

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Vice Chairman, William J. Clouatre, on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 9:32 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- William J. Clouatre, Vice Chairman
- Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux
- Ronald Barron
- Brian J. Bordelon
- N.R. "Noah" Broussard
- Nelson A. "Andy" Dupuy, Jr.
- Courtney Fenet, Jr.
- August Gallo, Jr.
- Kenneth Jones
- Curtis Joseph
- Donald G. Lambert
- Garland Meredith
- Joel Rushing
- Victor Weston

Chairman, Lee Mallett, and Members, Danny R. Graham, Christopher N. Stuart, Elliott Temple and Keith Tillage 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, Janna Lege, Monica Davis, Maranda Legaux, and Emily Laprarie; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; Compliance Investigators, Wayne Augillard and Robert Mehrtens; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

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

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

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

Mr. Hassert introduced guests, Ken Naquin with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office and Dr. Chuck Berryman with the Department of Construction Management with Louisiana State University (LSU).

Dr. Berryman addressed the board and invited the board to attend an event hosted by the Department of Construction Management with LSU.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

Carrie Morgan, Wayne Augillard and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department were sworn in.

D. JUDGMENTS:

1. **CORE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2150-2192, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8) and (A)(9), La. R.S. 37:2156.1(D)(1) and Section 707 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CORE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, LLC. Ms. Morgan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the Board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Weston made a motion to find CORE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to give the company 30 days to pay the judgment or enter into/comply with the payment plan and if these terms are not satisfied within 30 days, the license will be automatically suspended by staff. If a payment plan is agreed upon, the Board further ordered that any deviation from or default of the payment plan will result in the license being automatically suspended by staff. If at any time the license is suspended by staff related to this matter, staff can reinstate the license after the judgment has been paid in full. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

E. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. **ABID FAYAZ KHAN**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Sections 119(B) and 119(C)

ABID FAYAZ KHAN was present and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Khan entered a no contest plea. Mr. Weston 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. Khan gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Khan. Mr. Weston made a motion to suspend the commercial license for ABID FAYAZ KHAN for one year and to suspend Mr. Khan’s ability to test with this board for one year. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Badeaux.

2. **DRAGAN SEGVIC LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of DRAGAN SEGVIC LLC. Investigator Wayne Augillard, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Augillard 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 DRAGAN SEGVIC LLC to be in violation. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$1000 in administrative costs and give the company 7 days from the notice of this hearing to provide the proper documentation to the satisfaction of the board’s staff. Mr. Weston continued the motion to state that if the proper documentation is not provided to the satisfaction of staff, the license will be suspended and once the proper documentation is provided to the board to the satisfaction of staff, to allow staff to reinstate the license. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

3. **ALLIANCE BUILDERS CORPORATION**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Mr. Hassert requested to remove this item from the agenda as the company has provided the requested documentation. Mr. Jones made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

4. **RONALD FRANCIS JOUANDOT II**, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

RONALD FRANCIS JOUANDOT II was present and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Jouandot entered a no contest plea. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Wayne Augillard, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Augillard reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Jouandot. Mr. Augillard provided testimony to the board. The board questioned Mr. Landreneau, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Jouandot regarding this matter. Mr. Meredith made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$1000 in administrative costs and give the company 7 days from the notice of this hearing to provide the proper documentation to the satisfaction of the board's staff. Mr. Meredith continued the motion to state that if the proper documentation is not provided to the satisfaction of staff, the qualifying party status for Mr. Jouandot will be suspended and once the proper documentation is provided to the board to the satisfaction of staff, to allow staff to reinstate the qualifying party status for Mr. Jouandot. Mr. Badeaux seconded. The motion passed.

5. a) **BEAM TEAM CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, Alpharetta, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BEAM TEAM CONSTRUCTION, INC. 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) **M&M GENERAL SERVICES, LLC**, Aubrey, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by M&M GENERAL SERVICES, LLC. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **JRS RETAIL SERVICES, LLC**, New Port Richey, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JRS RETAIL SERVICES, LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

- d) **EDMUND RAMOS D/B/A STRUCTURAL BUILDING SYSTEMS**, Irving, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by EDMUND RAMOS D/B/A STRUCTURAL BUILDING SYSTEMS. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

6. **KINDER ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Kinder, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Grachelle Fontenot was present on behalf of KINDER ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Ms. Fontenot entered a no contest plea. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Fontenot gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Ms. Fontenot. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert provided testimony to the board and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Ms. Fontenot gave an additional statement and submitted a settlement offer to the board. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Fenet seconded. After further discussion, the motion passed.

7. **JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC CO**, Bay City, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company requested a continuance for this matter. Mr. Jones made a motion to grant the continuance for this matter. Mr. Badeaux seconded. The motion passed.

8. **ARNULFO ESCAMILLA D/B/A SOUTH TEXAS RESTORATION AND/OR JF&A LLC OF LOUISIANA,** Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ARNULFO ESCAMILLA D/B/A SOUTH TEXAS RESTORATION AND/OR JF&A LLC OF LOUISIANA. Mr. Bordelon made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

9. a) **SAM'S CONSTRUCTION LLC,** Eunice, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Sam Andrus was present on behalf of SAM'S CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Andrus entered a no contest plea. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Andrus gave a statement to the board regarding this matter and submitted a settlement offer to the board. Mr. Weston made a motion to reject the settlement offer as presented, to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs if Mr. Andrus retakes the required trade exam within 120 days. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **BLAKE'S ELECTRIC, L.L.C.,** Eunice, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Blake Bundick was present on behalf of BLAKE'S ELECTRIC, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Hassert presented the settlement offer to the board submitted by BLAKE'S ELECTRIC, L.L.C. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Bundick confirmed the settlement offer Mr. Hassert presented to the board.

10. **ALL-N-ONE ELECTRICAL, LLC,** New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ALL-N-ONE ELECTRICAL, LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

11. **MAXWELL CONSTRUCTION LLC,** Lecompte, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of MAXWELL 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. Joseph made a motion to find MAXWELL CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Joseph made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

<Matter 12a and matter H. 2. under Requests for Rehearing were heard together.>

12. a) **PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC,** Duson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)
H. 2. **PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC,** Duson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2160(A)(1)

Brandon Robinson was present on behalf of PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Weston made a motion to grant the rehearing request for matter H. 2., PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC. Mr. Rushing seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations for matter 12a. Mr. Hassert presented the settlement offer to the board submitted by PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC for matter 12a. Mr. Robinson confirmed the settlement offer. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented for matter 12a, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations for matter H. 2. Mr. Hassert presented a settlement offer to the board submitted by PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC for matter H. 2. Mr. Robinson confirmed the settlement offer. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented for matter H. 2., which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

12. b) **CRISTOBAL FELIPE D/B/A GCA CONSTRUCTION**, Beaumont, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CRISTOBAL FELIPE D/B/A GCA CONSTRUCTION. 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. The board questioned Mr. Hassert regarding this matter. Mr. Jones made a motion to find CRISTOBAL FELIPE D/B/A GCA CONSTRUCTION to be in violation. Mr. Dupuy seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Dupuy seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **HALL'S HEAT AND AIR MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS LLC**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by HALL'S HEAT AND AIR MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS LLC. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

13. **CAGLE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CAGLE 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.

14. a) **TESTAMENT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.L.C.**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by TESTAMENT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.L.C. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **LIBERTY STEEL AND CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by LIBERTY STEEL AND CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed.

15. **HELM CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

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

16. **BLEACHER BUILDERS INCORPORATED**, Muncie, Indiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BLEACHER BUILDERS INCORPORATED. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Bordelon seconded. The motion passed.

17. **MATHEW TAYLOR D/B/A ELITE PLUMBING SERVICES**, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MATHEW TAYLOR D/B/A ELITE PLUMBING SERVICES. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

F. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

OLD BUSINESS

G. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS/CONTINUANCES:

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

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JNT HOME IMPROVEMENT 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.

2. **JAMES MOHAMAD**, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)(3)(4) and (9), multiple counts; 2160(A)(1), multiple counts; Rules and Regulations of the Board Sections 133(A) and 135(A), multiple counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Hassert read the settlement offer presented by JAMES MOHAMAD. After discussion, Mr. Broussard made a motion to reject the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Dupuy seconded. After further discussion, the motion passed. Mr. Hassert read a second settlement offer presented by JAMES MOHAMAD. The board questioned Mr. Hassert. Mr. Barron made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. After discussion, the motion passed. Mr. Landreneau entered the letter into evidence, which included the settlement offers, and it was admitted.

H. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

1. **AFFILIATED MULTI-FAMILY SERVICES, INC.**, Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Attorney Larry Bankston was present on behalf of AFFILIATED MULTI-FAMILY SERVICES, INC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Weston made a motion to grant the rehearing request. Mr. Dupuy seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Bankston entered a no contest plea. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Bankston presented a settlement offer to the board. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to accept the settlement offer, as presented. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

2. **PLANET CONSTRUCTION J2911, LLC**, Duson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2160(A)(1)

Matter H. 2. was heard with Matter 12a. under Compliance Hearings.

I. 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 7-30)

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

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

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

b. Consideration of the actions of the **April 20, 2022**, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Badeaux made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the April 20, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee meeting and Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 31-33)

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

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

3. Consideration of mold remediation application as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 34)

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

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 35-37)

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

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 38-53)

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

J. REPORTS:

1. Legislative/Rules and Regulations Report – Mr. McDuff gave a summary of the 2022 legislative session in relation to LSLBC. The board discussed the 2022 legislative session. Mr. Hassert also addressed the board regarding the 2022 legislative session.
2. Finance Report (budget-to-actual comparisons) – Mr. Dupuy asked for a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2022, as presented. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2022, as presented. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed.
3. Presentation of 2021 Audit Report – Mr. Tracy Guidry with the Accounting Department of the Licensing Board addressed the board regarding the 2021 Audit Summary and the draft of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dupuy made a motion to adjourn at 11:24 a.m., and Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary