificate applied for.

(2) That the credit report and financial statement of the applicant shows that the applicant is financially able to engage in the contracting business for which the license is requested so that the public will be protected.

(3) That the applicant and each member of the firm possesses a reputation for honesty, integrity, and has a good character, has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony in the past five years, and at the time of the application is not charged with committing a misdemeanor or a felony. This shall be determined by the Board from the information contained in the letters of recommendation submitted by the applicant and any other statements submitted to

or obtained by the Contractors Examining Board or its investigators. The lack of honesty, integrity or good character may be established by competent evidence that:

(A) Applicant has committed an act within the past three years which, if committed or done by a licensed contractor, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of a contractor's license.

(B) Applicant has committed an act within the past three years involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or lack of integrity whereby the applicant has been benefited or whereby some injury has been sustained by another.

(C) Applicant has, in the past five years, refused to pay valid bills of at least five different persons or firms or has been adjudged bankrupt.

(D) Applicant is presently charged with commission of a misdemeanor or felony.

(E) Applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony during the past five years.

Section 17.06 (A) Every person, who, under the terms of this chapter, is required to hold a certificate of competency, and who, upon the effective date of this chapter, holds a current certificate of competency issued by Dade County, shall be entitled to a certificate of competency without examination, but such certificate shall be subject to any restrictions and limitations carried by the current County certificate and shall entitle the holder of such certificate to do business only in the unincorporated area unless the Examining Board concerned, upon presentation by the applicant, of evidence satisfactory to such Board, shall determine that such certificate may be extended to include the incorporated areas of Dade County. Evidence to be considered to warrant such extension shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:

(1) Proof that a written examination given by Dade County was successfully passed by the applicant, and that such examination was substantially equal in scope and coverage to examinations for the same trade and category given previously and regularly by any muni-

city within Dade County having codes and enforcement of such codes similar to Dade County, or

(2) Proof, submitted by the applicant that he has actively, continuously and properly engaged in the trade concerned, in the unincorporated area of Dade County in the category indicated on the current County Certificate, for a period of five years immediately prior to the effective date of this chapter as evidenced by County certificates of competency and State and County occupational licenses covering such five year period.

(B) Every person, who, under the terms of this Chapter, is required to hold a County Certificate of Competency, who at the time this chapter becomes effective, holds a current license or certificate of competency issued by a municipality within Dade County shall be entitled to a certificate of competency without further examination, but such certificate shall be subject to any restrictions and limitations carried by the current municipal license or certificate, and, in addition shall entitle the holder of such certificate to do business only in those jurisdictions from which he holds current licenses or certificates, unless the Examining Board concerned, upon presentation by the applicant of evidence satisfactory to the Board, shall determine that the applicant is entitled to an extension of his certificate to include all municipal and unincorporated areas in Dade County. Evidence to be considered to warrant such extension shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to

(1) Proof that a written examination given by a municipality within Dade County was successfully passed by the applicant, and that such examination was substantially equal in scope and coverage to examinations for the same trade and category given previously and regularly by any municipality in Dade County or by Dade County, and that such examining municipality had codes and enforcement of such codes similar to Dade County, or

(2) Proof by the applicant that he has actively, continuously and properly engaged in the trade concerned in a municipality or municipalities within Dade County, in the category indicated on the current municipal certificate or license for a period of five

years immediately prior to the effective date of this chapter as evidenced by certificates of competency or licenses from such municipality covering such five year period. In addition, it must be shown that the municipality issuing such certificate or license has given examinations similar in scope and coverage to those given by Dade County, and has enforced codes similar to the codes of Dade County during the 5 year period.

(C) Anything in this Section to the contrary, notwithstanding no examination, shall be required of any person who under the terms of this Chapter is required to hold a county certificate of competency if he is the owner of or has been continuously employed as an executive officer, general manager or manager of any firm heretofore engaged in a trade, business or occupation in Dade County for which a certificate of competency is by the provisions of this Chapter now required but which heretofore has not been required, for a period of not less than five years immediately prior to the effective date of this Chapter and if this corporation has during such period of time been continuously licensed to engage in such trade, business or occupation by the state or county. A certificate of competency covering such trade, business or occupation shall be issued to an applicant qualifying under the terms of this paragraph (c) and other applicable requirements of this Section upon the payment of a fee of \$25 to Dade County.

(D) In order to qualify for a county certificate of competency under any of the foregoing provisions of this section, applicants for such county certificate must complete application for a county certificate of competency, furnish all evidence and proof as may be required by this Chapter and pay a fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee for such certificate charged by the county (unless another fee charge is indicated in this section) within six months from the effective date of this Chapter; otherwise, such person shall be required to pass a written examination and meet all other requirements specified in this Chapter in order to qualify for a County Certificate of Competency.

Section 17.07 A certificate of Competency for Masters, Journeymen and for Maintenance Personnel shall be obtained in the following manner:

(A) Any person required or desiring to be qualified as a Master, Journeyman or maintenance personnel shall make an application on a form prescribed by the appropriate Contractors Examining Board at the office of the Building Division of the Zoning and Building Department. The application shall be retained by the Board together with all supporting papers.

(B) A fee of \$10 shall be paid for the examination, for journeyman and maintenance personnel and \$25 for a masters.

(C) The Secretary of the appropriate Board shall notify the applicant of the next examination.

(D) The appropriate Contractors Examining Board shall prescribe the type of examination of the applicant to show the degree of experience and his knowledge of the particular trade for which the application is being made.

(E) Temporary certificates: Any person who has in his possession a current license or certificate as a master or journeyman issued by any state, county, or municipality in the United States certifying that the holder has been examined and found competent to perform the work of a master or journeyman, shall, after making application for the next examination, be issued a temporary certificate by the Secretary of the appropriate Board, authorizing such master or journeyman to work in the capacity of a journeyman. Such certificate shall be issued only upon written request of the employing contractor. Failure to take or pass the examination shall automatically terminate such certificate and the employing contractor shall return the certificate to the Secretary of the Board. No further certificate shall be issued to the applicant unless he shall take and pass an examination.

Section 17.08 Annual Renewal Fees:

Contractors and Sub-Contractors and Specialty Contractors	\$5.00
Masters	\$2.00
Journeymen	\$2.00
Maintenance Personnel	\$2.00

Where a certificate has been revoked or has expired or lapsed for any reason, the Board may require complete re-examination before a certificate of competency is renewed or re-installed.

Section 17.09 Whenever a municipal or county occupational license is required of any Contractor, Sub-contractor, Master, Journeyman and Maintenance Personnel, no such occupational license shall be issued unless the applicant shall first procure from the appropriate County Examining Board a current certificate of competency and shall present a copy to the license division.

Section 17.10

(A) The following six examining boards are hereby created:

- (1) Building Contractors Examining Board
- (2) Engineering Contractors Examining Board
- (3) Plumbing Contractors Examining Board
- (4) Electrical Contractors Examining Board
- (5) Mechanical Contractors Examining Board
- (6) Liquified Petroleum Gas Installation Contractor's Board

(B) "Each Board shall consist of nine voting members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Director of the Zoning and Building Department shall serve as secretary to all Examining Boards and shall have no vote, except that the Director of Public Works shall serve as secretary to the Engineering Contractor's Examining Board and shall have no vote. Each Director shall be permitted to designate a staff member to serve in his stead. The members of each Board shall be proportionately representative, as nearly as possible, of the trade or trades related to the subject matter concerned in the examination and qualifications, and professions within and connected with the particular trades concerned shall be represented. No member of any Examining Board shall receive any compensation for duties involved, except that each voting member shall be paid \$15 for each meeting he attends to cover necessary expense incurred in his official duties".

(C) Terms of Office - Removal - Vacancies.

- (1) Terms of office for each of the examining boards

shall be one year for three members, two years for three members and three years for three members, with appointments thereafter to be for a three year term. Each member shall hold office until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

(2) Any member of the examining boards may be removed from office by a majority vote of the complete Board of County Commissioners.

(3) Any vacancy occurring during the unexpired term of office of any member of the examining boards shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners for the unexpired term within 30 days after such vacancy occurs.

(D) Organization of Boards

(1) The Director of the Zoning and Building Department shall serve as Secretary of the Examining Boards, except that the Director of Public Works shall serve as Secretary of the Engineering Contractors Board. Each Director shall be permitted to designate a staff member to serve in his stead.

(2) The Boards shall elect a Chairman and such other officers as may be necessary from among their members. Terms of all officers shall be for one year beginning on November 1st with elections to be held at the first meeting in October of each year.

(E) Meetings

(1) The Board shall hold not less than four regular meetings each fiscal year, one in July, one in October, one in January, and one in April.

(2) Meetings shall be called by the Chairman of the Board, and in his absence by the Vice Chairman of the Board.

(3) All examinations and minutes of Board Meetings shall be public records, except those portions of which are of a confidential nature, such as credit reports, financial statements, and communications received by the Board in respect to the applicants' qualifications. All minutes and records shall be kept in the office of the Zoning and Building Department except the records of the Engineering Contractors Board which shall be kept in Department of Public Works.

(4) Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and a majority vote of those present shall be required to make any decision.

(F) For the purpose of administering this Chapter any examining Board may call on the Building Division of the Zoning and Building Department to furnish such employees as may be necessary to carry on or assist the Board in performing its duties except that the Engineering Contractors Examining Board shall call on the Department of Public Works for such employees.

(G) Each Board may make such rules and regulations as are consistent with the general policies of this Chapter as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, including the power to administer oaths and subpoena witnesses in the manner provided for subpoenaing witnesses in the Metropolitan Court.

(H) Powers and Duties of Contractors Examining Boards

The Contractors Examining Board shall have the power to determine the qualifications of applicants for various types of contractors' licenses and certificates of competency; to hold hearings to determine if a license or certificate of competency of any contractor should be suspended for any violation of this Chapter and to fix the length of time for such suspension or to revoke the license or certificate under the provisions of this Chapter, or to appoint an employee from the Building Division or Department of Public Works to investigate any complaints made against the licensed contractor and determine whether it shall take administrative action against the contractor or direct the investigator to file a complaint for prosecution for the violation against the contractor; to call upon members of the industry to advise and assist them. Any Board may prescribe different types of examinations for different kinds of contractors within each trade and issue limited certificates accordingly, and determine the type of certificate for which an applicant is qualified.

(1) Building Contractors Examining Board shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the examination, qualification, disciplinary action, and certificate of competency of

General Contractors, Sub-General Contractors, Sub-Building Contractors, Specialty Contractors and Subcontractors in the "Building Contractor" trade.

(2) Engineering Contractors Examining Board shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the examination, qualification, disciplinary action, and certificate of competency of the Engineering Contractors and subcontractors in the Engineering Contractors trade.

(3) Plumbing Contractors Examining Board shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the examination, qualification, disciplinary action, and certificate of competency of Plumbing Contractors, Gas Fitting Contractors, Septic Tank Contractors, Well Drilling Contractors, and subcontractors in these trades, and Masters, Journeymen and Maintenance Personnel in these trades.

(4) Electrical Contractors Examining Board shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the examination, qualification, disciplinary action, and certificate of competency of Electrical Contractors, Electrical Sign Contractors, and subcontractors in these trades, and Masters, Journeymen and Maintenance Personnel in these trades.

(5) Mechanical Contractors Examining Board shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the examination, qualification, disciplinary action, and certificate of competency of Boiler, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Heating and Ventilating Contractors, and subcontractors in these trades, and Masters, Journeymen and Maintenance Personnel in these trades.

(6) Liquified Petroleum Gas Installation Contractors Board shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the examination, qualification, disciplinary action, and certificate of competency of the Liquified Petroleum Gas Installation Contractors, and sub contractors in this trade, and masters, journeymen and maintenance personnel in the trade if in the opinion of the Board the establishment of such personnel categories is necessary.

(7) The examiner's Mediation Board is hereby created, the membership of which shall be made up of the Chairmen of the

various examining boards created by this Chapter with the Building Examining Board member as the Chairman. The Director of the Zoning and Building Department shall serve as Secretary and shall have no vote.

(A) The Examiners Mediation Board shall meet at the call of the Chairman and shall make such rules and regulations, and keep such records as are consistent with the requirements and policies of this Chapter. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be by majority vote. Members shall not receive any compensation, but each voting member shall be paid \$15 for each meeting he attends to cover necessary expenses incurred in his official duties.

(B) The Examiners Mediation Board shall be empowered to decide questions arising which pertain or are applicable to more than one of the examining boards created by this Chapter, including, but not limited to questions of jurisdiction as between the examining boards in carrying out their duties and questions of establishing uniformity and consistency in the rules, procedures and actions of these various examining boards. The rulings of the Examiners Mediation Board shall be final and shall be complied with by the Examining Boards concerned.

(C) Matters to be considered by the Examiners Mediation Board may be referred to it by any of the Examining Boards, or by the Secretary of such Boards, or the matter may be initiated by the Examiners Mediation Board.

(I) Disciplinary Proceedings

(1) The Secretary of any Contractors Examining Board may, upon his own motion, or shall upon a sworn complaint in writing of any person investigate or cause to be investigated by a special investigator appointed by the Board the charges against any contractor qualified hereunder and submit a written report to the appropriate Contractors Examining Board. Upon the filing of Petition of Bankruptcy by or against a qualified contractor under this Chapter, or if a qualified contractor fails to keep in force the insurance policy

required in Section 17.13 (c) of this Chapter, the Secretary of the Board shall immediately suspend the Certificate of Competency and report the matter to the appropriate Contractor's Examining Board for revocation action.

(2) The Contractor's Examining Board, upon receipt of such report, shall decide if the report makes a prima facie showing of a violation of this Chapter and if so, shall take one or both of the following actions:

(a) Instruct the Secretary to send, by Registered Mail, a letter to the qualified contractor to his last known address, as shown by the Board's records, setting out the name of the complainant, the time of commission of the alleged offense, and the section of this Chapter alleged to be violated, and notifying the qualified contractor to appear before the Board at a time and place fixed, not sooner than 20 days from the mailing of the Registered Letter, to show cause why his Certificate of Competency should not be suspended or revoked.

(b) Instruct the investigator or complainant to file a sworn affidavit for the arrest of the qualified contractor if he has violated any of the provisions of this Chapter.

(3) The administrative hearing provided for above shall be open to the public.

(A) The proceedings at the hearing shall be recorded and may be transcribed at the expense of the party requesting the transcript.

(B) The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if the Board finds it competent and reliable, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might make improper the admission of such evidence. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining any direct evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible in civil actions. The rules of privilege shall be effective to the same extent that they are now or hereafter may be recognized in civil actions. Irrele-

vant and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.

(C) Each party shall have these rights: To call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues even though that matter was not covered in the direct examination; to impeach any witness regardless of which party first called him to testify; and to rebut the evidence against him.

(D) A decision shall be made by the Contractors Examining Board by a majority of the entire Board within five days after the close of the hearing. The decision shall be one of the following:

- (1) Not guilty
- (2) Suspension of Certificate of Competency, stating time.
- (3) Revocation of Certificate of Competency, naming effective date.

(E) An appeal from the decision of the Board may be made by the contractor involved to the Metropolitan Court within 20 days, but not thereafter.

Section 17.11 The Certificate of Competency issued by the County to a contractor may be suspended for a fixed term or revoked by the appropriate Contractors Examining Board's determination only by a majority vote of the entire Board after hearing if the contractor as an individual or the firm by its officers, directors, or qualified representatives has violated any of the provisions of this Chapter. The suspension or revocation of a Certificate of Competency shall automatically suspend or revoke as the case may be any occupational license issued by the County or municipality.

Section 17.12 It shall be unlawful for any contractor, as defined by this Chapter operating anywhere within the County, licensed individually or as a firm contractor, officers, directors or qualified representative of a firm contractor, to commit any one or more of the following acts or omissions:

(A) To contract or do any work outside of the scope of operation, as set out in the definition of the particular type of contractor for which he is qualified.

(B) Abandon without legal excuse a construction project or operation in which he is engaged or under contract as a contractor.

(C) Divert funds or property received for the execution or completion of a specific construction project or operation, or for a specified purpose to any other use whatsoever.

(D) To depart from or disregard in any material respect the plans or specifications of a construction job without the consent of the owner or his duly authorized representative.

(E) Disregard or violate, in the performance of his contracting business, any of the building, safety, health insurance or Workman's Compensation Laws of the State of Florida or ordinances of this County.

(F) Misrepresent any material fact in his application and supporting papers in obtaining a license under this Chapter.

(G) Fail to fulfill his contractual obligation through inability to pay all creditors for material furnished or work or services performed in the operation of his business for which he is licensed hereunder.

(H) Aid or abet an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this Chapter or allow his license to be used by an unlicensed person or to act as an agent, partner, or associate of an unlicensed person with the intent to evade the provisions of this Chapter.

(I) Do any fraudulent act as a contractor by which another is substantially injured.

Section 17.13 The appropriate Contractor's Examining Board shall suspend or revoke a contractor's Certificate of Competency if after hearing it is found that the contractor:

(A) Has been adjudicated bankrupt.

(B) Fails to maintain at all times with an insurance company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, the limits of insurance required by any other applicable law or authority having jurisdiction but not less than bodily injury liability insurance with the minimum limits of \$50,000 for one person and \$100,000 for more

than one person in any one accident, and property damage insurance with a minimum limit of not less than \$5,000 for any one accident, including any damage to public rights-of-way or shrubbery and to file certificates, signed by the qualified agent of the insurer, with the Secretary of the appropriate Contractor's Examining Board showing the type of policy issued, the policy number, the name of the insurer, the effective date of the policy, the amount, and providing by endorsement of the policy, an agreement by the insurer to give a 30 days written notice by registered mail to the secretary of the appropriate Contractor's Examining Board, of the intent to cancel the policy for any reason. The examining board may reinstate such revoked certificate of competency at such time as the contractor again supplies full insurance coverage as required by this Chapter.

(C) Violated any of the provisions of Section 17.12.

Section 17.14 Any person, member of a firm, or firm violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction in the Metropolitan Court, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court, for each offense.

Section 17.15 If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter. The County Commission hereby declares that it would have passed this Chapter and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 17.16 - Repeal. - All county and municipal ordinances, county and municipal resolutions, municipal charters, special laws applying to this county and general laws applying only to this county or any general law which this commission is specifically authorized by the Constitution to supersede, nullify or amend, or any part of any such ordinance, resolution, charter or law in conflict with any

provision contained herein are hereby repealed.

Section 17.17 - Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective December 1, 1957.

PASSED AND ADOPTED NOV 12, 1957

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF DADE }

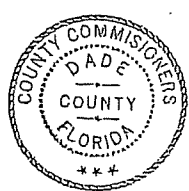
I, RICHARD P. BRINKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of following denoted ORDINANCE of Dade County, Florida, as appears of record.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-25, adopted by the said Board of County Commissioners at its meeting held on Nov. 12, 1957

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on MAY 22 1980 A.D. 1980

RICHARD P. BRINKER, Ex-Officio Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Dade County, Florida
By /s/ **RAYMOND REED**
Deputy Clerk

SEAL



Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No. 7(F)
9-17-13

Veto _____

Override _____

ORDINANCE NO. 13-86

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, AMENDING SECTION 10-13 ESTABLISHING MANDATORY LAWS AND RULES TRAINING FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, AND CREATING REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURES FOR NULL AND VOID LICENSES, AMENDING SECTION 10-20 REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD "A" DIVISION ORGANIZATION AND AMENDING QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD MEETINGS, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Chapter 10 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is amended to read as follows:¹

Chapter 10 CONTRACTORS
ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL

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Sec. 10-13. Certificates nontransferable; term; renewal; reactivation and status of certificates; conditions of renewal.

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(b) *Renewal, reactivation, reinstatement, and status of certificates.*

¹ Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

- (1) Certificates in active or voluntary inactive status must be renewed prior to their expiration date(s). The Building Code Compliance Office (the Department) shall renew a certificate in active or voluntary inactive status after January 1, 1996 upon receipt of a completed renewal application and payment of fees established by separate administrative order, provided the certificate holder has earned sixteen (16) hours of continuing education credit during the term then expiring. >>Of the required sixteen (16) hours of continuing education credit a minimum of one (1) hour in each of the following areas of study shall be included: Chapter 10 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and Florida Statute 713. The remaining fourteen (14) hours of continuing education may be satisfied through attendance at any Board approved courses.<< The list of approved classes for continuing education credit shall be posted in the Department. The department may establish penalty fees by administrative order for renewal applications submitted after the certificate expiration date(s).

- (2) A certificate holder may request that his or her certificate be placed in voluntary inactive status by making application to the department, paying the required fee as established by administrative order, and obtaining prior approval by the Board or a division thereof.
 - a. A certificate holder may not elect voluntary inactive status if fines and fees imposed by the Board or a division thereof, a hearing officer under Chapter 8CC of this Code, or a civil or criminal court judge relating to his or her work in the trade, remain unpaid or are the subject of an investigation initiated by the Board, a division thereof, or the department.
 - b. During the period of time in which the certificate is in voluntary inactive status, the certificate holder shall not engage in contracting. Tradesmen shall not act in the

capacity of either a master, journeyman or maintenanceman, as defined under this chapter, while a certificate is in voluntary inactive status.

- c. The holder of a certificate in voluntary inactive status shall be required to pay the regular renewal fee for certification to revert to active status.
- (3) Failure to renew an active or voluntary inactive certificate at the time of renewal will result in the certificate being classified as involuntary inactive.
- a. A certificate which has become involuntary inactive under this subsection, except as provided for late renewals in Subsection (c)(1) above, and which has not become null and void as described in Subsection (3)b. below, may be reactivated by application to the department; payment of an application fee established by administrative order for reactivation; and, by satisfactory proof to the Board or a division thereof that the certificate holder has submitted payment of the current renewal fee; payment of renewal fees as established by administrative order for each renewal period in which the certificate was involuntary inactive; payment of any penalty fees as established by administrative order; and completion of up to eight (8) classroom hours of continuing education for each year the certificate was inactive, as specified by the Board or a division thereof.
 - b. Failure to reactivate an involuntary inactive certificate after two (2) consecutive renewal periods have lapsed will result in the certificate becoming null and void without further action of the Board.
- (4) The holder of a certificate which has become null and void may reapply to the Board or a division

thereof for certification in accordance with this chapter>> or request reinstatement<<.

>>a. The Board shall not reinstate a null and void license except where illness or undue hardship and a good faith effort to comply with the renewal requirements is demonstrated. The Board shall strictly construe and determine applicability for renewal based on documentation provided by the licensee.

b. Where consent to reinstate is granted, completion of eight (8) classroom hours of continuing education for each year the certificate was involuntarily inactive, as specified by the Board or a division thereof and payment of renewal fees as established by administrative order for each renewal period in which the certificate was involuntary inactive shall be imposed. <<

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Sec. 10-20. Construction Trades Qualifying Board.

(A) *Membership, appointment, qualifications, Secretary, compensation.* There is hereby established a Construction Trades Qualifying Board consisting of twenty-seven (27) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The membership shall be comprised of ~~[[two]]~~ >>one<< (~~[[2]]~~>>1<<) architect~~[[s]]~~, ~~[[two]]~~ >>one<< (~~[[2]]~~>>1<<) registered engineer~~[[s]]~~, and the qualifying agents of each of the following types of contractors holding a certificate of competency pursuant to this chapter issued by Division A or Division B of the Miami-Dade County Construction Trades Qualifying Board: Four (4) general contractors, two (2) engineering contractors, three (3) electrical contractors, three (3) plumbing contractors, two (2) mechanical contractors, two (2) roofing contractors, one (1) contractor certified in both swimming pool piping and swimming pool maintenance (commercial) categories, one (1) liquefied petroleum installation contractor, one (1) swimming pool contractor, >>two (2) Building Specialty Contractors<< and four (4) members from the general public with each member to have

one (1) vote. Those individuals appointed as alternate members of the Board and currently serving in that capacity on the effective date of Ordinance No. 75-75 shall automatically be appointed as regular members for the duration of the terms for which they were appointed as alternates. If a contractor having a Miami-Dade County certificate of competency at the time of his appointment fails to renew or maintain that certification, he will be disqualified from membership on the Board and a replacement appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Any member of the Board on the effective date of Ordinance No. 83-105 who does not have a Miami-Dade County certificate of competency shall be permitted to remain on the Board until the expiration of his or her current term.

All members shall reside in and have principal places of business in Miami-Dade County. All members shall have been active in their respective professions or trades in the County for a minimum of ten (10) years but not necessarily a qualifying agent during all of said ten-year period.

The Director of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources shall serve as Secretary to the Board but shall have no vote. The Director shall be permitted to designate a staff member to serve in his stead and there shall be a Clerk to the Board appointed by the Secretary, but the Clerk shall have no vote.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties upon approval of the County Commission.

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(C) *Organization of Board.*

- (1) The Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and such other officers as may be necessary from among its members. Terms of all offices shall be for one (1) year.
- (2) The Board shall be divided into Division A and Division B, as follows, for the purposes hereinafter provided:
 - (a) Division A to consist of the three (3) general contractors, two (2) engineering contractors,

~~[[two]]~~ >> one << (~~[[2]]~~) >> 1 << architect[[s]],
and two (2) roofing contractors, ~~[[two]]~~
>> one << (~~[[2]]~~) >> 1 << registered
engineer[[s]], one (1) swimming pool
contractor >>, two (2) Building Specialty
Contractors << and two (2) members from
the general public.

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(D) *Meetings.*

- (1) The Board shall hold not less than one (1) regular meeting each year and the divisions shall hold not less than four (4) regular meetings each fiscal year, one (1) in July, one (1) in October, one (1) in January, and one (1) in April. Probable cause panels shall meet as necessary. Disciplinary action panels shall meet as required by the Board upon a majority vote of the members present.

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- (4) ~~[[Fourteen (14) voter members]]~~ >> A majority of the appointed members << of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required to make any decision.

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Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: September 17, 2013

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

RAC

Prepared by:

MSM for BS

Benjamin Simon

Co-Prime Sponsors: Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
Vice Chair Lynda Bell

APPENDIX D

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD**

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

BASIC RULES OF ORDER - Except as may be provided hereinafter, and as provided for in Chapter 10 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the conduct of the business of the Miami-Dade County Construction Trades Qualifying Board shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order Revised" in all instances and cases to which they are applicable.

MEETINGS - The meetings of the Board and the Divisions thereof shall be held at 11805 SW 26th Street Miami, Florida, or in such other place as may be designated by the Secretary of the Board and Divisions. The time of such meetings shall be as established by the Board and its Divisions, or meetings may be called by the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman in his absence, or by the Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The Chairman of the Board and the Divisions thereof shall be elected annually at their first meetings in January. The Board and the Divisions thereof shall also elect annually, at the same meetings, a Vice-Chairman.

AGENDA - The agenda for all meetings of the Board and the Divisions thereof shall be prepared by the Secretary and shall be distributed to the members concerned prior to or at the opening of the meeting. The agenda shall consist of, among other things, call to order, roll call, approval of previous minutes, old business (all deferred or enacted upon items to be carried continuously until officially disposed of) and new business.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman of the "A" Board and the Divisions thereof, shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting and shall immediately call the Board or the Divisions to order. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall assume all the duties of the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Secretary shall determine that a quorum is present, and in that event shall call for the election of a temporary Chairman. Upon the arrival of the Chairman or Vice Chairman, the temporary Chairman shall relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately before the Board or the Divisions.

ROLL CALL - Before proceeding with the business of the Board or its Division, the Chairman or the Secretary of each shall call the roll of the members, and the names of those present and absent shall be entered in the minutes.

QUORUM - Full Board quorum shall be the majority of all appointed members, with a majority of those present and voting being required to make any decisions. Division quorum shall be the majority of all appointed members shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative majority vote shall be required to render a decision of guilty in any revocation or suspension action, but only a majority vote of a Division shall be required to make a decision in any other authorized action. Should no quorum attend within 30 minutes after the time scheduled for the meeting of the Board or the Divisions thereof, the Chairman or Vice Chairman, or, in their absence, the Secretary may adjourn the meeting to a date as determined by the Secretary. The names of the members present and their action at such meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary.

RULES OF DEBATE - When a motion is presented and seconded, it is under consideration and no other motion shall be received thereafter, except to adjourn, to postpone, or to amend; until the question is decided. These motions shall have preference in the order in which they are mentioned and the first two shall be decided without debate. No matter shall be laid on the table and all matters deferred or postponed shall be to a date certain.

Every member desiring to speak for any purpose shall address the Chairman and, upon recognition, shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.

A member, once recognized, shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to call him to order. If called to order, he shall cease speaking until the question or order is determined by the Chairman and, if in order, he shall be permitted to proceed.

Any member may appeal to the Board from the decision of the Chairman upon a question of order when, without debate, the Chairman shall submit to the Board the questions, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" and the Board shall decide by a majority vote.

When a vote is taken by roll call, there shall be no discussion by any member voting, and he shall vote yes or no. Any member, upon voting, may file a brief statement to explain his vote. A member of the Board may abstain from voting on any matter. Any member, who has a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any matter pending before the Board, shall make that interest known and shall abstain from participating therein in any manner. Any member who abstains from voting on any subject shall make his reason known such reason to be recorded in the official minutes of the Board.

VOTING - The vote upon every motion or resolution shall be either "viva voce" (by the voice) or by a show of hands, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board; in the event the Chairman is in doubt or if any member of the Board so requests, the vote shall be by roll call in progressive alphabetical order, except the Chairman shall be the last member called.

MINUTES- A record of all disciplinary hearings relative to certificates of competency or certificates of eligibility shall be taken by a qualified court reporter (and certified by the court reporter), except that the discussions, motions, votes and decisions, after such hearings are conducted, will be taken by a staff recording secretary. The record of all other meetings of the Board and Divisions will be taken by a staff recording secretary, unless the Board or Divisions, prior to a particular meeting, direct that a qualified court reporter be engaged for the particular hearing or meeting. Such minutes, upon signing by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Secretary, shall constitute the official minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the Board and of the Divisions shall be kept in the office of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department or in such other locations as the Director of that Department may designate. The minutes shall include a transcript of the meeting, the decisions made by the Board or Divisions thereof, and the vote of each member on each motion. If a member is absent, or abstains from voting, the minutes shall so indicate. A copy of the minutes shall be furnished to all Board members of the Divisions thereof prior to the next regular meeting.

CONDUCT OF DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS - The divisions of the Board shall conform to the following format in conducting hearings involving possible revocation or suspension of certificates of competency or eligibility.

Formal Hearing Procedure

- (a) Preliminary discussion by Board members
- (b) Parties called in
- (c) Chairman requests parties to identify themselves for the record, including their part in the proceedings
- (d) Chairman or court reporter, to swear in all persons who are going to testify:

"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth
and nothing but the truth, so help you God."

- (e) Chairman or Secretary to read copy of the notice (Charges, etc.) for the record. (Give copy to court reporter)
- (f) Chairman or Secretary to read from Chapter 10, Section 10-15(5) and (6) - the rules of conduct which will govern the hearing.
- (g) Chairman requests Petitioner, Secretary of the Board, to present his/her case to substantiate the charges. Witnesses for the Petitioner should be permitted to complete their testimony, but each may be cross-examined after completion of their individual testimony by the Respondent or his attorney.

Board members may ask questions at any point in the testimony.

If documentary evidence is submitted into evidence, the Respondent or his attorney should be permitted to examine, and each document should be identified as "Petitioner's Exhibit No. ___" and numbered in consecutive order as filed.

- (h) Upon completion of Petitioner's presentation, the Board members may further question anyone who testified.
- (i) Chairman requests Respondent or his attorney to present his case. Witnesses for the Respondent, including the Respondent, should be permitted to complete their testimony, but each may be cross-examined by the Petitioner or his attorney after completion of their individual testimony.

Board Members may ask questions at any point in the testimony.

If documentary evidence is submitted into evidence, the Petitioner or his attorney should be permitted to examine, and each document should be identified as "Respondent's Exhibit No. ___" and numbered in consecutive order as filed.

- (j) Upon completion of Respondent's presentation, the Board may further question anyone who testifies.
- (k) Chairman requests Petitioner or his attorney for a closing statement, if they desire.
- (l) Chairman asks Respondent or his attorney for a concluding statement, if they desire.

- (m) Chairman closes the hearing, if Board members have no further questions, and notifies the parties that they will be notified of the Board's decision by letter as soon as possible, and in no event later than twenty (20) days after hearing date.

General Instructions - Chairman shall attempt to prevent repetitive and irrelevant testimony. He/she shall rule on objections as to evidence at time of objection, or he/she may excuse the participants and discuss with or call for vote of the Board or members on whether objected-to-evidence should be admissible into the record.

APPENDIX E

Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division “A”
Minutes of July 31, 2024

The Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division “A” was called to order at 9:24A.M., on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, in the 2nd Floor Conference Rooms I/J of the Herbert S. Saffir Permitting and Inspection Center located at 11805 SW 26th Street (Coral Way), Miami, Florida 33175 with some attendees appearing using the Zoom Webinar Platform.

Members Present

Robert J. Stobs, II, Chairman	Antonio Reyes
James Rose	Ileana M Quintana
Shellie Ransom-Jackson	

Members Excused

Marilyn Schwitzer	Julie A. Coffey, Vice Chairperson
Lorenzo J. Palomares-Starbuck	

Staff Present

Michael Mastrucci, Assistant County Attorney
Jaime Gascon, Board and Code Administration Division Director
Kathy Charles, Board Administrator
Daneya Walker, Board Secretary
Juan Fernandez, MDC Transportation and Public Works
Karen Jackson, Contractor Licensing Supervisor

Court Reporter

Jannett Brown-Taylor, Miami Dade County Court Reporters Inc. (Virtual)

Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Robert J. Stobs, II, requested a motion to approve the **minutes of the June 26, 2024**, Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. James Rose moved to **accept the minutes as written**. Ms. Shellie Ransom-Jackson seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

Reasonable Opportunity to be Heard

Ms. Kathy Charles, Board Administrator, outlined some housekeeping items and introduced the opportunity for the audience to address the Board on any matters of concern related to items under the authority of the Board not listed on today’s agenda. There were no individuals present who requested to be heard by the Board.

Board Report – 2024 Sunset Review Report

Ms. Kathy Charles, Board Administrator, informed the Members that before them was the **2024 Sunset Review Report**, covering the calendar years 2020 through 2023. Ms. Charles reminded the Members that this report must be completed by all Advisory Boards every two years and it reflects Member attendance, Board items and accomplishments for calendar years 2020 through 2023.

Chairman Nestor Bustamante indicated that the Sunset Review Report supports the continuation of the functions performed and would be transmitted by him to the Mayor for submission to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Kenneth Scott *moved to accept the 2024 Sunset Review Report* as submitted and Mr. Arthur Fernandez seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

APPENDIX F

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2020 RECAP OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	YTD TOTAL
TOTAL # OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	76	81	0	0	0	80	84	R E	152	60	82	76	691
FORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	7	8	0	0	0	5	5	C E	5	5	5	5	40
INFORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCES SCHEDULED	17	13	0	0	0	17	11	S	26	11	19	12	126

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2021 RECAP OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	YTD TOTAL
TOTAL # OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	61	63	82	98	67	89	68	R E C	147	50	34	63	822
FORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	E S S	3	0	0	0	16
INFORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCES SCHEDULED	14	8	16	17	16	13	7		22	3	12	11	139

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2022 RECAP OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	YTD TOTAL
TOTAL # OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	54	65	81	62	61	50	61	R	0	100	49	23	606
FORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	3	5	3	1	2	1	1	E	0	1	0	0	15
INFORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCES SCHEDULED	8	18	13	8	17	6	3	S	0	22	12	5	112

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD – DIVISION “A”
2023 RECAP OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	YTD TOTAL
TOTAL # OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	31	34	46	25	25	30	36	R	0	51	54	33	365
FORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	E	0	0	1	0	6
INFORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCES SCHEDULED	5	8	8	6	8	8	8	S	17	8	6	7	89