

**STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS**  
**RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badaeux, on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 9:35 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:                   Lloyd “Chip” Badaeux, Chairman  
  Frank Morse, Jr.  
  Wesley L. “Wes” Wyman, Jr

Members Rob Hamilton and Jim Fine were absent. Vice Chairman, Elliott Temple, was also absent at roll call; however, he arrived later in the meeting. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Brent Templet, Elaine Riggins, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; compliance investigators, Jessie Wells, Johnny Rogers, William Valentine, Steve Chiasson, Bobbie Hughes, Dylan Bourg; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Badaeux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 18, 2019, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guests Austin Holliday with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office and La’Toya Fernandez and Jean Spriggs with the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Carrie Morgan and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department for the board were sworn in.

**D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:**

1. a) **RAFAEL LARA CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

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

- b) **OSCAR ESPINALES**, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of OSCAR ESPINALES. Investigator Jessie Wells was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Wells reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find OSCAR ESPINALES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **SATURNINO ISUALA**, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of SATURNINO ISUALA. Investigator Jessie Wells, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Wells reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find SATURNINO ISUALA to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

- d) **MARIO FONSECA**, Farmerville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. MARIO FONSECA was present and was sworn in. Mr. Fonseca entered a plea of admission. Mr. Fonseca gave a statement to the board and changed his initial plea of admission to a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Jessie Wells, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Wells 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. Fonseca. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman continued the motion to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to \$500 plus \$500 in administrative costs if the Mr. Fonseca obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

2. **ED SMITH D/B/A ED SMITH HOME SERVICES**, Laplace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1), 2 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ED SMITH D/B/A ED SMITH HOME SERVICES. Investigator Dylan Bourg was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Bourg reviewed the exhibit packets for Case 2018-0033 and Case 2019-1840 and provided testimony to the board for both cases. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence for both cases and they were admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find ED SMITH D/B/A ED SMITH HOME SERVICES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

3. a) **SCHMIDT HOMES, INC.**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SCHMIDT HOMES, INC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **BANGIN NAILS, LLC**, River Ridge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BANGIN NAILS, LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

4. **PHIL LILES D/B/A HANDYMAN SERVICES**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of PHIL LILES D/B/A HANDYMAN SERVICES. Investigator William Valentine was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Valentine reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find PHIL LILES D/B/A HANDYMAN SERVICES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

5. **M. J. WILLIAMS HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of M. J. WILLIAMS HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC. Investigator Marianne Sullivan was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Sullivan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find M. J. WILLIAMS HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

6. **LVY CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of LVY CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Investigator Marianne Sullivan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Sullivan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find LVY CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

7. **PATELA CONSTRUCTION INC.**, Laplace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Curtis Reid was present on behalf of PATELA CONSTRUCTION INC. and was sworn in. Mr. Reid entered a denial plea. Investigator Johnny Rogers was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Rogers reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Reid entered documents into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid gave a statement to the board. Mr. Wyman made a motion to continue this matter until the March 18, 2020, Residential Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

8. **RONALD L. FLEMING JR. D/B/A SUPERVISION & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RONALD L. FLEMING JR. D/B/A SUPERVISION & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. Investigator Johnny Rogers, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Rogers reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find RONALD L. FLEMING JR. D/B/A SUPERVISION & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

9. **TURN KEY CONTRACTORS, LLC**, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Willie McKnight was present on behalf of TURN KEY CONTRACTORS, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. McKnight entered a denial plea. Investigator Bobbie Hughes was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Hughes 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. McKnight. Mr. McKnight gave a statement to the board. Mr. McKnight changed his initial denial plea to a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. The board questioned Mr. McKnight. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

**E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **F. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:**

1. **ELMOORE CARRADINE**, Wisner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) & 2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. ELMOORE CARRADINE was present and was sworn in. Gary Daniels was also present on behalf of Mr. Carradine and was sworn in. Mr. Carradine entered a denial plea. Investigator Bobbie Hughes, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Hughes 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. Daniels and Mr. Carradine. Mr. Daniels provided testimony to the board. Mr. Carradine changed his initial denial plea to a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

### **G. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:**

1. **RE-FRESH CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Lafitte, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Amanuel Tewelde was present on behalf of RE-FRESH CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Tewelde addressed the board regarding the request for a rehearing. Mr. Wyman made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Tewelde entered a denial plea. Investigator Steve Chiasson was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Chiasson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Tewelde gave a statement to the board. Mr. Tewelde changed his initial denial plea to a no contest plea. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

### **H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 4-5)**

Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the new residential applications as listed on the agenda. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

### **I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-7)**

Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wyman made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., and Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, Chairman

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Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman