

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

Held at
906 CALIFORNIA STATE BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
September 23 & 24, 1938

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The special meeting of the Contractors' State License Board was called to order by Chairman Roy M. Butcher at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, September 23, 1938, at Los Angeles, California.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
S. G. Johnson, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
William Nies, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Walter Trepte, Member
Arthur Alber, Registrar & Executive Secretary
Glen V. Slater, Assistant Registrar.

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The Board immediately went into conference with the Legislative Committee and discussed matters pertaining to the Contractors' State License Law.

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Chairman Butcher called recess at 12:00 o'clock noon, to reconvene at 2:30 P.M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION
2:30 P.M.

The afternoon session of the Contractors' State License Board was called to order by Chairman Roy M. Butcher at 2:30 P.M., at Los Angeles, California, after a meeting with the Legislative Committee which commenced at 1:30 P.M.

The following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
S. G. Johnson, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
William Nies, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Walter Trepte, Member
Arthur Alber, Registrar & Executive Secretary
Glen V. Slater, Assistant Registrar.

Also present were:

Mr. A. I. Stewart, Director of Department of Professional & Vocational Standards,
Mr. Earl S. Anderson, Manager of Construction Industries Dept., L.A. Chamber of Commerce.

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Mr. McNulty, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported the receipt of a number of letters from various members of the construction industry in response to letters sent them relative to present legislation. He stated that there seemed to be no criticisms, but there were a few suggestions from Col. Evans of the Building Contractors' Association of Southern California.

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At this point Mr. Frank J. Connolly, Manager of

the Southern California Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, entered the meeting and talked on the subject of what the Legislature may do with the Contractors' License Law at the next session, and how the Contractors' License Law should be amended. He expressed the opinions of his group, and stated that they are particularly interested in not revising the law to require technical examinations.

A general discussion on the subject of legislation ensued.

Mr. Connolly stated that his group would probably favor financial pre-qualification, and a general discussion followed.

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At this time the following gentlemen entered and were introduced by Mr. Slater:

Mr. Wilbur Smith and Mr. Tanner, members of the Structural Pest Control Board, and Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Attorney, representing the people in the termite industry.

Mr. Smith stated that a problem had been brought to them which is very important to their Board, i.e., the ruling which the Attorney General handed down to the effect that Section 3 of the Contractors' Act permits a contractor

to do termite work regardless of whether or not he has a license of the Structural Pest Control Board. He further stated that prior to this ruling of the Attorney General the Structural Pest Control Board took the attitude that a contractor had a perfect right to do any type of repair work, whether it be termite work or anything else, if, in removing termite damage or fungus he would use pressure treated wood prepared and delivered to him from the lumber company. However, if he replaced it with untreated wood and used chemicals in that work, then he would come under Section 1 of the Structural Pest Control Act which defines a pest control operator who uses chemicals in the performance of his work. Mr. Smith stated that they would like to find some way whereby this thing could be worked out and there be an understanding between the two Boards whereby a termite operator using chemicals and a contractor using chemicals would come within the jurisdiction of the Structural Pest Control Law.

Mr. Tanner expressed his belief that men using arsenicals should have some knowledge of using them.

Mr. Slater asked if the Contractors' Board would go along with the Structural Pest Control Board so that a contractor who uses chemicals should have a structural pest control operator's license.

Mr. Cunningham then expressed his views on the foregoing subject and asked the cooperation of the Board, and whether the Board would oppose an amendment to Section 3 of the Contractors' License Law at the next session of the

Legislature to allow that Section to be amended in accordance with what had been brought up in this meeting.

Mr. Butcher assured Mr. Cunningham that the matter would be considered by the Board and it would cooperate to the fullest extent. A general discussion ensued.

Mr. Cunningham then asked if he could send an amendment for the consideration of the Board and was given permission to do so by Chairman Butcher.

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At this point Mr. McNulty continued with his report on letters received from the industry relative to proposed changes in legislation.

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General discussion on pre-qualification and classification.

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Chairman Butcher instructed the Secretary to write a letter to Col. Evans acknowledging receipt of his letter by the Board and informing him that it will receive due consideration along with other letters received by the Board.

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The following recommendation of the Personnel Committee was read by the Secretary:

"Your Personnel Committee wishes to recommend that the Registrar be instructed to take the necessary steps to have appointed at once an additional inspector for the San Francisco Office, also one for the Sacramento Office, and also not less than four for the Los Angeles Office.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Signed) William Nies, Chairman

" Clarence B. Eaton, Member

" Walter Trepte, Member "

It was moved by Mr. McNulty and seconded by Mr. Ford that the above recommendation be accepted. Unanimously carried.

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Mr. Alber read a letter from Mr. Booe relative to examination for new deputy registrar. A general discussion of same followed.

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Chairman Butcher called a recess of the meeting at 5:00 P.M. to reconvene at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 24.

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SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 24, 1938
10:00 A.M.

The special meeting of the Contractors' State License Board reconvened at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 24, 1938, at Los Angeles, California.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Roy M. Butcher, Chairman
Stephen L. Ford, Vice Chairman
S. G. Johnson, Member
Hugh W. McNulty, Member
William Nies, Member
Clarence B. Eaton, Member
Walter Trepte, Member
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It was moved by Mr. McNulty and seconded by Mr. Nies that the Registrar, with the authority of the Director, be instructed to establish not more than six offices in inspectors' districts where he deems it expedient. There was a maximum of \$20.00 per month set as rental. Unanimously carried.

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General discussion on increasing the field force and increasing the efficiency of the inspectors.

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General discussion on pre-qualification.

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Mr. Alber reported to the Board that a deal had been made with the Retail Merchants' Credit Association for

credit rating on applicants when desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Nies and seconded by Mr. Eaton that the Registrar be instructed to subscribe to the "Green Sheet" for a period not to exceed three months. Unanimously carried.

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Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Nies that inasmuch as the Board had favored the use of the "Green Sheet" in Los Angeles for the purpose of checking applicants for licenses, it might be well to direct the Registrar to have each inspector in the field avail himself of like services, such as publications in the various sections carrying similar reports, etc. Unanimously carried.

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Report on handbook by R. S. Bowdle, Deputy Registrar.

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Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Nies that the Board express to Mr. Bowdle its appreciation for the sincere and efficient manner in which he has filled the vacancy in the Los Angeles Office, which vacancy was due to the unavoidable absence of the former hearing officer, Mr. Swearingen. Unanimously carried.

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Secretary Alber reported that an Inspectors' Conference will be held in Los Angeles on October 13, 14 and 15, and extended an invitation to the Board members to be present and address the conference.

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Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Nies that the Board adopt the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Contractors' State License Board, assembled at a special meeting in Los Angeles, California, this 24th day of September, 1938, hereby wishes to express to Mr. Arthur Alber, Registrar of Contractors, its sincere appreciation for the fine and loyal service rendered the Board.

(Signed) Roy M. Butcher
Chairman, Contractors'
State License Board"

Mr. Alber expressed his appreciation.

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Motion was made by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Ford that the meeting adjourn.

The special meeting of the Contractors' State License Board adjourned at 12:30 P.M.


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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