

**Maryland Home Improvement Commission
Public Business Meeting Minutes**

DATE: August 4, 2016

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sachchida Gupta
Lawrence Helminiak
William B. Quackenbush, Jr.
Michael Shilling
Joseph Tunney
I. Jean White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Altieri
Jeffrey Ross
Andrew Snyder

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
Michael W. Lord, Executive Director, MSEC

Call to Order

Chair Joseph Tunney called the meeting to order at 9: 45 a.m.

Approval of the June 2, 2016 Minutes

The Minutes of the June 2, 2016, Commission meeting were approved.

Guaranty Fund Activity Report

The MHIC Guaranty Fund Activity Report dated July 19, 2016 is as follows:

Balance as of July 1, 2015	\$ 888,747.30
Receipts	\$ 1,474,515.08
Interest	-0-
Disbursements	
Claims	(\$781,666.58)
Refunds	
Balance as of June 30, 2016	<u>\$1,581,595.80</u>
FMIS Balance	\$1,581,595.80
Difference	\$0

Review of Exam Results

Below is the examination statistics summary for the month of June and July 2016.

June 2016

Home Improvement	Candidates			
	Tested	Passed	Failed	Pass %
Contractor	152	109	43	72%
Contractor Spanish	43	21	22	49%
Subcontractor	3	1	2	33%
Subcontractor Spanish	0	0	0	
Salesperson	169	110	59	65%
Salesperson Spanish	0	0	0	
TOTAL	367	241	126	66%

July 2016

Contractor	120	74	46	62%
Contractor Spanish	37	16	21	43%
Subcontractor	0	0	0	
Subcontractor Spanish	0	0	0	
Salesperson	97	67	30	69%
Salesperson Spanish	1	1	0	100%
TOTAL	255	158	97	62%

Maryland Pools

Mr. Finneran informed the Commission that 27 complaints have been submitted against Maryland Pools. 17 Guaranty Fund claims, which total \$153,000, have been submitted against Maryland Pools. Because of the total amount of claims, claims will be paid on a proportional (pro-rate) basis. Commissioner White made a motion to close acceptance of claims for pro-rate distribution on September 30, 2016. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. The Commission will send a notice informing all complainants, who have not filed a Guaranty Fund claim, of the September 30, 2016 closing date.

High Impact Complaints Update

Mr. Finneran updated the Commission about complaints that will affect the Guaranty Fund. Douglas Morgan t/a Morgan and Morgan Solar LLC., terminated his license on May 19, 2016. There are several complaints against Mr. Morgan and his business. Although his company has been terminated Mr. Morgan continues to do Home Improvement work. Criminal charges have been filed against him. Montgomery County is heavily involved in the process of trying to stop Mr. Morgan from doing Home Improvement work. Commissioner Quackenbush would like the Commission to notify the Better Business Bureau and get them involved.

James Martin t/a Prompt Restoration Inc. was emergency suspended on May 9, 2016. Mr. Martin has a consent order against him that will keep the company in a suspended status for the duration of his licensing period. The company has a number of pending claims.

Comments from Chair

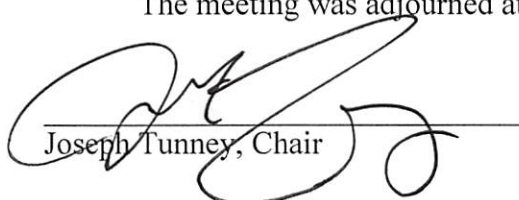
Chairman Tunney stated to the Commission that Robert Altieri will be replacing Marilyn Jumalon as the Commissioner with banking and finance experience. Mr. Altieri was out of the Country and could not attend this Commission meeting. We look forward to working with him in the future.

Ethics Training

Michael W. Lord, Executive Director of the Maryland State Ethics Commission (MSEC) conducted a training session on behalf of the Secretary, Kelly M. Schulz.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.


Joseph Tunney, Chair


David Finneran, Executive Director