

CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 8, 2013

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Randall B.C. Lau, Chairperson
Guy Akasaki, Vice Chairperson
Anacleto "Joey" Alcantara, Jr., Member
Nathan T. Konishi, Member
Kent Matsuzaki, Member
Aldon Mochida, Member
John Polischeck, Jr., Member
Daryl Suehiro, Member
Verna Oda, Executive Officer
Charlene L.K. Tamanaha, Executive Officer

Excused: Tyrus Kagawa, Member
William Kamai, Member
Peter Lee, Member
Gerald Yamada, Member

Guests: Shannon Alivado, GCA
Ken Takenaka, GCA
Gregg Serikaku, PAMCAH
Mike Kido, DCCA

Call to Order: Chairperson Lau called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Committee acknowledged the receipt of comments from Pacific Resource Partnership; Hawaii Construction Alliance; Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund; Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368; District 17 – Hawaii Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; Painting and Decorating Contractors Association of Hawaii; Tile Contractors Association of Hawaii; and Subcontractors Association of Hawaii. Copies of these comments were distributed to all Committee members.

The Committee briefly reviewed the license classification template provided by Chairperson Lau. Executive Officer Oda circulated copies of previously discussed rule amendments for the C-68RL Rockfall Mitigation, C-60 Solar Power Systems, and C-68WP Wind Power Systems classifications. Mr. Akasaki stated that he will circulate his recommendation for amendments to the C-60 classification.

Chairperson Lau noted that some states have separate building contractor classifications for general contractors. He suggested that the "B" general building classification be separated into commercial and residential licenses. Any project which is not residential, such as a school, would be considered commercial. His concern was for the small residential contractors who are now required to subcontract all work not included in any of the automatic specialty classifications that come with the B license. This also increases the cost of the project for homeowners. Separating the B license into two classifications would ease the application review process and address concerns some Board members may have about issuing a license to build hotels and high rises to contractors with only residential building experience.

It was suggested that the Residential B license be limited to one-to-two family homes no higher than three stories, and not include the building of tract homes. The Residential B license holder would be able to do all of the work on the project, except for electrical, plumbing, and roofing work. This license would include all the automatic specialty classifications currently afforded the B license, except for the C-25 Institutional and Commercial Equipment classification. It was also suggested that the C-42a (Aluminum and Other Metal Shingles) and the C-42b (Wood Shingles and Wood Shakes) be eliminated.

The Committee discussed whether the Residential B license should be a subclass of the Commercial B license. It was the consensus of the Committee that current B license holders would be grandfathered in, and would not have to qualify for the Commercial B license.

The Committee also discussed separating the C-5 Cabinet, Millwork, and Carpentry Remodeling and Repairs classification into commercial and residential licenses. The Residential C-5 would be able to perform all work on the project, except for electrical and plumbing work, but the Commercial C-5 would be limited to the work described in its current definition, without the ability to perform incidental and supplemental work.

It was suggested that the Commercial C-5 description read as follows:

"To install cabinets, cases, sashes, doors, trims, window shutters, garage doors, bifold and shutter doors, manufactured siding and

