

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CONDUCTED BY
CONTRACTORS' STATE LICENSE BOARD
OF CALIFORNIA

Held at
Tahoe Tavern
LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA
July 22 & 23, 1938

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The regular meeting of the Contractors' State License Board was called to order by Roy M. Butcher, Chairman, at 10:00 A.M., July 22, 1938, at Tahoe Tavern, Lake Tahoe, California.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
William Nies, Member
S. G. Johnson, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
Arthur Alber, Registrar & Executive Secretary
R. S. Bowdle, Deputy Registrar

Absent:

Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
Walter Trepte, Member.

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It was moved by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held in San Diego on June 17, 1938, be approved as written and corrected. Unanimously carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the Secretary write a letter to Mr. Walter

Trepte, Board member from San Diego, and to the management of the U. S. Grant Hotel, in San Diego, thanking them for the cooperation and courtesies extended at the last meeting of the Board. Unanimously carried.

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The Secretary distributed to each Board member a copy of the statistical report on renewals for the present fiscal year. There followed a general discussion relative to same, and Mr. Butcher stated that Mr. Alber and whoever had anything to do with the increased efficiency should be commended.

It was moved by Mr. McNulty and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the Registrar, Miss Kuechler, and all others responsible, be complimented for their splendid cooperation and deft handling of the money and renewal of licenses for the 1938-39 fiscal year. Unanimously carried.

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A discussion was held regarding the present law which permits a contractor to renew his license within a year after the expiration date merely by paying the \$10.00 delinquent fee.

It was suggested that an attempt be made to secure legislation at the next session which would cut the renewal period down to possibly thirty days, after which an original application should be required.

Chair man Butcher instructed the Legislative Committee,

At this point the Secretary directed the attention of the Board to the publicity given it, stating that the newspapers and magazines have been very cooperative, and that the "Newscaster", a publication edited by the Painting and Decorating Contractors, printed a very nice article commending Inspector Jess Aykroyd of San Diego.

The Secretary stated that the department has not been putting out any publicity on suspensions or revocations; whereupon Mr. Butcher expressed the opinion that the system of publishing such information should again be inaugurated. A discussion was had regarding this and the Board agreed that such information should be given publicity, and that it should also be published in the quarterly bulletin "The California Licensed Contractor".

Chairman Butcher instructed the Secretary to set up some news release system on suspensions and revocations, and to include same in the quarterly bulletin.

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The Secretary reported that a Mrs. Rosenberg, who writes articles for a Westwood paper on legal matters, asked permission to reprint an article by Inspector Evison which appeared in the quarterly bulletin of June, 1938, and was given such permission.

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There followed a report on the activities of the Los Angeles Office for the month of June, 1938, such as number of applications dispensed, accepted, etc.

The meeting recessed at 12:10 P.M., to reconvene at 2:00 P.M., which time was set by Chairman Butcher.

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AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00 P. M.

The afternoon session of the Contractors' State License Board was called to order by Chairman Roy M. Butcher, at 2:00 P.M., at Tahoe Tavern, Lake Tahoe, California.

The following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
William Nies, Member
S. G. Johnson, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
Arthur Alber, Registrar & Executive Secretary
R. S. Bowdle, Deputy Registrar

Absent:

Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
Walter Trepte, Member

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At this point Mr. A. I. Stewart, Director of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, visited the Board meeting for a few moments.

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A general discussion was entered into relative to the possibility of requiring a credit report or financial statement from an applicant applying for a license to prevent a bankrupt from securing a license. Mr. Nies cited the case of Maxwell, Inc. who secured a license on February 17, 1938. He stated that an officer of the company is Cleo C. Maxwell, who secured a license as an individual on April 8, 1932, and the other officers of the

new company consist of Mr. Maxwell's father and wife. He further stated that Mr. Maxwell was under bankruptcy at the time the license was secured.

Mr. Nies read a letter, addressed to him on July 20, 1938, from the Trade Association Service Corporation, in which they stated that some changes should be made in the application form. They enclosed with the letter some clauses and questions which they suggested be incorporated in the application form. The Board members felt that their recommendations were good and should be considered.

The Secretary read to the Board a telegram from Loy F. Johnston, President of the State Association of Master Plumbers of San Francisco, and a telegram from Louis C. Breer, of the Safety Council of the City of Los Angeles, both of which were dated July 22, 1938. Mr. Johnston stated that the Board should stop contractors, who go broke, from starting in business again with the same personnel, but under a different name; and Mr. Breer stated that it has come to his attention that certain contractors who are in bankruptcy have incorporated and secured State contractors' licenses. He stated he feels this should be given the Board's personal attention, and they should work out something to protect the legitimate contractors.

Mr. Butcher instructed the Registrar to make an investigation of the Maxwell, Inc. application, and take any action he deems necessary.

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It was moved by Mr. Nies and seconded by Mr. McNulty

that the application form for contractors' licenses be re-printed, the questions revised, and any necessary changes made to strengthen the application form. Unanimously carried.

Therefore, at this time the Board members and the Secretary revised the application form for contractors' licenses.

It was moved by Mr. McNulty and seconded by Mr. Eaton that the additions and changes made in the application form as discussed by the Board members and the Secretary be approved, and the application form rewritten. Unanimously carried.

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The Secretary was instructed to reply to the letter from the Trade Association Service Corporation, and advise them of the action taken in revising the application form.

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At this time, Mr. Fred A. Taylor, Assistant Director of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, arrived at the Board meeting.

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The Secretary reported on the Inspectors' School, held in Brookdale, California, on July 14, 15 and 16, 1938, stating that Mr. Glen V. Slater, Assistant Registrar, was in charge, and that all of the inspectors and deputies were in attendance, with the exception of Deputy I. L. Swearingen, who was ill. Mr. Alber stated that this was the first Inspectors' school that had been held since he became Registrar, and he thought it was a huge success, and felt that the school did a lot of good for all concerned. Mr. A. I. Stewart, Director of

the Department, was present at the school and made a splendid speech. Mr. Roy M. Butcher, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Fred A. Taylor, Assistant Director of the Department, also were in attendance.

Mr. Bowdle expressed his opinion to the Board that it was a very good meeting, and that there was better feeling at this than at any other school held in the past. He said he got the impression that all of the men are happy in their work.

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Mr. Fred A. Taylor, Assistant Director, presented to each member of the Board and the Secretary the financial statements of the Contractors' License Board, and he then discussed the statements and explained them in detail. Mr. Butcher thanked him on behalf of the Board.

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Mr. Taylor gave to the Board a clear and detailed explanation of the new State Building that is being constructed at 10th and N Streets, Sacramento, advising them the approximate cost of the building, the various departments to be housed therein (Professional and Vocational Standards being one), the amount to be charged for rent, etc. The Board appreciated Mr. Taylor's explanation, stating it was information they were glad to have.

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The meeting recessed at 5:30 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

EVENING SESSION
9:15 P.M.

The Chairman called a meeting at 9:15 P.M., July 22, 1938, for the purpose of election of officers for the ensuing year, and any other business that might come before the meeting.

The following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
William Nies, Member
S. G. Johnson, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
Arthur Alber, Registrar & Executive Secretary

Absent:

Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
Walter Trepte, Member.

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The Chairman requested Mr. Johnson to take the chair during the election of officers.

Upon the motion of Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. McNulty, Mr. Roy M. Butcher was nominated to retain the office of Chairman of the Contractors' State License Board for the ensuing year, and nominations were closed. The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Roy M. Butcher for Chairman for the ensuing year.

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Upon the motion of Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. McNulty, Mr. Stephen L. Ford was nominated for Vice Chairman of the Contractors' State License Board for the ensuing year, and nominations were closed. The Secretary was instructed to cast a

unanimous vote for Mr. Stephen L. Ford for Vice Chairman for the coming year.

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There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 9:30 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

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SATURDAY - JULY 23, 1938
12:15 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Contractors' State License Board was called to order by Chairman Roy M. Butcher at 12:15 P.M., Saturday, July 23, 1938, at Tahoe Tavern, Lake Tahoe, California.

The following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
S. G. Johnson, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
Arthur Alber, Registrar & Executive Secretary
Fred A. Taylor, Assistant Director of Department.

Absent:

Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
William Nies, Member
Walter Trepte, Member.

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The necessity of employing additional inspectors was the first subject to come up for discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. McNulty that the Secretary and the Chairman investigate the matter of employing additional inspectors, and make a report to the Personnel Committee. Unanimously carried.

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The Secretary informed the Board that he has instructed the three deputies to report to him in the future if anyone is involved in an accident, in order that he may make an investigation of the matter.

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Mr. Butcher stated that he received a letter from the Long Beach Builders' Exchange, requesting that a Board meeting be held in Long Beach on August 8, 1938, at which time the Builders' Exchange will hold its annual meeting, and they would like to have the Board members present.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to this letter and advise them that it will be impossible to hold a Board meeting at that time, but, if it is possible for any of the Board members to attend, they will be glad to do so.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Ford, Vice Chairman of the Board, who resides in Long Beach, be asked to represent the Board at the Long Beach Builders' Exchange annual meeting, and anyone else who can be present at that time.

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It was moved by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. McNulty that the Chairman of the Board set the dates for the October meeting and notify the Board members as soon as said dates have been set. Unanimously carried.

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The Chairman of the Board instructed the Rules and Regulations Committee and the Legislative Committee to meet between now and the next Board meeting in order to discuss

legislation, and that they make a report to the Board at its next meeting. He suggested that if possible the two committees meet at the same time in order that they may collaborate in their discussions.

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It was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. McNulty that the Secretary write a letter to the management of the Tahoe Tavern, thanking them for the courtesies extended to the Board during this meeting. Unanimously carried.

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It was moved by Mr. McNulty and seconded by Mr. Eaton that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman. Unanimously carried.

The regular meeting of the Contractors' State License Board adjourned at 1:45 P.M.


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