DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION 500 N. Calvert Street, Room 306 Baltimore, MD 21202-3651

Maryland Home Improvement Commission Public Business Meeting Minutes

DATE:

December 3, 2015

TIME:

10:00 a.m.

PLACE:

500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lawrence Helminiak Marilyn Jumalon

William B. Quackenbush, Jr.

Jeffrey Ross Andrew Snyder Joseph Tunney I. Jean White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sachchida Gupta

Michael Shilling

DLLR OFFICIALS AND

STAFF PRESENT:

Deborah Irvin-Cromwell, Assistant Executive Director

David R. Finneran, Executive Director Joel Jacobson, Assistant Attorney General Kimberly Rosenthal, Administrative Officer

Call to Order

Chair Joseph Tunney called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Approval of the August 6, 2015 Minutes

The Minutes of the August 6, 2015, Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

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Approval of the Special Meeting September 11, 2015 Minutes

The Minutes of the September 11, 2015 special meeting of the Commission were unanimously approved.

Guaranty Fund Activity Report

The MHIC Guaranty Fund Activity Report dated November 20, 2015 is as follows:

Balance as of July 1, 2015 \$ 888,747.30
Receipts \$ 565,767.79
Interest -0-

Disbursements

Claims (\$340,993.76)

Refunds

Balance as of October 30, 2015 <u>\$1,113,521.33</u>

Mr. Finneran informed the Commissioners that the Guaranty Fund reduction in the amount of \$25.00 for renewals will be in effect January 1, 2016.

Review of Exam Results

Below is the examination statistics summary for the month of October and November 2015.

October 2015

Candidates

Home Improvement	Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Contractor	101	69	32	68%
Contractor Spanish	57	32	25	56%
Subcontractor	6	4	2	67%
Subcontractor Spanish	3	1	2	33%
Salesperson	85	59	26	69%
Salesperson Spanish	1	1	0	
TOTAL	253	166	87	66%

November 2015

Contractor	92	62	30	67%
Contractor Spanish	32	26	6	81%
Subcontractor	3	1	2	33%
Subcontractor Spanish	1	0	1	0%
Salesperson	50	35	15	70%
Salesperson Spanish	0			
TOTAL	178	124	54	70%

Maryland Pools Update

Mr. Finneran informed the Commissioners that there have been 25 complaints submitted by homeowners against Maryland Pools. One complaint was closed due to lack of jurisdiction. The claim process has started and hearings will be scheduled soon. There have been no complaints since Mid-October 2015. Commissioner White made a motion to table the discussion of the timetable for the payouts to the claimants until August 2016. Commissioner Jumalon and Commissioner Snyder both seconded the Motion.

Comments from Chair

Chair Tunney wished everyone Happy Holidays and informed the Commission that he looked forward to working with them in 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

David Finneran, Executive Director