

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallett, on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- Lee Mallett, Chairman
- William J. Clouatre, Vice 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 Graham
- Kenneth Jones
- Curtis Joseph, Jr.
- Donald G. Lambert
- Garland Meredith
- Joel Rushing
- Christopher N. Stuart
- Elliott L. Temple
- Keith Tillage
- Victor Weston

Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael B. McDuff, Executive Director; Judy Dupuy, Board Administrator; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Leann Evans, Carrie Morgan, Elaine Riggins, Tarah Revette, Lowana Cola and Monica Davis; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; Compliance Investigators, Todd Brady and Kristin McKey; and Whitney McKee recording the minutes.

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

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation, introduced himself, and advised those present of his duties.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the Minutes of the **June 17, 2021**, regular meeting. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General’s office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. **ACTP RENTALS, L.L.C.**, Broussard, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

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

2. **TAYLOR AND TAYLOR GROUP, LLC**, Cincinnati, Ohio – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of TAYLOR AND TAYLOR GROUP, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert 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 TAYLOR AND TAYLOR GROUP, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

3. **HARRISON'S MANAGEMENT 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 HARRISON'S MANAGEMENT LLC. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

4. **DANILO JIMENEZ D/B/A DANNY JIMENEZ**, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of DANILO JIMENEZ D/B/A DANNY JIMENEZ. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert 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 DANILO JIMENEZ D/B/A DANNY JIMENEZ to be in violation. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$2500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs only if the company obtains a proper license within 120 days. Mr. Dupuy seconded. The motion passed.

5. a) **LOUPE CONTRACTORS, 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 LOUPE CONTRACTORS, INC. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **DUTCHTOWN MASONRY, L.L.C.**, Geismar, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by DUTCHTOWN MASONRY, L.L.C. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

6. a) **CORTES PLUMBING SERVICE LLC**, Jarreau, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans stated that the company requested that this matter be continued. Mr. Weston made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **CHAD BEARD D/B/A C & E METAL WORKS**, Melville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Chad Beard was present on behalf of CHAD BEARD D/B/A C & E METAL WORKS and was sworn in. Mr. Beard 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 for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the

exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Beard. The board questioned Mr. Beard. Mr. Clouatre made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to \$500 in administrative costs only if the company obtains a proper license within 120 days. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Badeaux.

7. a) **NORTHSTAR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.**, Ozark, Missouri – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 133(A)

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

- b) **TBC CORPORATION AND TBC RETAIL GROUP, INC.**, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by TBC CORPORATION AND TBC RETAIL GROUP, INC. Mr. Stuart made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **ED'S SHEET METAL AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC.**, Many, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ED'S SHEET METAL AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

- d) **GUARDIAN PROTECTION SERVICES, INC.**, Warrendale, Pennsylvania – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

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

- e) **DURO-LAST, INC.**, Saginaw, Michigan – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

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

8. **D & D DRILLING & EXPLORATION INC.**, Ferriday, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans stated that the company requested that this matter be continued. Mr. Weston made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

9. **T-RAY'S CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC**, Ada, Oklahoma – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of T-RAY'S CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Lambert made a motion to find T-RAY'S CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Broussard.

10. **CAJUN PLUMBING, INC.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1), 2 counts

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CAJUN PLUMBING, INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed both exhibit packets and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered both exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Tillage made a motion to find CAJUN PLUMBING, INC. to be in violation. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Tillage made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

11. **CAMBRIDGE BUILDERS, INC.**, Griffith, Indiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

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

12. **COOL TACTICS, LLC**, Fernandina Beach, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by COOL TACTICS, 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.

13. **RIVERA A/C SERVICES INC.**, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5), 3 counts

Ms. Evans stated that the company requested that this matter be continued. Mr. Clouatre made a motion to grant the continuance and to allow the license to remain suspended. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

14. **BILL WOMACK JR. D/B/A AG CONCRETE**, Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of BILL WOMACK JR. D/B/A AG CONCRETE. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Rushing made a motion to find BILL WOMACK JR. D/B/A AG CONCRETE to be in violation. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

E. **STATUTORY CITATIONS:**

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

F. **COMPLIANCE HEARINGS/CONTINUANCES:**

1. **MILLTOWNSNL, LLC**, Bogalusa, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MILLTOWNSNL, 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. **COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY, L.L.C.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(9); 2158(A)(10)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Attorney Michael Lane was present on behalf of COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY, L.L.C. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Lane gave a statement and entered 4 confidential packets into evidence. The packets were admitted without objection. Mr. Lane called Craig Taylor, a Certified Public Accountant, to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Lane questioned Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor gave a statement to the board. The board also questioned Mr. Taylor. Mr. Lane called Kelly Sills, owner of COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY, L.L.C., to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Lane questioned

Mr. Sills. Mr. Sills gave a statement to the board. The board also questioned Mr. Sills. Mr. Lane and Mr. Sills gave a closing statement to the board. After discussion, Mr. Badeaux made a motion to revoke the license for COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY, L.L.C. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Fenet.

G. APPLICATIONS; ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS; RECIPROCITY

1. Residential Building Report – Mr. Badeaux
 - a. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses, residential applications and home improvement registrations as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 5-16)

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

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

Mr. Badeaux made a motion to approve the home improvement applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.
 - b. Consideration of the actions of the **July 14, 2021**, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Badeaux made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the July 14, 2021, Residential Building Subcommittee meeting and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.
2. Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 17-19)

Based on Staff recommendations, Mr. Dupuy made a motion to approve the exemptions based on Reciprocity as listed on the agenda. Mr. Weston 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 20)

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 21-23)

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 24-34)

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

H. REPORTS:

1. Finance Report – Mr. Dupuy asked for a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2021, as presented. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2021, as presented. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dupuy made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 a.m., and Mr. Clouatre seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary