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Message from Chairman Jan Leggett



The Nevada State Contractors Board prides itself on taking a proactive leadership role on the critical construction issues facing both the industry and the citizens who use construction services. That initiative is evidenced today as Board members and employees stand at the forefront of the rapidly expanding residential solar trend in Nevada.

Ever since residential solar began its upward trend in Nevada last spring, the Board has engaged with a variety of partners, including contractor boards from neighboring states, industry experts and building officials to better understand the dynamics of solar construction.

Our initiatives have kick-started several robust conversations and forums, created opportunities for

collaborative licensing and enforcement discussions, served as a catalyst for enhanced consumer materials, and opened the door for new public outreach options.

On October 29, the Board hosted a Western States Enforcement Forum in which representatives from Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Utah and Arizona converged on our Henderson office to discuss a variety of enforcement related matters, including current and future trends with solar construction, senior citizen protections, prosecuting fraudulent and unlicensed contractors and developing training courses for investigators.

The Western States Enforcement Forum was the first regional meeting of its kind and provided each state the opportunity to share its best practices, discuss enforcement matters that cross state lines, learn from each other's processes, and identify future partnering efforts that will continue to connect and enhance each Boards' efforts in combating unlicensed contracting activities.

Partnering efforts such as this are paramount to

the ongoing success of the Contractor's Board mission to protect the public and promote the integrity of the construction industry.

In the months to come, we will further our initiatives to protect the public as we meet with the Clark County District Attorney's Office new elder abuse prosecution unit to discuss the Board's investigative cases against rogue contractors who prey on the elderly. We look forward to an enhanced and expanded partnership with the D.A.'s Office that will lead to greater penalties for those individuals who purposefully take advantage of our most valuable citizens.

I am proud of the leadership this Board has demonstrated – not only in its ability to bring various parties together, but for the steadfast commitment to ensure our staff and members are working from a united front.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

The first quarter of a new fiscal year brings renewed enthusiasm to the Nevada State Contractors Board. It is a time of both reflection on our accomplishments and a look ahead to the new services we will be bringing to the variety of customers we serve.

Many of our efforts this year center on ensuring the Board is as streamlined and customer-friendly as possible. Toward that end, our Licensing Department will be taking a fresh look at our license application to identify areas where information can be streamlined or clarified by presenting more comprehensive instructions, simplifying the reporting process, anticipating questions applicants may have and removing obstacles they may encounter.

As a byproduct of this initiative, we anticipate receiving feedback that will give us a greater perspective on how the Board can better serve its applicants throughout the application process. Customer service has always been a priority area that we strive to improve through each Strategic Plan, and this initiative is one of many ways we are working to achieve that growth.

To best ensure our efforts are making a difference to our customers, we are also in the process of enhancing our customer service surveys, which many of you have probably participated in after making



contact with the Board. While we currently issue e-mail surveys to gather this information, we will also begin utilizing telephone surveys. We hope this more personal approach will render greater participation and provide us with enhanced outcome measurements that we use to improve and modify our operations to the benefit of our customers.

Our Public Information Office is working on a number of new brochures that are geared toward consumer education as well as contractor assistance with Board licensing requirements. Another focus of the PIO is to gain publicity of the Board's operations and to promote the hiring of licensed contractors. These initiatives are being accomplished as we invite media to attend our unlicensed contractor sting operations and coordinate special reports on pertinent issues to the Contractors Board. New strategies are being

developed that will have a greater community involvement, so stay tuned and help us get the word out as those activities are finalized.

I'm also very pleased with the efforts being made to upgrade our licensing and enforcement database. Although it is still in the beginning stages, once it is completed, the new licensee interface promises to be more user friendly with its automated features; something I anticipate many of you will find useful.

While much of our focus is centered on public protection, we very much appreciate the efforts you as contractors make to report unlicensed contracting activities out in the field. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to download our mobile application on your phone. The app is easy to use and helps us get the information we need to track down the unlicensed activities quickly and efficiently. We may not be able to catch everyone out there, but we never waiver in our commitment to follow up on a supported lead and pursue unlicensed contractors aggressively.

With your help, Nevada residents will understand the value of hiring licensed contractors and the protections your license affords them. Thank you for doing your part. May each of you enjoy a warm holiday season with those you care for most.

Margi A. Grein

Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Division is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered twice a month by the Board. The program provides applicants and licensees with

New Licenses Issued

	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16
JUL	100	95	86	89	112	84
AUG	83	107	79	99	120	87
SEP	85	70	74	72	78	92
1st Qtr:	268	272	239	260	310	263

QUARTERLY STATS

New License Apps: 434

- 328 Approved
- 31 Tabled/Denied

Issued Licenses: 263

License Change Apps: 695

- Avg. Processing Time 29 days; 71% approved/denied within 30 days

Active Licenses: 14,997

Inactive Licenses: 993

- 48 Placed on inactive status

Active License Renewals: 1,601

Inactive License Renewals: 73

Online Renewals: 535

- 32% of total renewed licenses

Voluntary Surrender: 70

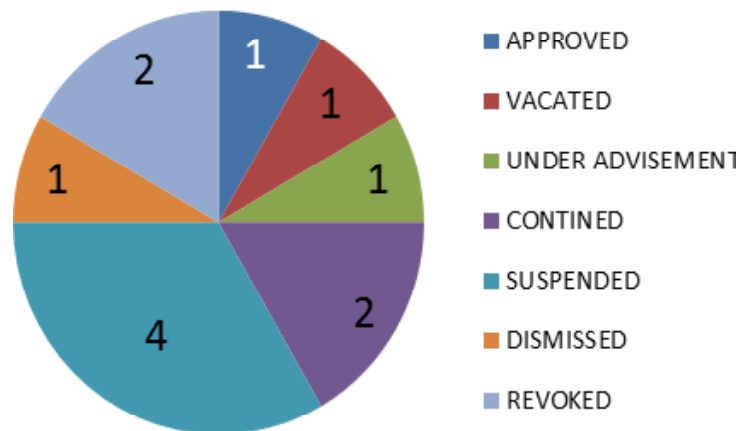
License Suspen. (no bond): 182

Licenses Cancelled: 166

Application Denial Hearings: 15

Fin. Respons. Hearings: 12

Financial Responsibility Hearing Outcomes

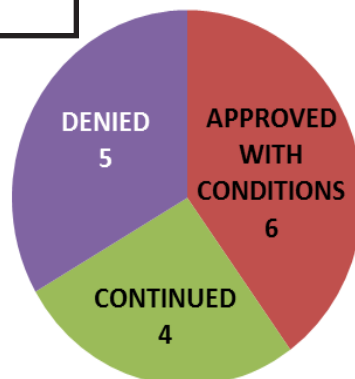


Separate License Required For Mobile Home Work

A Nevada State Contractors Board License does not allow contractors to work on manufactured structures or mobile homes. Pursuant to NRS 624.215 and NRS 489.311, a license from the Manufactured Housing Division is required for this work. Working on a manufactured structure/mobile home without a Manufactured Housing Division Serviceperson license is unlawful and may result in disciplinary action against businesses and each individual worker.

If you are interested in pursuing a Manufactured Housing Division License go to: http://mhd.nv.gov/Content/Resources/Applications_New/.

New Application Denial Hearings



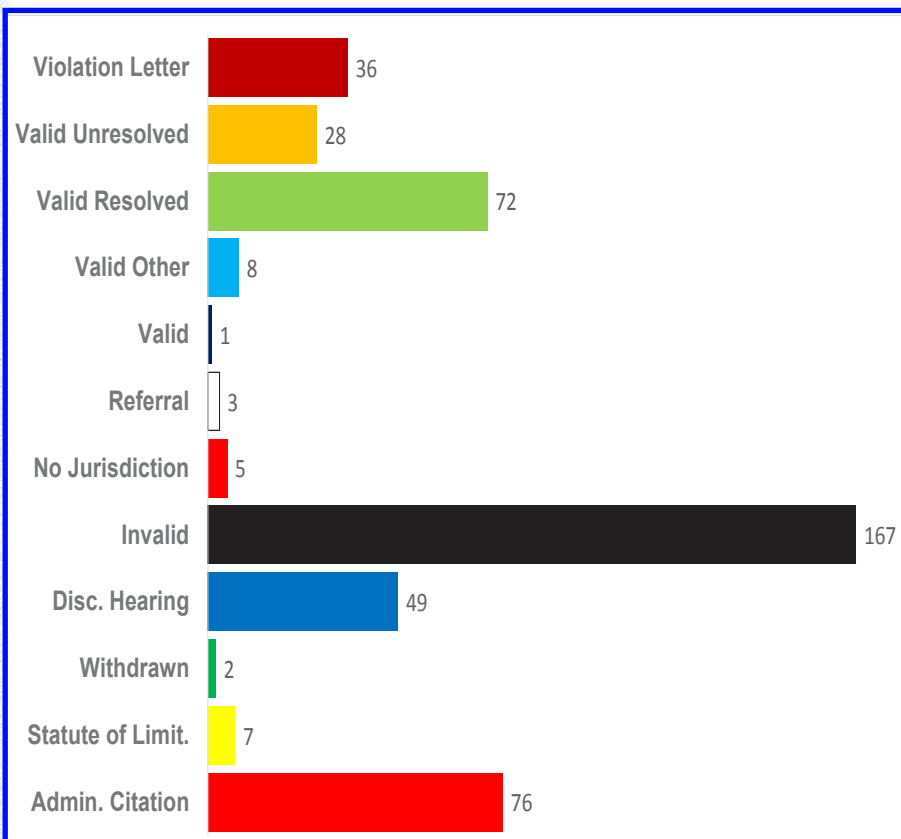
Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

NSCB's Compliance Investigations Division assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.

Alleged Compliance Violations

	Money Owing					Workmanship					Industrial Regulation				
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
JUL	42	22	19	22	18	52	48	54	60	54	53	87	73	90	76
AUG	47	23	30	36	17	69	48	43	60	71	108	87	72	73	69
SEP	43	30	21	20	15	57	45	61	68	53	70	95	42	68	66
1st Qtr:	132	75	70	78	50	178	141	158	188	178	231	269	187	231	211
OCT	56	47	27	30		64	53	38	53		84	84	66	68	
NOV	60	33	21	12		37	58	24	50		90	67	64	63	
DEC	44	19	22	18		46	34	55	42		84	80	57	65	
2nd Qtr:	160	99	70	60	0	147	145	117	145	0	258	231	187	196	0
JAN	53	42	22	25		42	38	32	52		74	103	69	64	
FEB	53	36	17	20		33	32	48	71		87	100	62	78	
MAR	41	31	29	27		31	48	44	63		88	71	59	65	
3rd Qtr:	147	109	68	72	0	106	118	124	186	0	249	274	190	207	0
APR	44	26	30	35		36	45	47	51		81	95	71	87	
MAY	39	27	27	30		36	47	55	48		83	72	80	90	
JUN	31	23	32	32		48	45	57	66		83	62	78	76	
4th Qtr:	114	76	89	97	0	120	137	159	165	0	247	229	229	253	0

Closed Case Outcomes



QUARTER SNAPSHOT

Opened Complaints: 429
 178 Workmanship
 50 Money Owing
 211 Industry Regulation

Pending cases: 310;
 103 administrative citations

Closed complaints: 454
 \$89,900 in Fines
 \$35,972 in investigative costs

56 Cases referred for disciplinary hearing

16 licenses revoked

43 fines - \$134,950

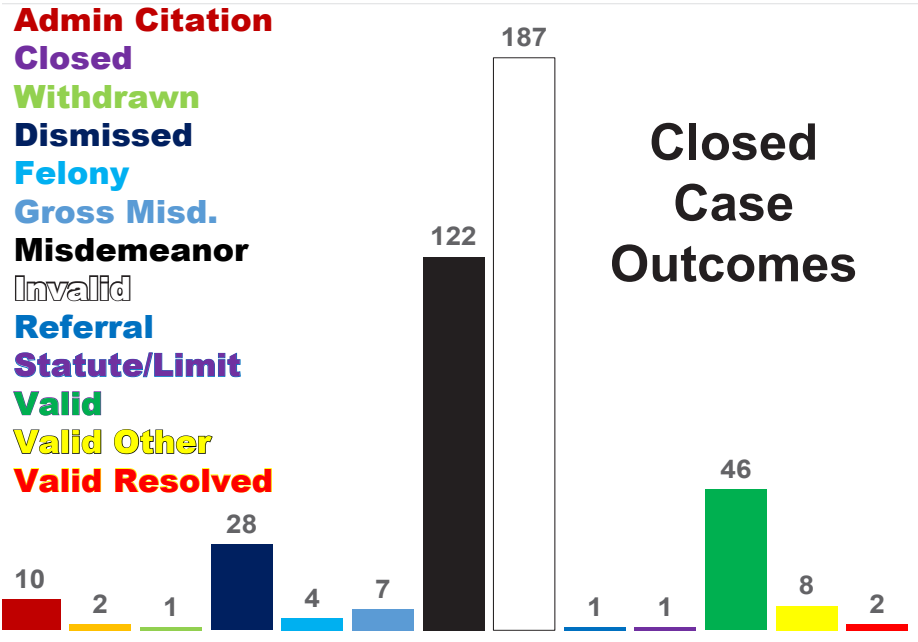
Enforcement - *Unlicensed Contractors*

NSCB's Criminal Investigations Division responds to all unlicensed contractor complaints. After gathering evidence, the Board submits cases to the district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

License revoked for multiple violations

The Board revoked the license and assessed \$60,000 in fines to Creative Interior Solutions after finding the company in violation of several regulations and statutes, including substandard workmanship, failure to take corrective action, failure to prosecute a construction project with reasonable diligence, causing material injury, abandonment of a construction project when the percentage completed is less than the percentage

of the contract price received, willful disregard for the state's building laws, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to comply with a request from the Board for information or records, failure to comply with terms or a contract or warranty, causing material injury, abandonment of a construction project without legal excuse, and failure to establish financial responsibility.



**QUARTER
SNAPSHOT**

Opened Complaints: 440
242 Contracting without a License

188 Unlawful Advertising

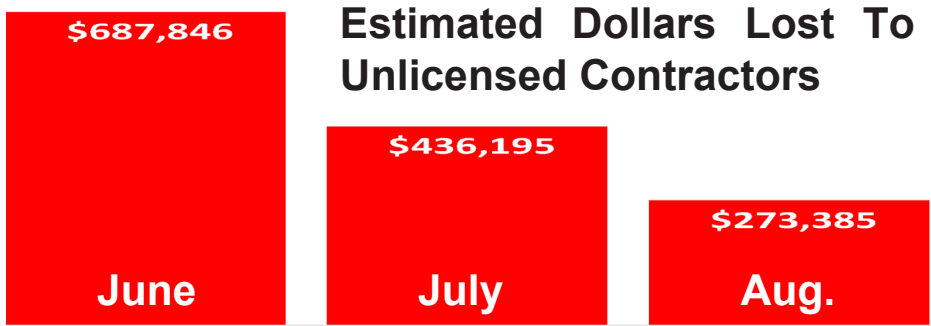
12 Criminal Fraud

Closed Complaints: 419

Pending cases: 1,406
180 Criminal Charges filed

133 Criminal Convictions
122 Misdemeanor
7 Gross Misdem.
4 Felony

190 Cease and Desist Orders



REPORT UNLICENSED ACTIVITY
702-486-1160 or 775-850-7838

Sting cites 18 unlicensed contractors

The Nevada State Contractors Board cited 18 suspected unlicensed contractors during sting operations in Sparks on September 25 and Henderson on September 29. Investigators identified suspects through complaints to the Contractors Board and by examining advertisements on Craig's List and other bulletin board services.

In Henderson, undercover investigators issued citations to 12 suspects. Seven were ordered to appear in court to answer charges of contracting without a license and advertising construction services without a contractor's license. Five were ticketed for unlicensed

advertising. Among these, Salvador Ulloa-Gutierrez fled the scene, and two others failed to show up for their meeting at the sting house. The Board has filed affidavits with the district attorney's office to obtain warrants for their arrest on advertising charges.

In Sparks, three suspects were cited both for allegedly contracting without a contractor's license, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.700, and allegedly advertising without a contractor's license (NRS 624.720). One was cited for contracting without a license, and two were charged with illegal advertising. Two of

those cited are former Nevada licensed contractors whose licenses have been revoked within the last four months.

"The participation of the entire legitimate construction and development profession is instrumental in bringing the scourge of unlicensed contracting under control," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "We are also proud of the cooperation we received from the both the Sparks and Henderson Police Departments. The presence of police officers during these operations sends a strong message that law enforcement across the board considers unlicensed contracting activities

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SUSPECT (Sparks)

Michael Thompson
Fredrick Abrams
Daniel Manson
Richard Buckley
James Johnson
Kurt Krug

SUSPECT (Henderson)

Samuel Lainez
Joseph Beck
Miguel Way-Escobedo
Victor Alvarado
Albara Burciaga-Diaz
Tim Ament
Billy Davila
Robert Greenwood
Timothy Johnson
Salvador Ulloa-Gutierrez
Cristobal Gonzalez-Lopez
Manuel Hawk Garcia

ALLEGED VIOLATION

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contracting without a license; advertising without a license
advertising without a license (warrant issued)
contracting without a license; advertising without a license
advertising without a license

Board investigation nets felony arrest

The subject of numerous and lengthy Nevada State Contractors Board investigations, Michael Delbridge was sentenced in August to 12 to 48 months in prison for felony contracting without a license. The sentence was suspended, and Delbridge was placed on probation for up to five years.

Delbridge, who pleaded guilty on April 22 to felony charges of engaging in business without a license, contracted for construction projects under the names “Southwest Construction,” “Roadrunner Construction,” and “Michael Delbridge Construction.” His activities have drawn the Contractors Board’s attention at various times since 1994. He has faced allegations of posing as a licensed contractor, obtaining funds under false pretenses, diversion of funds and victimizing vulnerable persons.

In the most recent case, Delbridge was arrested at the NSCB office on a felony warrant. Board investigators de-

livered evidence to the Clark County District Attorney’s Office, which then submitted five cases resulting in a felony conviction, including restitution to five homeowners and investigative costs to NSCB. Since Delbridge’s plea in District Court, NSCB criminal investigators have received five additional complaints. In one case, Delbridge entered into the construction contract after his court appearance. Delbridge has amassed 17 cases at NSCB with additional charges pending as a result of the five new complaints.

“Repeat offenders, such as Mr. Delbridge, who continuously place homeowners at risk because of their unlicensed contracting practices are a serious threat to the public’s safety,” stated Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “It is always a good feeling when you can partner with other agencies like the Clark County District Attorney to bring these individuals to justice and hopefully deter

future harm from being done.”

Investigators determined Delbridge offers a bid and entices the victims to pay cash up front by claiming his “vendors” are offering a sale. The victims believe they are getting a deal. Delbridge will sometimes begin the project and then stop appearing at the victim’s home.

When the victim calls regarding the project, Delbridge claims problems with his health, vehicles or other projects. When the frustrated homeowner requests a refund, Delbridge continues to make excuses, sometimes giving a partial payment. However, when the remainder of the funds are requested, Delbridge promises to get back to work, claims the bank won’t release the funds, and takes other measures to delay the project.

When left with no choice but to refund a victim’s cash, Delbridge often starts another project and uses the new victim’s down payment to pay back the previous victim.

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serious threats to the safety and welfare of Nevada’s citizens.”

In both investigations, Board investigators posing as property owners contacted unlicensed contractors, inviting them to visit the sting location to discuss performing floor tile installation, landscaping, drywall, painting and plumb-

ing work. According to Nevada law, all electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and heating work must be performed by licensed contractors. All other work requires a license if the cost of the project – labor and materials – totals \$1,000 or more or requires a building permit. It is against the law to advertise

to perform any trade for which the Board issues licenses.

The Board’s criminal investigators conducting stings use the interactions to encourage unlicensed contractors to obtain their contractor’s licenses while also fulfilling the Board’s mandate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

NSCB finds fraud, revokes license

A North Las Vegas contractor has been assessed \$146,500 in fines and fees after pleading *nolo contendere* in a fraud case brought by the Nevada State Contractors Board. Recreation Development Co. (RDC) license numbers 73558 (general building), 44802 (commercial and residential pools), 47622 (painting and decorating), 47623 (building facades) were suspended and eventually revoked. In addition, the company's principles – Jeffrey Whittle, Shelley Whittle and Albert Nelson, Jr. – are prohibited from seeking new Nevada contractors' licenses for at least 10 years.

"The Board is becoming more aggressive in its efforts to investigate cases of construction fraud," noted NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "We hope the outcome of this case sends a clear message to the industry that we take our mission to protect the health and safety of the public seriously and will not tolerate fraudulent activities."

Administrative Law Judge Phillip Pro presided over the case in which Jeffrey Whittle and Nelson, Jr. entered the pleas on 13 charges including three counts of committing a fraudulent

and deceitful act, misrepresentation of a material fact, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, four counts of failure to keep records of a construction project for at least three years, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a contract, acting in the capacity of a contractor using company names not on the license and failure to establish financial responsibility.

The Board initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint from a company that built an \$11.7 million project in North Las Vegas in 2011. The developer alleged that its general contractor, RDC, and its project manager were using false invoices to defraud the developer into paying for work never performed. The company became suspicious after communicating with several people claiming to have knowledge of fraudulent acts committed by RDC and the project manager. Board investigators spent over ten months investigating the case and reviewed over 11,000 pages of records. Fraudulent billings for approximately \$300,000 were identified and traced back to some of the principles of RDC.



Nevada State Contractors Board

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For veterans making the transition into civilian employment and spouses of active-duty military personnel relocating with their service members to Nevada

- A dedicated, specially trained NSCB staff member to evaluate transferable military training and experience from all branches of the military that meet minimum contractor licensing requirements.
- Military experience and training will be considered along with college credit when the Board evaluates acceptable technical education levels for license applicants.
- Military spouses' current records of licensure will be evaluated to determine whether he/she is eligible for waiver of certain experience requirements for licensure.



To determine eligibility or for questions concerning NSCB's expedited service for veterans and military spouses, contact License Analyst Barbara Miller at 775-850-7814 or 702-486-1100, extension 7814, or e-mail her at bamiller@nscb.state.nv.us

Plaster appointed to Commission on Construction Ed.

Governor Brian Sandoval recently appointed Las Vegas builder Brian Plaster to the Commission on Construction Education. Plaster is currently vice president of operations at Signature Management and fills the vacancy of former commissioner Jennifer Lewis. His term is effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

“The Nevada State Contractors Board extends its congratulations to Mr. Plaster on his recent appointment to the Commission on Construction Education and looks forward to his involvement in making educational opportunities for Nevada’s construction community a reality,” stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein.

A Las Vegas-native, Plaster is an innovative professional who utilizes his insider, local-industry knowledge and extensive experience to provide clients with superior property management service. During the economic downturn, he was involved in three successful apartment/townhome complex lease-ups, Town, Desert Shadows and Suncrest townhomes.

Plaster received his Bachelor of Science from Sewanee University and his Masters of Science from Texas State University. He was recognized by the Nevada Association of Home Builders as a certified master green builder. Plaster is an active member of the community and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association and Boys Town Nevada.

The Commission consists of one member from the Nevada State Contractors Board and six members appointed by the governor. Four members represent the construction industry and the other two have knowledge of construction education programs. Funds received from fines assessed at disciplinary hearings and voluntary contributions by licensed contractors are distributed as grants by the commission for educational purposes and programs that support the construction industry.



New Board Chairman Jan Leggett, right, accepts the ceremonial gavel from outgoing Chairman Guy Wells.

Leggett elected Board chairman

At its July 23 board meeting, Jan Leggett was elected to serve as chairman and Margaret Cavin was elected to continue her role as treasurer. Leggett succeeds Guy Wells who served as chairman since July 2012.

“On behalf of the Contractors Board, I wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. Leggett and Ms. Cavin on their recent election, and to thank Mr. Wells for his leadership as chairman these last few years,” stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein.

Leggett was appointed to the Board by Governor Brian Sandoval in November of 2012. He is a manager and qualified employee with Moana Nursery in Reno. He is past president of the Northern Nevada Landscape and Irrigation Council and chairperson of the Government Affairs Committee of the Northern Nevada Associated General Contractors.

Margaret Cavin was first appointed to the Board in January of 2000 and during her tenure was elected the first woman to serve as Chair. She is co-founder of J & J Mechanical Inc. with 30 years’ experience in the construction industry, and past President of the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

New licensee revoked after six months

In August, a disciplinary hearing was held for Epcon Electric Nevada, LLC, license number 79838 (electrical), after three complaints were received by the Board. Having only been licensed since February of 2015, Epcon Electric Nevada, LLC quickly found themselves in hot water, having their license summarily suspended after a number of concerning allegations were being investigated by the Board.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Epcon Electric Nevada, LLC, stipulated to the revocation of

its license based on 18 causes of action, including violations for acting in the capacity of a contractor without an active license, acting in the capacity of a contractor under a license issued in a name other than the licensee's, diversion of funds, misrepresentation or omission of a material fact in order to obtain a license, failure to establish financial responsibility.

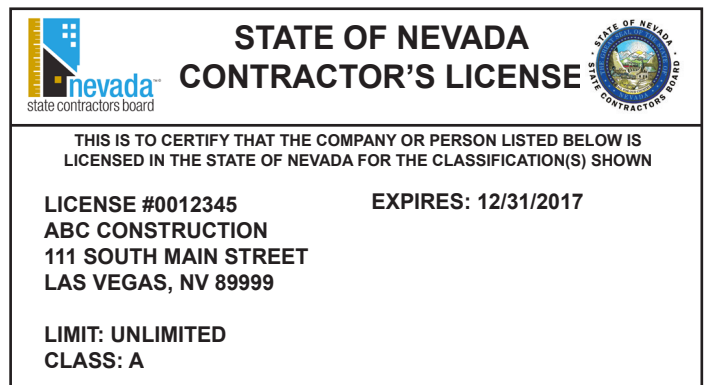
The now revoked licensed contractor is ordered to pay fines and costs totaling over \$12,000.

Be a "card-carrying" licensed contractor

The Nevada State Contractors Board continuously reminds property owners to check contractors' pocket identification cards before agreeing to proposals, signing contracts or allowing anyone to perform work on their homes or businesses.

As these outreach efforts continue, NSCB also encourages all licensed contractors to carry the pocket cards while on the job and especially in situations where they think they might be soliciting business or.

The hard plastic license pocket cards recently were redesigned to include NSCB's logo and the state seal in addition to the license number, business name, classification(s), and license expiration date. One card is issued upon issuance and renewal of the license. NSCB allows con-



tracting companies to purchase additional cards at \$10 each to distribute to key on-site personnel to use when potential customers inquire about services.

To obtain additional pocket cards, call the Board offices at 702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 775-688-1141 in northern Nevada.



BUMPER STICKERS

Help educate the public. Place our new bumper stickers on your work vehicles today!



Nevada Contractor's Checklist

The following information is provided to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see The State of Nevada "State Contractors Board Handbook," Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administration Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Keep your bond current. NRS 624.270
- Check to ensure that licenses or persons with whom you contract are valid and active. NAC 624.650
- Be sure name of business under which contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. NRS 624.305
- Be sure the amount of the bid or contract is within the monetary limit of the contractor. NRS 624.3015(2)
- Be sure that the contract is within the scope of work/license classification. NRS 6243015(3)
- Know what you are contracting for, verify terms of the contract, and comply with terms of the contract. NRS 624.3013(1)
- If it is not in your written contract, it doesn't exist. Make sure all change orders are in writing and signed by all parties. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure on all residential contracts. NRS 624.520
- Provide customers with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 & NAC 624.6932
- Make sure your license number is on all business advertisements, including vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspapers, website, etc. NRS 624.720
- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Your license number should be approximately 1 1/2 inches on your motor vehicle. NRS 624.288
- If your address or other pertinent information about the business changes, notify Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)

Board revokes, fines licenses

RENO and HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board took action against several licensed contractors at its July, August and September disciplinary hearings:

James E. Johnson, dba Sunridge Painting, license number 36459 (painting), based out of Carson City, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction project or warranty, causing material injury to another, failure to include the monetary limit on a contract or proposal, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel within 30 days, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,050 and assessed investigative costs.

TMB Builders LLC, license number 39502 (residential and small commercial), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Silver State Marble, license numbers 30443 (tiling) and 30561 (install terrazzo and marble), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., had their status changed to voluntarily surrendered.

Epcon Electric Nevada LLC, license number 79838 (electrical), based out of Phoenix, Ariz., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor without an active license, acting in the capacity of a contractor under a license issued in a name other than the licensee's, diversion of funds, misrepresentation or omis-

sion of a material fact in order to obtain a license, failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$9,000 and assessed investigative costs

Rod Arron Koprek, owner, dba Rod Koprek Roofing, license number 50820 (roofing and siding), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to keep in force a bond of cash deposit. Licensee was fined \$100 and assessed investigative costs.

Aday Solutions LLC, license number 79039 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, disregard of the state's building laws, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license shall remain suspended until a current financial statement is provided. Licensee was fined \$2,100 and assessed investigative costs.

Foothill Fire Protection, license number 77496 (fire alarms), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with an order of the Board, offering to contract or submitting a bid while the license was suspended or revoked, acting as a contractor beyond the scope of the license, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

BBR Builders LLC, license numbers 74392 (residential and small commercial) and 74393 (metal doors and windows), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to

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establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Three Hammer Construction Inc., license number 56108 (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, disregard of the state's building laws, constructional fraud for knowingly acting as a contractor without possessing required licenses, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$6,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Don Martinez, dba Alpha 1 Construction, license number 49793 (general building), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The license remains suspended until a current financial statement is provided. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Solar E Click LLC, license number 79659 (electrical), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., and Décor Electric, license number 71848 (electrical), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for engaging in business without having an active license, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Everett Triplett, owner, dba Everett Triplett Contracting, license numbers 21871 (excavating and grading; excavating, grading, trenching and surfacing; sewers, drains and pipes) and 21872 (residential and small commercial), based out of Yerington, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building



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laws; acting as an agent, partner, or associate of an unlicensed person; failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a contract or proposal; and failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs.

7 Star Enterprise, LLC, license numbers 75317 (general contracting), 76856 (carpentry), and 77119 (painting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a written request from the Board; and failure to respond to a written request from the Board. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs. The Board accepted the surrender of license number 76856. Licensee will submit a financial statement, at which time the Board will reduce the limit on license 75317 to \$200,000 and the limit on license number 77119 to \$100,000 if the financial statement supports these amounts.

Creative Interior Solutions, license number 78348 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take corrective action, failure to prosecute a construction project with reasonable diligence, causing material injury, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, abandonment of a con-

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struction project when the percentage completed is less than the percentage of the contract price received, willful disregard for the state's building laws, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to comply with a request from the Board for information or records, failure to provide an owner with a list of major subcontractors and suppliers, failure to comply with terms or a contract or warranty, causing material injury, abandonment of a construction project without legal excuse, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$60,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Road Work Ahead, Inc., license number 73883 (sealing and striping of impermeable pavement), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs. The license remains suspended until a new bond is put in place and a financial statement that supports the license limit is submitted.

Michael Charles Mitchell, dba Omnibuilt, license number 59025 (residential and small commercial; speculative building), based out of Henderson, Nev., was suspended pending a hearing on September 23.

Shane Robert McGuire, owner, dba Irish Green Lawns, license number 74319 (landscape), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take corrective action, failure to comply with a request from the Board for information or records, willful disregard of the state's building laws, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, contracting beyond the

scope of the license, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$4,350 and assessed investigative costs. A current financial statement must be provided and fines and costs must be paid within 180 days or the license will be revoked.

Complete Bath Remodeling of Las Vegas, LLC, dba 5 Day Kitchens of Las Vegas, license number 78859 (finish carpentry) and Complete Bath Remodeling of Las Vegas, LLC, dba Re-Bath of Las Vegas, license numbers 57470 (glass and glazing, limited to showers, tubs and toilet partitions), 57471 (plastic tile and wallboard), and 69348 (artificial or cultured marble), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful refusal or failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract; acting as a contractor beyond the scope of the license; and willful or deliberate disregard of the state's building laws. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs. Licensee will submit bank verification to support the license limits.

Charles Richard Barber, owner, dba Centrair Electric, license number 13015 (electrical), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed contractor, conspiring with an unlicensed person; allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person; and acting as the agent, partner, or associate of an unlicensed person. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Michael Charles Mitchell, owner dba Omnibuilt, license number 59025 (residential and small commercial, and speculative building), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; advertising construction projects beyond the scope of the license; and failure to include the company name and license number in

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an advertisement for construction projects. The license was revoked; licensee was fined \$1,100 and assessed investigative costs.

Custom Tile and Stone, Inc., dba Pounders Custom Floors, license number 62184 (tiling), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a request from the Board for information or records; substandard workmanship; failure to comply with the state's building laws; acting as a contractor beyond the scope of the license; failure to release a lien in a timely manner; and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Deci Group, LLC, dba Deci Group, license number 79037 (landscape contracting), based out of Wildomar, Calif., was found in violation for failure or refusal to comply with an order from the Board; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The License was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Cheyenne Steel Co. Inc., license number 53113 (steel reinforcing and erection), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to maintain industrial insurance, willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to cooperate in an investigation, failure to maintain a bond, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,750 and assessed investigative costs.

First Americans, license number 68139 (carpentry), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, willful

disregard of the state's building laws, failure to maintain a bond, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,250 and assessed investigative costs.

Trinity Renovation, Inc., license number 79290 (carpentry), based out of Modesto, Calif., was found in violation for willful contracting beyond the scope of the license, disregard of the state's building laws, advertising projects beyond the scope of the license, contracting under a license not issued in its name, failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel within 30 days, and failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. Licensee was assessed investigative costs, which must be paid within seven days or the license will be suspended.

Sequoia Electric, LLC, license number 54261 (electrical), Blake John Barsy, owner, dba Sequoia Electric Company, license number 52529 (electrical), Sequoia Electric Underground, LLC, license number 72343 (electrical), and Sequoia Construction, Inc., license number 75629 (pipelines and conduits), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., voluntarily surrendered license number 52529, and agreed to a reduced limit of \$518,000 on license number 54261 and \$534,000 on license number 72343.

Bob Glenn Lewis, owner, dba Bob Glenn Lewis, license number 59335 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take corrective action, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs.

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Southern Nevada

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