

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## HOME INSPECTION LICENING BOARD

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NOVEMBER 3, 2011

The Connecticut Home Inspection Licensing Board held a meeting on Thursday August 4, 2011 which was called to order at 9:33 A.M. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: Eric Curtis (*Public Member*)  
Richard J. Kobylenski (*Home Inspector*)  
James J. O'Neill (*Public Member*)  
William Stanley, Jr. (*Home Inspector*)  
Lawrence R. Willette (*Home Inspector*)

Board Members  
Not Present: Bruce D. Schaefer (*Home Inspector*)  
Daniel Scott (*Public Member*)  
David B. Sherwood (*Home Inspector*)

Board Member Vacancies: None.

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, Department of Consumer Protection  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer Protection

Others Present: Douglas P. Feer

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**1. Call to order: by Chairman.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Stanley, Jr. at 9:33 AM.

**2. Review of minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting the Board.** After a thorough review, the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. (O'Neill/Kobylenski

**3. Review of Final Decisions and Orders:**

None before the Board today.

**4. Applications for review:**

A. Douglas Feer; concerning his qualifications relative to those required for obtaining a Connecticut Home Inspector license. Mr. Feer is before the Board today because the Department of Housing and Urban Development is mandating that their Inspectors obtain a Home Inspectors' license in those States such as Connecticut where a license is required. Further, the Government is requiring that a copy of such license including its expiration dated be submitted to them no later than January 1, 2012 or face termination from their 203(k) Consultant Roster which is why he is before the Board today.

Mr. Feer addressed the Board and summarized his professional background. He elaborated on the Federal Governments 203(k) Program for which he was trained to be an Inspector. This program provides financing for rehabilitation of residences and creates insurable properties. Mr. Freer has been doing these types of inspections since 1995 but has not done one hundred in total analogous to the required one hundred supervised inspections required by Connecticut Intern Program. It was noted that the properties he inspects have not yet been purchased and the basically the consumer makes the decision whether or not to purchase the property based upon his inspection and feasibility study. He receives fees for this work.

Mr. Feer was advised by the Board that the grandfathering period for Home Inspectors has long since past. Further, their hands are tied, so to speak, by the Statute in terms of granting him a Connecticut Home Inspector's license based upon his qualifications which they cannot. Mr. Stanley noted that this Board had a number of applicants before them in the past in very similar situations some even more qualified than Mr. Feer.

Mr. O'Neill advised the applicant to address his local Federal Legislator(s) regarding his situation and the rather unreasonable time frame given to him by the Government to get his license in Connecticut. Mr. Stanley agreed with Mr. O'Neill that this is Mr. Feer's best course of action with the best chances of helping him the most. Mr. O'Neill suggested that perhaps Mr. Feer can affiliate with a licensed Home Inspector

immediately and make him a part of his company to certify his inspections. Perhaps this may temporality satisfy HUD's requirements until he gets his license. Mr. O'Neill suggested that Mr. Feer call his Congressman's Office for a sit down with this staff and discuss his concerns. Mr. Feer's suggestion of contacting the Governor's Office was not advised by Mr. O'Neill and the Board. Mr. Stanley elaborated on the possible working arrangements that can be made between a Home Inspector Intern and the licensed Supervisor. Mr. O'Neill also suggested that Mr. Feer contact any organizations he may belong to and have their lobby take up his cause.

Mr. Feer thanked the Board for their efforts and will pursue the suggestions made by them at this meeting.

B. Mr. Chester J. Novak; concerning his qualifications relative to those required for obtaining a Connecticut Home Inspector license. Mr. Novak was not present at today's meeting. Mr. Stanley offered to talk with Mr. Novak by telephone if necessary and explain the Board's position on his situation since it is very much the same as Mr. Feer's case discussed today.

#### **6. Formal Hearings to be held:**

None before the Board today.

#### **7. Old Business**

No items were discussed today.

#### **8. New Business**

A. Diversity Training presentation by Ms. Peggy Zabawar. The Diversity Training scheduled for this Board meeting was rescheduled to the Board's next meeting to be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

B. The Department has set the following dates for the Home Inspection Licensing Board for the Calendar Year 2012: at the suggestion of Mr. O'Neill to accommodate any proposed legislative changes the Board may have, the Board agreed to move their August Board Meeting to September. Mr. Kuzmich will set the exact date and communicate back to the Board.

**February 2, 2012**

**August 2, 2012**

**May 3, 2012**

**November 1, 2012**

All meetings will be on Thursdays and held in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut and begin at 9:30 AM.

**9. Other Business**

A. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM. (Kobylenski/O'Neill)*

***Note: the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 2, 2012 beginning at 9:30 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.***

Respectfully submitted,

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