

**Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting of the
Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board
Little Rock
March 28, 2018**

Board Members participating:

Robert Neal, Chairman
Tom Allen, Vice Chairman
Joe Kanopsis

Wayne Pace
Allen Trammell

Bob Downum
Marliese Kerr

Board Administrator:

Charlotte London

Assistant Attorney General:

Julie Chavis

AAREI Lobbyist:

Bob Balhorn

Desktop Training School Representative:

Joe Cook

House Call USA Representative:

Darrin Blystad

Applicant:

Jay Webster

I. Agenda Item I: Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Mr. Neal at 8:02 a.m.

Roll Call by Mr. Neal - All Board members are present.

II. Agenda Item II: Approval of March 28, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Allen to approve the agenda and seconded by Ms. Kerr.

All Board members voted in favor of the motion with aye.

III. Agenda Item III: Financials

Mr. Allen made a motion to table the financials until the April meeting, Mr. Downum seconded and all Board members voted in favor of the motion with aye.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Reconsideration of Previous Applicant

1. Jay Webster

Applicant #1: Mr. Trammell made a motion to approve Mr. Webster. Mr. Downum seconded and all Board members voted in favor of approval with aye.

V. Agenda Item V: Pre-Registration Training

1. Desktop Training School (Baton Rouge, LA) – 100 Hrs Online & 80 Hrs Live

Mr. Allen said the school does not meet the criteria as set in the Board's rules. He asked Mr. Cook about the online course. Mr. Cook explained that the course has 100 online training hours and 80 hours of live training with 50 of those hours taught in his home. He also said that the student is also taken on at least 10 home inspections. He said the maximum number of students in his home training is 4. Mr. Allen then asked Mr. Webster about the number of students while he was in training and he said he was the only student at that time. Mr. Webster added that there was one-on-one training during his home inspection training and he completed 12 home inspections instead of the required 10.

Mr. Neal asked Mr. Cook if the student gets some type of books during training and Mr. Cook said that they do get books and nothing more is required for the student to purchase. He said the books are Kaplan and Dearborn. Mr. Downum said those are the same books the Real Estate Commission uses.

Mr. Webster said that all training is different and he thinks the 180 hours of training that he received was far better for him than sitting in a classroom. Mr. Blystad said that he believes that Mr. Webster is thoroughly trained and ready to get started. He added that Mr. Cook's school is one of the best in Louisiana.

Mr. Webster told the Board that he is retired from the military and has done some contract work. A friend told him about House Call USA and he enrolled in the school and completed all of his training. He said he is not licensed in Louisiana and he moved to Arkansas 2 weeks before Christmas due to his wife's illness.

Mr. Pace asked about the online training and Mr. Webster stated that Mr. Cook taught the class using a powerpoint presentation in the classroom and later go out on actual home inspections.

Marliese asked if approval of Mr. Webster would set a precedent for future applicants and Mr. Neal replied that the Board handles these situations on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Allen amended his motion for Mr. Webster's approval to include a probationary period that would include a review of the first 20 home inspections that he performs. Mr. Trammell seconded and all Board members voted aye in favor of the amendment except for Mr. Kanopsic who opposed the amendment with nay. A roll call vote was taken on the main motion with the results as follows:

Mr. Allen – Yes	Mr. Pace – Yes	Mr. Kanopsic – Yes	Mr. Downum – Yes
Mr. Trammell – Yes	Ms. Kerr – Yes		

Mr. Allen then made a motion to postpone further discussion of Desktop Training School's Pre-Registration training until the April Board meeting. Ms. Kerr seconded and all Board members voted in favor of the motion with aye.

Mr. Allen said that he will review Mr. Webster's first 20 home inspection reports and Mr. Webster should email the reports to the Administrator who will forward them to him.

VI. Agenda Item VI: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.