

**PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Monday – January 14, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. (MST)

**Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello**

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING

NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but to record the significant features of those discussions.

Acting Chairman Joe Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. (MST)

Board Members Present:

Joe Jackson, Vice-Chairman
Chuck Graves
Garry Tolley
Brian Bailey
Robbie Austin
Evan Goodwin

DBS Staff Present:

Chris L. Jensen, Administrator
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Patrick J. Grace, Regional Manager, Region 2
Amy Kohler, Compliance Program Specialist
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

In the absence of Chairman Jim Roletto, Vice-Chairman Joe Jackson served as acting chairman at this meeting.

◆ **Open Forum**

There were no new issues to discuss under open forum.

◆ **Approval of January 14, 2019 Agenda and October 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Chuck Graves made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as presented. Garry Tolley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Reduction of Fees on a Temporary Basis**

From September 2015 through June 2016, the Board had a temporary rule; saving PWCL licensees approximately \$100,000 by reducing license renewal fees by 20 percent.

Currently, the Board has close to \$3,000,000 in reserve or approximately five to six years of operating costs. Should the PWCL account continue to grow, it will be more challenging to defend it at the legislature.

Two handouts were provided, a draft rule of the 20% reduction of license renewal fees, and revenue cost comparison of standard versus reduced fees. The Division suggested both a temporary and proposed rule; however, recommended waiting until the end of the 2019 legislative session to run the temporary rule so it does not get compounded with the current legislature, new governor, etc. Before the next legislative session, the Board will need to decide if it wants a longer sunset clause or let the temporary rule expire on its own accord.

MOTION: Chuck Graves made a motion for a temporary reduction of fees with the possibility of exploring the issue mid-year on whether to make the rule permanent. Garry Tolley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Compliance Report**

There were no new issues to discuss under compliance report.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – The Board’s finances are very healthy and will continue to be even with the reduction of fees.

2019 Legislative Session – The Administrator will appear before the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on January 18, 2019, to address the Division’s proposed budget.

In Governor Little’s budget proposal, he wants to consolidate the IT services in the state; specifically, IT employees within several agencies to work under the Department of Administration. Of the 48 individuals affected by this merge, only 36 will be rehired.

Construction – Briefly addressed were several large million/billion-dollar jobs that will be or are being built in the state of Idaho.

Licensing – Regional Manager Patrick Grace stated based on the Licensing Freedom Act, a subcommittee may ask about multiple year licenses, as well as if there is a need for the 125 specialty categories within the PWCL licensing structure. Board Member Chuck Grave quantified the specialty categories relate to the Construction Specifications Institute’s format, not code.

Resignation – Board Member Garry Tolley informed the Board he will not renew his license when it expires in March 2019 and will resign from the Board at that time as well.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Chuck Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garry Tolley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. (MST).

JOE JACKSON, VICE-CHAIRMAN
PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS
LICENSE BOARD

CHRIS L. JENSEN, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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