## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY** 

**Meeting Date:** 

Department:

Planning, Zoning & Building Department

Submitted By:

**Building Division** 

Advisory Board Name:

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Appointment of one new member to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals (CBAA).

Appoint

<u>Seat</u>

Requirement

Term

Milton Grey

2

Division 1 Contractor

9/12/2017 - 9/11/2020

Summary: Milton Grey has submitted an application to serve a three-year term as a Division 1 Contractor on the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals (the "Board"). The term of office for Board members is three years, with a limit of three consecutive three-year terms. The Board has 11 seats, 9 currently filled and a diversity count of Caucasian: 8 (89%) and Hispanic: 1 (11%). The gender ratio (female:male) is 1:8. The applicant is an African-American male. Staff has addressed the need to increase diversity within our boards and will continue to encourage this in an effort to expand the Board's diversity. Countywide (SF)

Background and Justification: Palm Beach County Ordinance 89-31, as amended in 2002, established the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Per Palm Beach County Ordinance 2015-028, Palm Beach County Amendments to the Florida Building Code, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (2014), the Board is comprised of nine regular members: one architect; one engineer; two Division 1 contractors (general, building, or residential contractors); one electrical contractor; one HVAC contractor; one plumbing contractor; a member at large from the public; and any other contractor licensed category. In addition to these members, there should be two alternate members: one member with the qualifications referenced above, and one member at large from the public. As defined in Section 113.3 of the Palm Beach County Amendments to the Florida Building Code, the Board shall have the power to hear appeals of decisions and interpretations of the Building Official, and consider variances of the technical codes. The Board shall establish rules and regulations for its own procedures consistent with the provisions of this code. The Board shall meet within 30 calendar days after Notice of Appeal has been received.

#### Attachments:

1. Board/Committees Application for Milton Grey

2. Biography for Milton Grey

3. Section 113 of the Palm Beach County Amendments to the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014)

Recommended By:

**Department Director** 

Date

Legal Sufficiency:

**Assistant County Attorney** 

Date

## II. REVIEW COMMENTS

Department Director		Date
Other Department Re	eview.	

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### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. Please COMPLETE SECTION II IN FULL, Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please attach a biography or résumé to this form.

Section I (Department): (Please Print)					
Board Name: Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals Advisory [X]					
[X] At Large Appointment or [] District Appointment /District #:					
Term of Appointment: 3 Years. From: 9 12 2017 To: 9 11 2020					
Seat Requirement: Division 1 Contractor Seat #: 2					
[ ]*Reappointment or [\]New Appointment					
or [ ] to complete the term of Due to: [ ] resignation [ ] other Completion of term to expire on:					
*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners:					
Section II (Applicant): (Please Print)  APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT					
Name: CIRCY MILTON CIGORGE Last First Middle					
Name: Last First Middle					
Occupation/Affiliation: GENERAL CONTRACTOR					
Owner [ ] Employee [ ] Officer [ ]					
Business Name: GREY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF FLORIDA					
Business Address: 2001 Palm Batell Lalas					
City & State WEST PAIN PEACH FL Zip Code: 33409					
Residence Address: 3174 EL CANINO REAL					
City & State WEST PALM BEACH FL Zip Code: 33409					
Home Phone: () Business Phone: 66) 8 45.29/2 Ext.  Cell Phone: 56) 312.2766 Fax: 560 253.022					
Email Address: MILETON GREY DA, O.L. COM					
Mailing Address Preference: [ ] Business [ ] Residence					
Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes No  If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date:					

[ ] African-American [ ] Caucasian

#### Section 11 Continuea:

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: Pursuant to Article XIII, Sec. 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, advisory board members are prohibited from entering into any contract or other transaction for goods or services with Palm Beach County. Exceptions to this prohibition include awards made under sealed competitive bids, certain emergency and sole source purchases, and transactions that do not exceed \$500 per year in aggregate. These exemptions are described in the Code. This prohibition does not apply when the advisory board member's board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction and the contract or transaction is disclosed at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. To determine compliance with this provision, it is necessary that you, as a board member applicant, identify all contractual relationships between Palm Beach County government and you as an individual, directly or indirectly, or your employer or business. This information should be provided in the space below. If there are no contracts or transactions to report, please verify that none exist. Staff will review this information and determine if you are eligible to serve or if you may be eligible for an exception or waiver pursuant to the code.

Contract/Transaction No.	Department/Division	<b>Description of Services</b>	Term	
Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)	Parks & Recreation	General Maintenance	10/01/00-09/30/2100	
NONE	(Attach Additions	al Shect(s), if necessary) OR  NOT APPLICABLE/ (Governmental Entity)		
Ethics, and read the State Guide	to the Sunshine Amendment. A ntyethics.com/training.htm.	and complete training on Article XIII, article XIII, and the training require thics training is on-going, and p	ement can be found on the web	
Code of Ethics, and I ha	ve received the required Ethic	erstand, and agree to abide by Articles training (in the manner checked between the Web, DVD or VHS on Color on 100	pelow):	
	AND			
& State of Florida Code  *Applicant's Signature:  Any questions and/or concerns to	Printegarding Article XIII, the Palm	ted Name: Multon Seach County Code of Ethics, please	visit the Commission on Ethics	
website www.palmbeachcounty	Return Jacquelyn Anderson, Palm Bo	nil at ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.of this FORM to: each County PZB, Building Division Vest Palm Beach, Florida 33411		
Section III (Commissioner, if Appointment to be made		-		
Commissioner's Signature:	Date:			
Pursuant to Florida's Public Records La	w this document may be reviewed and	photoconied by members of the public	Revised 02/01/2016	

## Biography

## Milton Grey - Founder & President

A General Contractor with twenty-nine years experience in the construction industry. Has had extensive community involvement where he has represented local minorities on the City of West Palm Beach Building Board, the School Board of Palm Beach County.

**Academic Pursuits:** 

1973-1976:

Certified Mechanical Engineering Technician

Birmingham Polytechnic Science and Technology

1973-1975:

Product and Project Design

Professional Experience:

1984-Present:

President of Grey Construction Co.; of Florida Inc.

1984-2003:

President of United Millwork Co. Inc. an architectural millwork company specializing in custom casework, door finishing and

installation. Work experience includes:

- Twenty-nine years of general contracting experience ranges from renovations to affordable housing to high end residences and commercial projects. Commercial experience includes offices, restaurants and manufacturing spaces as well as schools and Airports under joint alliances with larger general contractors such as CR. Klewin, Morganti and Afco Constructors.
- Residential experience includes the construction of affordable homes: thirty-two
  (32) homes in the Freshwater Lakes Housing Project with the City of West Pam
  Beach and twelve (12) homes in Congress Lakes Project with the City of Riviera
  Beach
- Manufactured millwork and casework for the Sandals Resorts, and several Gifts Shops and Restaurants in the Caribbean. Manufactured and supplied casework and millwork for the Marriott Courtyard Projects of West Palm Reach, Boca Raton Clearwater and the Marriott Nursing Homes of West Palm Beach, Pt. St. Lucie, Boca Raton and Maitland. Participated in the construction of local design built schools in Palm Beach County and Belle Glade.

Welcomes any opportunity to continue to serve the needs of the Florida community.

# SECTION 113 CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

113.1 Appointment. There is hereby established a board to be called the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, which shall consist of nine regular members and two alternates. The applicable governing body shall appoint the Board.

113.2 Membership and Terms.

113.2.1 Membership. The Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals shall consist of nine regular members plus two alternate members. Regular board members shall be composed of individuals with knowledge and experience in the technical codes to include, to the greatest extent possible, an architect, engineer, two Division I contractors (GC, BC, or RC), electrical contractor, HVAC contractor, plumbing contractor, a member at large from the public, and any other contractor licensed category. In addition to the regular members, there should be two alternate members, one member with the qualifications referenced above and one member at large from the public. A board member shall not act in a case in which he or she has a personal or financial interest.

113.2.2 Terms. The terms of office of the regular board members shall be for three (3) years and staggered so no more than one-third of the board is appointed or replaced in any 12-month period. The two alternates shall serve three-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the manner in which original appointments are required to be made. No board member shall be appointed or re-appointed to this board for more than three (3) consecutive, three (3) year terms.

113.2.3 Quorum and voting. A simple majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. In varying any provision of this code, the affirmative votes of the majority present, but not less than three affirmative votes, shall be required. In modifying a decision of the building official, not less than four affirmative votes, but not less than a majority of the board, shall be required. In the event that regular members are unable to attend a meeting, the alternate members shall vote.

113.2.4 Secretary of board. The building official or his/her authorized representative shall act as secretary of the board and shall make a record of all of its proceedings, which shall set forth the reasons for its decision, the vote of each member, the absence of a member, and any failure of a member to vote.

113.2.5 Removal from office. Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as a failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or a failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting. Members removed pursuant to this provision shall not continue to serve on the board and such removal shall create a vacancy.

113.3 Powers. The Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals shall have the power, as further defined in 113.4 of this code, to hear appeals of decisions and interpretations of the building official and consider variances of the technical codes.

### 113.4 Appeals.

113.4.1 Decision of the building official. The owner of a building, structure or service system, or duly authorized agent, may appeal a decision of the building official to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals whenever any one of the following conditions are claimed to exist:

- 1. The building official rejected or refused to approve the mode or manner of construction proposed to be followed or materials to be used in the installation or alteration of a building, structure or service system.
- 2. The provisions of this code do not apply to this specific case.
- 3. That an equally good or more desirable form of installation can be employed in any specific case, which the building official has rejected or refused.
- 4. The true intent and meaning of this code or any of the regulations hereunder have been misconstrued or incorrectly interpreted.

113.4.2 Variances. The Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, when upon written request, has been so appealed to and after a hearing, may vary the application of any provision of this code to any particular case when, in its opinion, the enforcement thereof would do manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of this or the technical codes or public interest, and also finds all of the following:

- 1. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the building, structure or service system involved and which are not applicable to others.
- 2. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action or inaction of the applicant.
- 3. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this code to other buildings, structures or service system.
- 4. That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the building, structure or service system.
- 5. That the grant of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this code and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

113.4.2.1 Conditions of the variance. In granting the variance, the board may prescribe a reasonable time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be commenced or completed or both. In addition, the board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this code. Violation of the conditions of a variance shall be deemed a violation of this code.

113.4.3 Notice of appeal. Notice of appeal shall be in writing and filed within 30 calendar days after the building official renders the decision. Appeals shall be in a form acceptable to the building official.

113.4.4 Unsafe or dangerous buildings or service systems. In the case of a building, structure or service system, which in the opinion of the building official, is unsafe, unsanitary or dangerous, the building official may, in the order, limit the time for such appeals to a shorter period.

#### 113.5 Procedures of the board.

113.5.1 Rules and regulations. The board shall establish rules and regulations for its own procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of this code. The board shall meet on call of the chairperson, subsequent to a request to call a meeting by the secretary. The board shall meet within 30 calendar days after notice of appeal has been received.

113.5.1.1 Rules of Evidence. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply, but fundamental due process should be observed and govern the proceedings. Upon determination by the chairperson, irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence may be excluded, but all other evidence of a type commonly relied upon by

reasonable, prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible, whether or not such evidence would be admissible in a trial in the courts of Florida. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form. The Board may request certain evidence from the petitioner to be provided by an architect or engineer registered in the State of Florida, in which case, said evidence shall be signed, sealed, and dated.

113.5.1.2 Testimony. Any member of the Board or the attorney representing the Board may inquire of, or question, any witness before the Board. Any member of the Board, the petitioner or his/her attorney, and/or the building official shall be permitted to inquire of any witness before the Board. The Board may consider testimony presented by the building official, the petitioner, or any other witness.

case, reach a decision without unreasonable or unnecessary delay. Each decision of the board shall also include the reasons for the decision. If a decision of the board reverses or modifies a refusal, order, or disallowance of the building official or varies the application of any provision of this code, the building official shall immediately take action in accordance with such decision. Every decision shall be promptly filed in writing in the office of the building official and shall be open to public inspection. A certified copy of the decision shall be sent by mail or otherwise to the appellant and a copy shall be kept publicly posted in the office of the building official for two weeks after filing. Every decision of the board shall be final; subject however to such remedy as any aggrieved party might have at law or in equity.

113.6 Local Construction Regulation Board. The local government may also utilize this Board to convene as the Local Construction Regulation Board (LCRB), as provided in Florida Statute 489.113. The LCRB may deny, suspend, revoke or limit the authority of a certified contractor to obtain a building permit or permit with specific conditions, if the LCRB has found such contractor, through public hearing, to be guilty of fraud or a willful building code violation within the county or municipality that the LCRB represents. The LCRB may also, deny, suspend, revoke or limit the authority of a certified contractor to obtain a building permit or permit with specific conditions, if it has proof through the public hearing process, that a contractor has been found guilty in another county or municipality within the past 12 months, of fraud or a willful building code violation and after providing notice of an opportunity to be heard to the contractor, finds that such fraud or violation would have been fraud or a

violation if committed in the county or municipality that the LCRB represents. Notification of and information concerning such permit denial shall be submitted to the division within 15 days after the LCRB decides to deny the permit.