

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2020  
**Department:** Planning, Zoning & Building  
**Submitted By:** Contractors Certification Division  
**At Large Board Name:** Construction Industry Licensing Board

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: A) Appointment of two members and B) Reappointment of three members to the Construction Industry Licensing Board (Board).


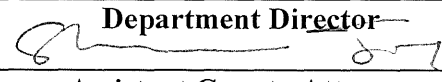
<b><u>A) Appoint</u></b>	<b><u>Seat #</u></b>	<b><u>Requirement</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>
Ben Preston	4	Roofing Contractor	12/8/2020- 9/30/2023	Commissioner Kerner Commissioner Weinroth Commissioner Bernard Commissioner McKinlay Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Marino
James McKay	12	Architect	12/8/2020- 9/30/2023	Commissioner Kerner Commissioner Weinroth Commissioner Bernard Commissioner McKinlay Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Marino
<b><u>B) Re-appoint</u></b>				
Gerry Kelly	5	General Contractor	12/8/2020- 9/30/2023	Commissioner Kerner Commissioner Weinroth Commissioner Bernard Commissioner McKinlay Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Marino
Peter Ringle	7	Building Official	12/8/2020- 9/30/2023	Commissioner Kerner Commissioner Weinroth Commissioner Bernard Commissioner McKinlay Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Marino
Haydee Ullfig	10	Swimming Pool Contractor	12/8/2020- 9/30/2023	Commissioner Kerner Commissioner Weinroth Commissioner Bernard Commissioner McKinlay Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Marino

**Summary:** The Board was established by Special Act, Laws of Florida, Chapter 67-1876, as amended. The Special Act and, subsequently, Section 489.131, Florida Statutes (F.S.) sets forth the membership of the Board, which consists of 15 members. This Board shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members as follows: two (2) general contractors, one (1) building contractor, one (1) residential contractor; one (1) electrical contractor; one (1) plumbing contractor; one (1) HARV contractor; one (1) roofing contractor; one (1) swimming pool contractor; one (1) architect; one (1) engineer and one (1) full-time building official employed by a local government within Palm Beach County, who meets the requirements of the Building Officials Association of FL; and three (3) consumer representatives. The Board establishes qualifications and competency of contractors that work within the County. The Board also provides for the testing and licensing of these contractors, and is empowered to revoke licenses, and hear citation appeals.

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**Attachments:**

1. Boards/Committees Applications
2. Resumes for Ben Preston, James McKay, Gerry Kelly, Peter Ringle and Haydee Ullfig.
3. Memorandum to the Board of County Commissioners, September 28, 2020
4. Special Act (excerpt regarding membership composition)
5. Current Membership List
6. Attendance Record

**Recommended by:**  11/18/2020  
**Department Director** **Date**  
**Legal Sufficiency:**  11/23/20  
**Assistant County Attorney** **Date**

**II. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. Other Department Review:**

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**Department Director**

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A memorandum was sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on September 28, 2020 to advise of the term expirations and reappointment requests. No other nominations were received. The Board has eight out of fifteen seats currently filled and a diversity count of Caucasian: 5 (61%), African-American: 1 (13%), Hispanic: 1 (13%) and Native-American: 1 (13%) making the Board 39% diverse. The gender ratio (female: male) is 2:6. Staff is addressing the need to increase diversity within our boards and will continue to encourage this in an effort to expand the Board's diversity.

As required by Section 2-443 of the Code of Ethics, this Agenda Item Summary will serve as disclosure for Gerald Kelly. Gerald Kelly is an employee of Wharton-Smith, Inc., which contracts with Palm Beach County to provide construction services for the County through sealed bids. The Board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding contracts with the county. Countywide (SF)

**Background and Justification:** The membership of the Board consists of two general contractors, and one member of the following categories: building, residential, electrical, plumbing, HARV (Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation), roofing, swimming pool, architect, engineer, and building official. In addition, Section 489.131, F.S. requires that we have three Consumer Representatives. The Board establishes qualifications and competency of contractors that work within the County. The Board also provides for the testing and licensing of these contractors, and is empowered to discipline licenses.