

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallett, on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- Lee Mallett, Chairman
- Lloyd “Chip” Badaeux
- Ronald Barron
- Brian J. Bordelon
- N.R. “Noah” Broussard
- Nelson A. “Andy” Dupuy, Jr.
- Courtney Fenet, Jr.
- August Gallo, Jr.
- Danny R. Graham
- Kenneth Jones
- Curtis Joseph
- Donald G. Lambert
- Joel Rushing
- Elliott Temple
- Keith Tillage
- Victor Weston

Vice Chairman, William J. Clouatre, and Members, Garland Meredith and Christopher N. Stuart, were absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael B. McDuff, Executive Director; Judy Dupuy, Board Administrator; Jeffrey Wale, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Leann Evans, Carrie Morgan, Elaine Riggins, Monica Webster, Trulisa Hollinds, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux and Monica Davis; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Weston led the members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the Minutes of the **February 17, 2022**, regular meeting. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest Ken Naquin with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors and Chimene St. Amant and Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office. Mr. Hassert also introduced new compliance investigator, Stephanie Belanger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were received from the public to address the Licensing Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wale introduced himself as the hearing officer overseeing these proceedings and addressed the audience and board on the administrative procedures for hearings.

Leann Evans and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department were sworn in.

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. a) **SLSJ ASSOCIATES, LLC**, Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SLSJ ASSOCIATES, LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **MICHEALS COOLING AND HEATING, LLC**, Pineville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MICHEALS COOLING AND HEATING, LLC. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

2. **ETHIX POOLS LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ETHIX POOLS LLC. Mr. Rushing made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

3. **TITAN CORE LLC**, Lynn Haven, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of TITAN CORE LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Weston made a motion to find TITAN CORE LLC to be in violation. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Fenet seconded. The motion passed.

4. **MNK DESIGN & BUILD LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MNK DESIGN & BUILD LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

5. a) **RYAN SALEH**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

RYAN SALEH was present and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Saleh entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Saleh gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **PLAIN CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Kentrell Plain was present on behalf of PLAIN CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Plain entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Plain gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Plain. Mr. Tillage made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$1000 in administrative costs only. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **RICHARD EARL FLYNN**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) and 2158(A)(3), Rules and Regulations of the Board 135(A)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by RICHARD EARL FLYNN. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

6. **JOHN HANKS D/B/A INTEGRITY CARPENTRY AND SERVICES**, Gray, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1) and 2185(A)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JOHN HANKS D/B/A INTEGRITY CARPENTRY AND SERVICES. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Temple made a motion to find JOHN HANKS D/B/A INTEGRITY CARPENTRY AND SERVICES to be in violation. Mr. Barron seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

7. **SHAW AC & ELECTRICAL LLC**, Kentwood, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of SHAW AC & ELECTRICAL LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Joseph made a motion to find SHAW AC & ELECTRICAL LLC to be in violation. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Joseph made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

8. **TAYLOR MADE CONTRACTORS, LLC**, Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by TAYLOR MADE CONTRACTORS, LLC. Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

9. **GENERATORS UNLIMITED OF LOUISIANA, L.L.C.**, Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Mr. Rushing recused himself from this matter. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of GENERATORS UNLIMITED OF LOUISIANA, L.L.C. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Jones made a motion to find GENERATORS UNLIMITED OF LOUISIANA, L.L.C. to be in violation. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

10. **ACADIANA 3 PHASE LLC**, Jeanerette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ACADIANA 3 PHASE LLC. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Rushing seconded. The motion passed.

11. **CARRERAS ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CARRERAS ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

12. **JNT HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC**, Farmerville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JNT HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

13. **ARK-LA-TEX SHOP BUILDERS, INC.**, Haughton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ARK-LA-TEX SHOP BUILDERS, INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Joseph made a motion to find ARK-LA-TEX SHOP BUILDERS, INC. to be in violation. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. The board questioned Mr. Landreneau regarding this matter. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

14. **SHELTON CELESTINE D/B/A SHELTON CELESTINE PLUMBING**, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans requested for this matter to be continued. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to grant the continuance for this matter. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

15. a) **FMGI, INC.**, Woodstock, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by FMGI, INC. Mr. Bordelon made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **STEVE DAVIS INC**, Iron City, Tennessee – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by STEVE DAVIS INC. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **G&S DRYWALL CONSTRUCTION L.L.C.**, Peachtree Corners, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by G&S DRYWALL CONSTRUCTION L.L.C. Mr. Broussard made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Bordelon seconded. The motion passed.

16. a) **3 TEES CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Tony Branton was present on behalf of 3 TEES CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Branton entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Branton gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs if the company obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Fenet.

- b) **ROBICHEAUX PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL, L.L.C.**, Patterson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Fred Robicheaux was present on behalf of ROBICHEAUX PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Robicheaux entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Robicheaux gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to rescind the acceptance of the no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

17. a) **JAMCO CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JAMCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Bordelon seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **JCR CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JCR CONSTRUCTION LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to find JCR CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

<The board was notified that a representative of ARK-LA-TEX SHOP BUILDERS, INC. had arrived late.>

13. **ARK-LA-TEX SHOP BUILDERS, INC.**, Haughton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Staff requested for this matter to be reheard. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to grant a rehearing on this matter. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Howard Prince was present on behalf of ARK-LA-TEX SHOP BUILDERS, INC. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Prince entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Prince. Mr. Prince gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Prince. Mr. Hassert provided additional testimony. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to rescind the acceptance of the no contest plea. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to give the company 120 days to obtain the proper license and if obtained to allow staff to dismiss this matter. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

Ms. Evans presented the statutory citations. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to accept the statutory citations as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

F. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

1. **MILLS LAKE CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Ms. Evans read the settlement offer presented by MILLS LAKE CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to grant the rehearing request. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

G. APPLICATIONS; ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS; RECIPROCITY

1. Residential Building Subcommittee Report

- a. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses, residential applications and home improvement registrations as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-22)

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Badeaux seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the residential applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the home improvement applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Badeaux seconded. The motion passed.

- b. Consideration of the actions of the **March 16, 2022**, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the March 16, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee meeting and Mr. Badeaux seconded. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 23-25)

Based on Staff recommendations, Mr. Dupuy made a motion to approve the exemptions based on Reciprocity as listed on the agenda. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

Based on Staff recommendations, Mr. Dupuy made a motion to approve the Exemptions as listed on the agenda. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

3. Consideration of mold remediation application as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 26)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the mold remediation application as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 27-30)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the additional classifications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 31-42)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the commercial applications as listed on the agenda. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

H. REPORTS:

1. Legislative/Rules and Regulations Report – Mr. McDuff and Ms. Judy gave a summary of the 2022 legislative session in relation to LSLBC. The board questioned Mr. McDuff regarding some proposed legislative bills for this session.
2. Finance Report – Mr. Dupuy asked for a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2022, as presented. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2022, as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

After discussion, Mr. Dupuy made a motion to adjourn at 11:12 a.m., and Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary