

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Treasurer, Nelson A. “Andy” Dupuy, Jr., on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- Ronald Barron
- Brian J. Bordelon
- N.R. “Noah” Broussard
- Kristen Brown
- Nelson A. “Andy” Dupuy, Jr.
- Courtney Fenet, Jr.
- August Gallo, Jr.
- Kenneth Jones
- Curtis Joseph
- Donald G. Lambert
- Garland Meredith
- Joel Rushing
- Christopher N. Stuart
- Elliott Temple
- Keith Tillage

Chairman, Lee Mallett; Vice Chairman, William J. Clouatre; and members, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux and Victor Weston 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; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Leann Evans, Carrie Morgan, Emily Laprarie, Shannon Sagona and Elysia Howard; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; Compliance Investigators, Robert Mehrtens, Sean Beavers and Joseph Anderson; and Trulisa Hollinds recording the minutes.

Mr. Broussard 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. Leann Evans, Brad Hassert, Sean Beavers, and Joseph Anderson with the Compliance Department were sworn in.

Mr. Meredith made a motion to accept the Minutes of the **September 15, 2022**, 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

E. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. **BBMK CONTRACTING, LLC**, Clayton, Missouri – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BBMK CONTRACTING, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

2. a) **RANGER BUILDINGS 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 RANGER BUILDINGS LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **MARLYN WATSON**, DeQuincy, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MARLYN WATSON. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

3. a) **P & H BUILDERS L.L.C.**, St. Amant, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by P & H BUILDERS L.L.C. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Stuart made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **GARCIA HOME BUILDERS L.L.C.**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of GARCIA HOME BUILDERS 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. Joseph made a motion to find GARCIA HOME BUILDERS L.L.C. to be in violation. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Joseph made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

4. a) **M.D.S. BUILDERS, INC.**, Boca Raton, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by M.D.S. BUILDERS, INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Gallo made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **INSPIRE ELECTRIC, LLC**, Conway, Arkansas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by INSPIRE ELECTRIC, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Meredith made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **A-1 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.**, Harvey, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by A-1 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Meredith made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

5. a) **HJ'S WATERWORKS & PIPING, LLC**, Reserve, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of HJ'S WATERWORKS & PIPING, 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. The board questioned Mr. Landreneau and Mr. Hassert regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to find HJ'S WATERWORKS & PIPING, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Gallo seconded. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote and the motion passed.

- b) **HJ'S WATERWORKS & PIPING, LLC**, Reserve, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of HJ'S WATERWORKS & PIPING, 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. Rushing made a motion to find HJ'S WATERWORKS & PIPING, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Rushing made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **GREENUP INDUSTRIES, LLC**, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2 counts

Mr. Tillage recused himself from this matter. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by GREENUP INDUSTRIES, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. The board questioned Mr. Landreneau and Mr. Hassert regarding this matter. Mr. Stuart made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Meredith seconded. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote and the motion passed with opposition from Mr. Fenet, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Temple.

- d) **EMP ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) and La. R.S. 37:2159(B)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of EMP ENTERPRISES, 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 EMP ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. to be in violation. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Jones made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

- e) **T&M ENTITIES LLC**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Mr. Tillage recused himself from this matter. Tyler Jasmin was present on behalf of T&M ENTITIES LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Jasmin entered a no contest plea. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Temple 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. Jasmin gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board and Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Jasmin. Mr. Jasmin presented a settlement offer to the board. Mr. Barron made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Fenet seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Jones.

f) **SECOND SIGHT SYSTEMS, LLC**, St. Louis, Missouri – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SECOND SIGHT SYSTEMS, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. The board questioned Ms. Evans regarding this matter. Mr. Landreneau addressed the board regarding this matter. Mr. Gallo made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

g) **METRO SERVICE GROUP, INC.**, 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 METRO SERVICE GROUP, INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

6. **NEW ERA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, LLC**, Harahan, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by NEW ERA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Gallo made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Barron seconded. The motion passed.

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

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. Tillage made a motion to find JOHN HANKS D/B/A INTEGRITY CARPENTRY AND SERVICES to be in violation. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Tillage made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

8. **CELTICBUILD LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) and La. R.S. 37:2159(B)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CELTICBUILD 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 CELTICBUILD 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.

9. **CNC CONSTRUCTION & AIR CONDITIONING, L.L.C.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Attorney Ramsey Marcello was present on behalf of CNC CONSTRUCTION & AIR CONDITIONING, L.L.C. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Marcello entered a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Joseph Anderson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson 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. Anderson. Mr. Marcello gave a statement and entered a document into evidence. The document was admitted into evidence. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Anderson again. Mr. Marcello gave an additional statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Marcello. Mr. Jones made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Lambert seconded. After discussion,

the motion was called to a vote and the motion passed with opposition from Mr. Joseph, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Temple and Mr. Tillage.

10. **VINCENT CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, Birmingham, Alabama – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Mr. Tillage recused himself from this matter. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by VINCENT CONSTRUCTION, INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Gallo made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

11. **FORREST SCOTT FENCING, INC.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A), and La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(9)

Mr. Rushing, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Jones recused themselves from this matter. Attorney Gregory Webb and Forrest Scott were present on behalf of FORREST SCOTT FENCING, INC. Mr. Webb entered a no contest plea to the alleged violation of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A). Mr. Stuart made a motion to accept the no contest plea. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Webb entered a denial plea for the alleged violation of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(9). 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. Webb gave a statement to the board. Mr. Webb called Forrest Scott to the stand and Mr. Scott was sworn in. Mr. Webb questioned Mr. Scott regarding this matter. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Scott regarding this matter. Mr. Webb questioned Mr. Scott again. The board questioned Mr. Webb and Mr. Scott. After discussion, Mr. Tillage made a motion to find FORREST SCOTT FENCING, INC. to be in violation of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(9). Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion was called to a vote and the motion failed for lack of majority vote. Mr. Barron made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

12. **FRANCISCO ARANDA**, Mesquite, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of FRANCISCO ARANDA. 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. Stuart made a motion to find FRANCISCO ARANDA to be in violation. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Stuart made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

13. **ALEX LOONEY D/B/A KINDER ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION**, Fort Worth, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ALEX LOONEY D/B/A KINDER ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

14. **MODERN CLASSIC CONCEPTS, L.L.C.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Sean Turner was present on behalf of MODERN CLASSIC CONCEPTS, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Joseph Anderson, who was previously sworn in, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson 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. Turner regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$6000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the fine to be reduced to a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs if Mr. Turner provides the proper

documentation to the satisfaction of the Board's staff within two weeks. Mr. Joseph 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. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

F. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

1. **DEEPSOUTH AC LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans stated the company requested a rehearing with a settlement offer for the board. Mr. Temple made a motion to grant the request for a rehearing. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by DEEPSOUTH AC LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Ms. Brown made a motion to reject the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion was called to a vote and the motion failed. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **LOUVIERE'S ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION L.L.C.**, Jeanerette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2160(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of LOUVIERE'S ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION L.L.C. Mr. Landreneau stated the company requested the rehearing. Ms. Evans confirmed service of the hearing notice sent to the company. Mr. Joseph made a motion to deny the request for a rehearing. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

H. 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 6-20)

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

- b. Consideration of the actions of the **October 19, 2022**, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the October 19, 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 21-24)

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

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

3. Consideration of mold remediation application as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 25)

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

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 26-30)

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 31-45)

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

I. REPORTS:

1. Financial Report (budget-to-actual comparisons) – Mr. Dupuy asked for a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2022, as presented. Mr. Stuart made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2022, as presented. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.
2. Staff Reports – Ms. Dupuy reminded the board of the Thanksgiving luncheon following the adjournment of November’s commercial meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tillage made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., and Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary