

Sec. 6-22. - Construction Industry Licensing Board of Sumter County.

There is hereby established and continued the Construction Industry Licensing Board of Sumter County which shall hereinafter be referred to as the "licensing board."

- (a) *Powers and duties.* The primary responsibilities of the licensing board shall be as follows:
- (1) To evaluate and approve/disapprove contractors for local licensing via the issuance of competency cards, except when a contractor applies for a competency card through the reciprocity procedures set forth in section 6-29. When a contractor applies for a competency card through the reciprocity procedures of this code, the building official shall be responsible for the approval/disapproval of such applications.
  - (2) To act in the capacity of an impartial hearing board for complaints against licensed contractors and to discipline said licensed contractors when warranted.
  - (3) To act in the capacity of an impartial hearing board on reports of unlicensed contractor activity, and to refer said reports to the board when warranted.
- (b) *Appointment, terms and attendance of members.*
- (1) *Appointment.* The licensing board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the board of county commissioners. Each member shall be a legal, bona fide resident of the county and meet all other appointee requirements established by the board. Membership shall be consistent with 61G4-20.001(1)(b) of the Florida Administrative Code. All contractors appointed shall hold an active competency card or a state certificate of competency.
  - (2) *Terms.* The term of office for each member of the licensing board shall be three (3) years. Each member of the licensing board shall serve until his or her successor is qualified and begins serving on the licensing board. Members of the licensing board shall be eligible for re-appointment.
  - (3) *Attendance.* Licensing board members serve at the pleasure of the board and may be suspended or removed for cause. If any member fails to attend two (2) of three (3) successive meetings without cause and approval of the chair, the licensing board may, by majority vote, declare that member's position vacant and notify the board, who shall promptly fill such vacancy. A member who ceases to be a resident of the county, or a contractor member who does not hold a current license, shall be automatically dismissed.
  - (4) *Officers.* The licensing board shall elect from among its members a chairman and vice-chairman annually. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, with eligibility for subsequent re-election.
  - (5) *Meetings.* The licensing board shall meet at 6:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis at the designated location at which the board conducts its scheduled business. Applicants will be notified of the specific meeting date and location through the letter of notification sent to the applicant by the department. The department shall furnish a secretary who shall maintain written or electronically produced minutes of each meeting and provide clerical services for the licensing board. The county attorney or county attorney designee (also an attorney) shall be present at all meetings. Meetings may be rescheduled to a date certain if a quorum, is not available, or, in the alternative, if the building official finds the scheduled agenda items are not of an urgent nature, the issues for consideration shall be added to the next scheduled licensing board meeting agenda.
  - (6) *Quorum and voting.* A quorum for the licensing board shall consist of a simple majority of the duly appointed members. All members of the licensing board shall vote on each motion that comes before the board, unless a legally recognized conflict of interest exists, in which case a conflict of interest form shall be filed with the licensing board secretary, thus excusing said member from voting on any such matter.

(7) *Rules and regulations.* The licensing board may establish and adopt rules and regulations, in compliance with this article, for the conduct of its members and shall include such actions in the written minutes of the meeting.

(Ord. No. 2009-03, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 2015-11, § 3, 6-23-15; Ord. No. 2017-04, § 3A, 2-28-17; Ord. No. 2018-06, § 3, 2-27-18)