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Message from Chair Margaret Cavin

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board for many years, and am honored to be elected by my colleagues to again hold the position of Chair.

What keeps me engaged with the Board is the overall experience of working alongside Board members who are dedicated to upholding the standards of the industry and protecting the public's health and safety.

There is not a meeting where we don't learn from one another as we openly discuss our perspectives on an issue. Every member of the Board understands the gravity behind their decisions and the impact they have on the lives of the individuals before us.

At every new application denial hearing, we strive to gather the facts, to listen to the testimony and life experiences of the individual before us, and provide them with an explanation for the reasoning behind our decisions to grant or deny licensure. There is great responsibility in our role to balance an individual's pursuit for livelihood, while still promoting and protecting the integrity of the industry and the public's safety.

It is a duty we take seriously, while ensuring those who come before us are afforded a fair opportunity to be heard and have their cases considered.



I take pride knowing the Board is dedicated to listening to the public's concerns and aiding consumers in their time of need. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate and communicate with industry representatives, building officials, and other state and local leaders on issues of mutual interest to foster innovative solutions and strengthen and promote the integrity of Nevada's construction industry.

Our upcoming strategic planning session in March is an instrumental time for the Board to reassess its goals, and outline new objectives and innovative solutions to embark on in the year ahead. It is through this process that we gain greater perspective on the successes of our own operations, while thoughtfully discussing ways we can improve any shortcomings that may be present.

The Board's work is never done and I am very much looking forward, as I always have been, to watching us progress further down the path to maintain our status as a model regulatory agency.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Greetings! It's hard to believe how quickly the year is already flying by, isn't it? You will notice this issue combines our efforts and outcomes from quarters one and two of FY 2017-18.

I'd like to first extend my appreciation to Jan Leggett for his leadership as Board Chairman the past two years, and I look forward to his continued contributions on the Board for the duration of his term.

As we begin to look forward to what the next 12 months will have in store, I think we can all agree it is an exciting time to work in the construction industry in Nevada. We're finally starting to see the waves of commercial and public works projects return, while residential housing demands are increasing with the welcoming of new professional sports teams and opportunities.

Although workforce challenges will remain an area of focus, I have great confidence that the innovative and broadening solutions the industry is coming up with will result in positive outcomes where needed most. While we may still have some uphill obstacles in front of us, there is no doubt 2018 will be a great year for the industry overall.

The Contractors Board is pleased to report on some of its most recent accomplishments taking place in the last six months. Most noteworthy is the implementation of the Board's new licensing and enforcement database system.



Most of the upgraded changes are noticed internally, as staff become trained on the new features offered; however, the public is also benefiting from the enhanced license search functions offered on the Board's website.

During the license verification process, the flow of information between screens has been streamlined. Additionally, license search features now include Nevada Business ID numbers. Lastly, the search by classification and county has also been updated to result in more user-friendly formatting.

As we continue to improve our public interface and resourceful information, our Public Information Office has begun producing short videos aimed to assist applicants with the license application process, and helping homeowners prepare for and respond to home emergency situations, whether floods, fires, or other home-related repairs. Additionally,

the Board's brochures and public service announcements have all been translated into Spanish to better serve Nevada home and business owners.

Public protection remains paramount in our operations, as has been noticed through the efforts of our enforcement division. The Board's Fraud Unit has been successful in obtaining multiple felony indictments, cross communication with bordering states to identify and address unlicensed travelers scamming unsuspecting homeowners, and our compliance division's ability to help resolve homeowner and contractor disputes.

Toward the end of this year Governor Brian Sandoval reappointed members Margaret Cavin who was elected Board Chair, Guy Wells, Jan Leggett, and new member, Melissa Caron who replaces Kevin Burke after he elected not to seek reappointment. Additionally, I welcomed the Governor's appointment to serve on Nevada's core team participating in a National Occupational Licensing Consortium.

As is explained later in our newsletter, the Consortium will be helping states across the country identify and evaluate opportunities to reduce barriers to licensure. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but the efforts being made will render significant benefits in the long-run, and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Margi A. Grein

Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Department is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered twice a month by the Board, which guides applicants through key areas of the application, experience qualifications, and exam and bonding requirements.

Recently, staff worked with subject matter experts and exam administrators to enhance and updated the business and law exam as well as the residential and small commercial building exam.

Additionally, staff made modifications to the Board's license application forms to better promote and collect information concerning veteran owned businesses and our veteran's assistance program.

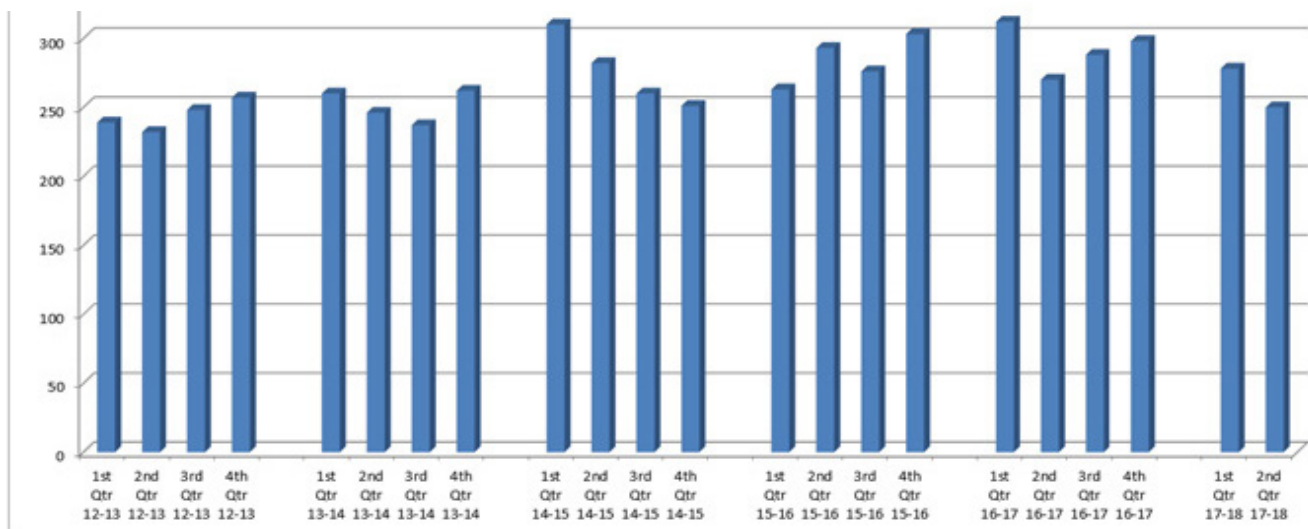
1st Quarter

- 398 New License Applications (+1%)
- 278 Licenses Issued (-11%)
- 741 License Change Applications: (-2%)
- 15,220 Active Licenses (+0.2%)
- 701 Inactive Licenses (-20%)
- 27 Placed on Inactive Status During Q1 (-48%)
- 59 Voluntarily Surrendered (-28%)
- 1,433 Active License Renewals (-10%)
- 27 Inactive License Renewals (-65%)
- 208 License Suspensions (no bond): (+24%)
- 181 Licenses Cancelled (+10%)
- 8 Application Denial Hearings (-56%)
- 4 Financial Responsibility Hearings (-50%)

2nd Quarter

- 386 New License Applications (+0.26%)
- 250 Licenses Issued (-7%)
- 569 License Change Applications: (-26%)
- 15,380 Active Licenses (+1%)
- 667 Inactive Licenses (-19%)
- 40 Placed on Inactive Status During Q2 (+8%)
- 93 Voluntarily Surrendered (+38%)
- 1,547 Active License Renewals (+9%)
- 34 Inactive License Renewals (-54%)
- 208 License Suspensions (202 bond): (+37%)
- 201 Licenses Cancelled (+7%)
- 6 Application Denial Hearings (-57%)
- 6 Financial Responsibility Hearings (-57%)

ISSUED LICENSES



Enforcement - *Licensed Contractors*

NSCB's Compliance Investigations Division assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.



Contractors who engage in repairing, maintaining or remodeling manufactured homes must be licensed with the Nevada Housing Division, which is part of the state's Department of Business and Industry, and has merged with the former Nevada Manufactured Housing Division. For more information, contact their offices at 3300 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 320, Las Vegas, (702) 486-4135, or 1830 E. College Pkwy., Suite 120, Carson City, (775) 684-2940.

Stay in compliance

The Contractors Board is committed to helping Nevada's contractors flourish by operating successfully and legally. Recently, the Board has encountered two growing trends that have the potential to cause contractors difficulty in accomplishing these aims.

Over the last few months, the number of cases referred to the Board by the Department of Business and Industry's Division of Industrial Relations for contractors' failure to maintain required workers' compensation insurance has increased noticeably.

The number of contractors being cited for bidding and working out of scope also is on the rise. These infractions concern the Board not only because they violate state law, but also because contractors in these instances fail to obtain the required permits and schedule inspections, jeopardizing the health and safety of the public.

1st QUARTER SNAPSHOT

420 Opened Complaints

- 250 Workmanship
- 38 Money Owing
- 132 Industry Regulation

29 Administrative Citations

- \$32,900 in Fines
- \$9,367 in Investigative Costs

35 to referred for disciplinary hearing

- 8 licenses revoked
- 22 fines imposed totalling \$56,750 and \$49,678 in investigative costs

2nd QUARTER SNAPSHOT

347 Opened Complaints

- 192 Workmanship
- 43 Money Owing
- 112 Industry Regulation

38 Administrative Citations

- \$32,650 in Fines
- \$10,275 in Investigative Costs

37 to referred for disciplinary hearing

- 2 licenses revoked
- 28 fines imposed totalling \$25,150 and \$420,7010 in investigative costs

Enforcement - *Unlicensed Contractors*

NSCB's Criminal Investigations Division responds to all unlicensed contractor complaints. After gathering evidence, the Board submits cases to the district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

Coming Back Soon

DOWNLOAD NSCB's
MOBILE APPLICATION
Report Unlicensed Contractors • Look Up a License

UNLICENSED
CONTRACTOR
HOTLINE
Southern Nevada
702-486-1160
Northern Nevada
775-850-7838

You've probably noticed our mobile application is currently unavailable as it undergoes some back-end renovations to make it compatible with our new licensing and enforcement database. We appreciate your patience and will send out notice to all contractors once it's back online!

1st QUARTER SNAPSHOT

324 Opened Complaints

- 204 Contracting without a License
- 118 Unlawful Advertising
- 2 Criminal Fraud

5 Administrative Citations

- \$6,500 in Fines
- \$2,475 in Investigative Costs

40 Criminal Citations Issued

60 Criminal Affidavits Filed

53 Cease and Desist Orders

2nd QUARTER SNAPSHOT

285 Opened Complaints

- 177 Contracting without a License
- 101 Unlawful Advertising
- 7 Criminal Fraud

5 Administrative Citations

- \$5,000 in Fines
- \$2,500 in Investigative Costs

55 Criminal Citations Issued

61 Criminal Affidavits Filed

81 Cease and Desist Orders

Burke leaves legacy of leadership



Kevin Burke, CEO of Burke Construction Group, Inc., in Las Vegas, served as a member of the Nevada State Contractors Board for nearly a decade.

“Kevin Burke was instrumental in bringing his intuitive and collaborative spirit to the Board,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi

Grein. “His desire was always to hold contractors accountable for their workmanship and business practices, and to ensure the Board was operating efficiently and doing all it could to serve the public’s and industry’s needs at large.”

Burke, who served on the Board from 2008 through 2017, including a stint as chairman from 2009 to 2012, did not seek reappointment.

“Kevin is a natural leader,” Grein said. “He always took a prominent role in our annual strategic planning session, applying his business acumen to look into the future and forecast the challenges that would face the Board and the industry. His influence will be felt for years to come, thanks to his contributions in identifying opportunities to streamline operations, maximize

resources and accelerate project deadlines.”

During Burke’s tenure, the Board investigated several high-profile cases, including cases against Blue Lagoon Pools in 2011 and Summerlin Energy in 2017 that resulted in multiple criminal charges. Those cases included large Recovery Fund payouts to homeowners damaged by the formerly licensed contractors.

Burke also advocated for the Board’s continuous technical upgrades, public relations efforts, and customer service improvements.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University, Burke joined Burke Construction Group, Inc., and was named President and CEO in 2001. In addition to his service to the Contractors Board, Burke is a member of the Nevada Contractors Association board of directors, a member of NAIOP, a member of the Kansas State University College of Engineering Advisory Council, Kansas State University Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance.

“We thank Mr. Burke for three terms of excellent service to the Board and to the state. He is an exemplary mentor whose contributions and thoughtful approaches will be missed greatly,” expressed Grein.

Contractors encouraged to carry pocket cards

The Nevada State Contractors Board continuously reminds property owners to check contractors’ pocket identification cards before agreeing to proposals, signing contracts or allowing anyone to perform work on their homes or businesses.

NSCB encourages all licensed contractors to carry the pocket cards while on the job and especially in situations where they think they might be soliciting business.

The cards include NSCB’s logo and the state seal in addition to the license number, business name, classification(s), and license expiration date. One card is issued upon issuance and renewal of the license. NSCB allows contracting

companies to purchase additional cards at \$10 each to distribute to key on-site personnel to use when customers inquire about services.

To obtain additional pocket cards, call the Board offices at 702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 775-688-1141 in northern Nevada.



Board revokes, fines licenses

The Nevada State Contractors Board disciplined licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624 during its hearings conducted from September through January:

Michael D. Bell, dba Golden Bear Construction, license number 37123 (residential and small commercial), based out of Carson City, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, conspiring with an unlicensed person to perform an unauthorized act, and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee has 30 days to provide an updated financial statement or face suspension or possible revocation of its license. Licensee was fined \$1,600 and assessed investigative costs.

Rainbow Pool Construction, Inc., license number 44600A (commercial & residential pools), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another, failure to take appropriate corrective action, abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, willful disregard of the State's building laws, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, failure to establish financial responsibility, and failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. The licensee stipulated to the revocation of its license and was fined \$11,850 and assessed investigative costs.

Priority Corporate Group, LLC, license number 78564 (electrical contracting) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, misuse of a license, failure to pay any money due for materials or services rendered, failure to comply with and respond to a written request by the Board, failure to keep in force a bond or cash de-

posit, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs. The license was placed on a suspended/probationary status for 30 days, after which time the license will be revoked.

Global Design & Construction, Inc., license number 81070 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation of the state's building laws. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Hernandez Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC, license number 71149A (landscape contracting) based out of Sparks, Nev., stipulated to charges of substandard workmanship and failure to include both the Residential Recovery Fund information and monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal. Licensee was ordered to pay \$37,417.52 in restitution.

Wilmac Construction, license number 23939 (general building) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply with a request for information. The license was revoked, Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

4 M Painting Incorporation, license number 69182 (painting and decorating) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to provide a current financial statement. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Jersey Electric & Solar, license number 52193 (electrical) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a contract, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract,

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substandard workmanship and failure to cooperate in an investigation. The License was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,600 and assessed investigative costs.

Michael W. Rohrer Construction, Inc., license number 79441 (residential and small commercial) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for failure to complete a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, diversion of money or property, failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract and substandard workmanship. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$10,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Robert Lynn Wrege, dba Abraham Mechanical Services, license numbers 41908 (plumbing and heating) and 43580 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to obtain a required license from the state fire marshal, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract and allowing an ineligible person to serve as a principal on the license. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

West Coast Building & Design, LLC, dba W.C.B. & D. General Contractor, license number 81435 (residential and small commercial) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a request from the Board. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Honest Abe's AC Repair, Inc., license number 75861 (air conditioning) based out of Lodi, Calif., was found in violation for failure to comply with the state's building laws, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract,

contracting on an inactive license and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,700 and assessed investigative costs.

Advance Lighting and Sign, dba Advance Sign Company, license number 81089 (erecting signs) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract and failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Faith Vision, Inc., dba Vision Builders, license number 74754 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to maintain records for three years and contracting beyond the scope of the license. The license was placed on probationary suspension. Licensee was fined \$6,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Universal Solutions Window and More, LLC., license numbers 80449 (glass and glazing), 81886 (carpentry) and 81887 (installation of terrazzo and marble), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for contracting under a license not issued in the contractor's name and failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract. Licensee was fined \$200 and assessed investigative costs.

Sunset Oasis Landscaping, LLC, license numbers 80570 (landscaping), 80646 (masonry) and 81717 (commercial and residential pools) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, disregard of industrial insurance laws, failure to pay for materials or services, failure to obtain a lien release, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 624

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or the Board's regulations, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint, failure to comply with a request for information or records and failure to disclose subcontractor and supplier information. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$11,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Able Builders, Inc., license number 21715 (general building) based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to comply with the Board's notice to correct, failure to comply with terms of a construction contract and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,500 and assessed investigative costs.

T.L. Townsend Builders, LLC, dba Townco Construction Group, license number 79651 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for a fraudulent or deceitful act, violating the state's building laws, contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to comply with written requests from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Nevada Webber Drilling, license number 25887 (drilling wells and installing pumps and tanks) based out of Overton, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a written citation and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Arthur Door & Trim, Inc., license number 63902 (finish carpentry) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply with regulations regarding industrial insurance. The license remains suspended. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Griswold Construction, license number 27453 (general building), based out of Gardnerville, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to provide notice of the

right to record a lien notice, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,600 and assessed investigative costs.

Arellano Heating and Air Conditioning, license number 74600 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Yerington, Nev. was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license and advertising services for which the contractor is not licensed. Licensee was fined \$2,050 and assessed investigative costs.

Sunpower by Renewable Energy Electric, Inc., license number 62767 (electrical) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for abandonment of a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Hard Surfaces, Inc., license numbers 78543 (painting and decorating), 78544 (finishing floors), 78545 (installing terrazzo and marble), 78546 (tiling) and ***Hard Surfaces, Inc., dba Hardwire Electric***, license number 78873 (electrical) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, bidding in excess of the monetary limit, substandard workmanship and failure to comply with the Board's request for information. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,500 and assessed investigative costs.

C.R. Homes, Inc., dba C.R Homes, Inc., license number 42269A (residential and small commercial) based out of Pahrump, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to cooperate in an investigation and

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failure to comply with the Board's request for information. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs.

E&M Enterprises, Inc., license number 54638 (general building) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a request for information. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

Sunrise Solar, LLC, dba Ener Tech of Nevada, LLC, license number 78684 (photo-voltaics) based out of Odessa, Tex., was found in violation for failure to comply with a request for information. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

R.W. and Associates, dba C.L.M. Development, license number 64376 (general building) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to cooperate in an investigation and failure to comply with a request for information. The license was revoked, Licensee was fined \$5,500.

RevCon, LLC, license numbers 73824 (concrete) and 75703 (sealing and striping impermeable paving surfaces), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license and failure to pay an assessment. Licensee was fined \$5,850 and assessed investigative costs.

P.C. 911, LLC, dba Las Vegas Low Voltage, license number 77643 (low voltage electric) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a contract. Licensee was fined \$500, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution.

Atlas Marble & Granite, Inc., license number 50663 (terrazzo and marble installation) based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person and contracting beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative

costs and ordered to pay a licensed contractor to complete the project.

Sutherland Construction Development, license numbers 54023 (residential and small commercial) and 54147 (painting and decorating) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for allowing the business to be operated by an unlicensed person and aiding or abetting, conspiring with, allowing a license to be used by and acting as an agent, partner or associate of an unlicensed person. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Harry P. Falco, dba Brick Art Masonry, license number 41619 (masonry) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to notify the Board of change of address or personnel and failure to comply with a notice to correct. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs.

C.W.S. Contractors, LLC, license numbers 63206 (painting and decorating) and 61155 (lathing and plastering), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked.

Air Done Right, Inc., license number 62716 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 624 or the Board's regulations. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Panda Products, LLC, dba Republic West Home, license numbers 79384 (glass and glazing) and 80605 (painting) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of industrial insurance laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with a notice to correct, contracting beyond the scope of the license, substandard workmanship and failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$7,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Grein serves on national licensing consortium

Nevada State Contractors Board Executive Officer Margi A. Grein is engaged in a multi-state consortium aimed at better understanding barriers to licensure and licensing best practices.

The Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and U.S. Department of Labor are supporting representatives from 11 states who will examine ways to eliminate unnecessary barriers to labor market entry and improve license interstate portability and reciprocity for select occupations.

“It is an honor to be engaged in the national discussion about improving licensing opportunities and processes, specifically for Nevada’s construction workforce,” said Grein, who was appointed to the National Occupational Licensing Learning Consortium by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval. “I look forward to working with a diverse group of minds and developing innovative, thoughtful solutions with the intent of opening new doors for those looking to make a living in Nevada.”

Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Utah and Wisconsin will be joining Nevada’s delegation at the consortium, which held its first meeting

in December. Specific issues the consortium is expected to address include facilitating licensing for populations facing the greatest barriers, such as immigrants, people with criminal records, veterans and the unemployed.

Meetings will include discussions and education sessions with experts in the identified concentration areas.

The Nevada State Contractors Board currently has programs and resources available to applicants to assist them through the licensing process, such as its Free Small Business Assistance Program, Military Assistance Program, online video tutorials, and other collateral materials, however, it welcomes the opportunity to further improve and expand its resources for the benefit of new applicants.

Through Grein’s participation in the consortium, NSCB will gain greater interaction with other states and organizations with the collective goals of identifying best practices and sharing lessons learned. Grein’s involvement in Nevada’s Core Team meetings are expected to strengthen relationships with local and state officials, while also promoting the purpose and value of licensure with regard to the public’s health and safety.

Caron joins Contractors Board

Effective Nov. 3, 2017, Governor Brian Sandoval announced the appointment of Melissa Caron, president of A.M. Smith Electric of Carson City, to the Nevada State Contractors Board, and the reappointments of Guy Wells, Margaret Cavin, and Jan Leggett to 3-year terms.

“The Contractors Board is pleased to have Ms. Caron as its newest member,” said

NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “We look forward to working with Ms. Caron and learning of the impacts she will make during her first term.”

Caron has served as A.M. Smith Electric’s president since 2016, overseeing procurement, contract management, budgeting, quality control and more. As a member of Western Nevada College’s Construction Pathways program and the

Northern Nevada International Code Council chapter’s technical committee, she is passionate about education, workforce development and bringing construction into a positive light as a lifelong, viable career path. Caron also serves as president of the Nevada Builders Alliance.

Caron replaces Kevin Burke, who served on the Board for nine years and did not seek reappointment.

New brochures, videos available

The Nevada State Contractors Board is finalizing several initiatives to increase the information flow among the Board, the state's property owners and industry participants. In its efforts to keep residents informed on the contractor hiring process, the Board is especially focused on underserved communities – seniors and Spanish-speaking homeowners. Toward that end, NSCB has translated its five most popular consumer-oriented brochures into Spanish. The brochures tell readers how to prepare for a home maintenance, repair or renovation project, hire a



Contractors Board Speakers Bureau

The Contractors Board's licensing, enforcement and public information staff is available to present information to senior centers, service organizations, homeowners associations and other groups. If your organization is interested in a presentation on the best practices for hiring a contractor, how to avoid home improvement scams or any other contracting topic, call Public Information Officer Jennifer Lewis at 702-486-1111.

landscaper, file a complaint and apply for compensation from the Residential Recovery Fund. Another addresses special topics of interest to seniors. A sixth Spanish brochure assists aspiring contractors through the Board's application process.

Once the brochures are finalized, they will be available in print form and posted to the Contractors Board's website, www.nscb.nv.gov.

The Board also has a new Youtube channel, with the first of two videos produced in-house. One is a companion piece to the How to Apply for a Contractor's License brochure; the other details how to prepare and what to include in a survival kit in case of disaster. Nevada's location, economy and geography makes it especially vulnerable to natural and manmade disasters that can force residents to either abandon their homes or shelter in place until aid arrives. Having a disaster kit, with food, blankets, tools and other necessities can literally be a lifesaver.

Throughout the current quarter, the Board will be working with legislators, local officials and community leaders to conduct town hall meetings and public forums for consumers interested in residential solar installation. The forum will provide tips and information on what to look for before entering into a contract, what new laws and regulations mean for consumer protection, how homeowners can best protect themselves and what informational resources are available.

Finally, the Board's new licensing and enforcement database is online and fully functional. Enhanced license search functions and user-friendly features include easier county and classification filtering, direct linkage to a license of interest and the ability to view the contractor's legal business name, dba name, Nevada, license number, Nevada Business ID number, primary classification, and status of the license on the search results landing page.



Reduce fire risk on construction sites

Fire on a construction site is a real and frightening possibility. Spark-producing tools and machinery are in frequent use. Flammable material abounds. Accelerants on job can aid fire's rapid spread. And in many cases sprinklers, firewalls, and other systems that in the built environment can delay lessen fire's impact, have not yet been installed.

Construction site fire is a major threat to life, property, and construction schedules and the consequences can be devastating. The likelihood of fire, however, can be reduced. Comprehensive planning, diligent work performance, and fastidious housekeeping can keep construction sites productive and safe.

Planning and Training

The first step to keeping workers and property safe is to establish a system of policies, processes, responsibilities, and training so that all

personnel on the site understand management's commitment to a fire-free project:

- Appointing a competent person to wield ultimate authority and responsibility for fire prevention, extinguishing, and escape protocols.
- Implementation of a fire-safety inspection schedule for the duration of the project. The plan must be adjusted as construction progresses, new trades arrive on site, and new tasks are performed.
- Procurement, distribution, and worker instruction on use of fire extinguishers. Ensure the number of extinguishers is sufficient and that they are located in highly visible, easy-to-access locations.
- Consideration of site-specific challenges that

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make fire more likely or its escalation easier – location, terrain, weather, and type (road, high rise, underground, etc.)

Construction Activities

By its nature, construction involves activities and materials that can start or contribute to a fire. It is each tradesperson's responsibility to ensure they perform their tasks with care:

Hot Work

- Check hot work areas for fire at least every 30 minutes from the time welding, cutting, or grinding operations begin to an hour after they have concluded.
- Whenever possible, perform this work in a shop, segregated from other trades.
- If hot work must be done directly on the building site, cover floor and wall openings with fire-resistant blankets to guard against sparks.

Electricity

- Keep newly installed wiring and electric appliances from shorting and igniting a fire by protecting them from wet weather and shielding them from contamination by windblown debris, sawdust, and other ready fuel sources.
- Continue to inspect wiring even after it has been installed. Dry weather and vibration from nearby construction activity can crack and damage insulation, leading to the potential for short circuiting and fire.
- Temporary lights and the generators that power them also can cause electrical fires.

Check broken bulbs, bent or displaced panels, and cracked cords caused by accidental impacts from tools or machinery.

- Tools with frayed power tools must be removed from service.

Flammable Materials

- Keep only daily supplies of gasoline, diesel fuel, acetylene, sealants, solvents, and other liquids that can act as flame accelerants on the construction site. Store larger supplies offsite, covered with noncombustible sheets, and well away from sources of heat.
- Install dust-collecting equipment on power tools and in shops where cutting, sanding, and other woodworking activities will be conducted.
- Operate and stage mobile equipment on paved slabs or hard-packed dirt free of vegetation or debris that could be ignited by hot engines or exhaust fumes.

Disposal & Housekeeping

Keep flammable construction material away from heat, flame, electricity, and other ignition and fuel sources.

- Insist workers discard oily rags only in self-closing metallic containers.
- Promptly remove scrap wood and other debris from the construction site.
- Strictly limit the areas in which employees may smoke.
- Sweep work area floors at the end of each day to remove sawdust, paper scraps, and other combustibles.



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Southern Nevada

College of Southern Nevada

CSN Course Schedule (.pdf)

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Fire Protection - pg. 62

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General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276

OSHA Safety Courses

<http://tinyurl.com/6pa9vyx>

Computer Courses

<http://tinyurl.com/6twzcuj>

Computer Basics

<http://tinyurl.com/6wubnmm>

Contact:

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1 (877) 651-OSHA

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Northern Nevada

Truckee Meadows Community College

Safety and Training Courses: <http://tinyurl.com/7m226hq>
contact: salquist@tmcc.edu or (775) 857-4958

Computer Courses: <http://tinyurl.com/7jdvmmr>
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TMCC Course Schedule

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Great Basin College

Course catalog

General Inquiries Contact (775) 738-8493

Great Basin College offers several courses of interest to Nevada's contractors:

Computer Aided Drafting & Design

Electrical Theory

Industrial Millwright Technology

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Office Technology

Welding

Western Nevada College

Course Schedule: <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/catalog/all/>

Courses of interest to contractors include:

Air Conditioning

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Building Codes and Inspections

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Construction Management and Trade Courses

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Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy Courses

Contact: info_desk@wnc.edu or (775) 445-3000





Nevada Contractor's Checklist

The following information is provided to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see Nevada's *State Contractors Board Handbook*, Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administration Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Always make sure license number and monetary limit are on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Keep your bond current. NRS 624.270
- Check to ensure that licenses or persons with whom you contract are valid and active. NAC 624.650
- Be sure name of business under which contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. NRS 624.305
- Be sure the amount of the bid or contract is within the monetary limit of the contractor. NRS 624.3015(2)
- Be sure that the contract is within the scope of work/license classification. NRS 624.3015(3)
- Know what you are contracting for, verify terms of the contract, and comply with terms of the contract. NRS 624.3013(1)
- If it is not in your written contract, it doesn't exist. Make sure all change orders are in writing and signed by all parties. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure on all residential contracts. NRS 624.520
- Provide customers with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 & NAC 624.6932
- Make sure your license number is on all business advertisements, including vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspapers, website, etc. NRS 624.720
- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Your license number should be approximately 1 1/2 inches on your motor vehicle. NRS 624.288
- If your address or other pertinent information about the business changes, notify Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)