

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliott Temple, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:

Elliott Temple, Chairman
Curtis Joseph, Vice Chairman
Dodie Adams
James "Jim" Fine
Brandon Golson
Travis Manceaux
Frank Morse, Jr.

There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Mr. Fine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Tanika Starks introduced herself as the hearing officer overseeing these proceedings and addressed the audience and board on the administrative procedures for hearings.

Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2024, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

Sean Beavers, Joseph Anderson, Logan Cockerham, Robert Mehrtens, Dylan Bourg, Erika Segura, Jarrod Watson, Carrie Morgan, and Elysia Howard with the Enforcement Division for the board were sworn in.

Mr. Temple called for any public comments; there was no response.

D. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

1. KEVIN ANSALVE D/B/A FAITH CONSTRUCTION D/B/A KEVIN ANSALVE ELECTRICAL, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0582-01

No one was present on behalf of KEVIN ANSALVE D/B/A FAITH CONSTRUCTION D/B/A KEVIN ANSALVE ELECTRICAL. Ms. Howard gave a summary of the allegations. Erika Segura, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Segura reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found KEVIN ANSALVE D/B/A FAITH CONSTRUCTION D/B/A KEVIN ANSALVE ELECTRICAL to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

2. PEDRO LOPEZ, Franklin, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0589-01

No one was present on behalf of PEDRO LOPEZ. Ms. Howard gave a summary of the allegations. Dylan Bourg, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Bourg reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found PEDRO LOPEZ to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

3. **TYSON'S DO ALL SERVICE, LLC**, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0425-01

No one was present on behalf of TYSON'S DO ALL SERVICE, LLC. Ms. Howard gave a summary of the allegations. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found TYSON'S DO ALL SERVICE, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

4. **LEWIS QUALITY FIRST CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0563-01

No one was present on behalf of LEWIS QUALITY FIRST CONSTRUCTION LLC. Ms. Howard gave a summary of the allegations. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found LEWIS QUALITY FIRST CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

5. **JESUS RUIZ D/B/A LIGHTNING ROOFING**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0600-01

No one was present on behalf of JESUS RUIZ D/B/A LIGHTNING ROOFING. Ms. Howard gave a summary of the allegations. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found JESUS RUIZ D/B/A LIGHTNING ROOFING to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

6. **ROMAN STONES, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana -La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1494-01

No one was present on behalf of ROMAN STONES, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found ROMAN STONES, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

This matter was reconsidered later during the meeting.

7. **BECK INDUSTRIES, LLC**, Dequincy, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-0588-02

Brian Mitchell was present on behalf of BECK INDUSTRIES, LLC, and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Mitchell entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Mitchell made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Mitchell. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs provided a license is obtained within 180 days.

8. **KEVEN CASIDE D/B/A GNO CONSTRUCTION GROUP**, Marrero, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0607-01

No one was present on behalf of KEVEN CASIDE D/B/A GNO CONSTRUCTION GROUP. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found KEVEN CASIDE D/B/A GNO CONSTRUCTION GROUP to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

9. **JAMES CO CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS**, LaPlace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)
LSLBC Case 2024-0554-01

Chadwick James was present on behalf of JAMES CO CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS, and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. James entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. James made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. James. Dayna James was called to the stand and sworn in. Ms. James made a statement to the board. The board questioned Ms. James. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$2,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs provided a license is obtained within 180 days.

10. **KRISTY MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0682-01

No one was present on behalf of KRISTY MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found KRISTY MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

11. **WILSON ABREU D/B/A SOUTHERN COUNTRY PATIO**, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0635-01

No one was present on behalf of WILSON ABREU D/B/A SOUTHERN COUNTRY PATIO. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found WILSON ABREU D/B/A SOUTHERN COUNTRY PATIO to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

12. **HCT REMODEL & REPAIR LLC**, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0337-01

No one was present on behalf of HCT REMODEL & REPAIR LLC. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, was called to the stand and sworn in. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found HCT REMODEL & REPAIR LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

13. **ERVIN COOPER SR D/B/A E D C CONTRACTORS**, Harvey, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0399-01

Staff requested a continuance at Mr. Cooper's request. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

14. **STEPHEN LAWRENCE RETOS**, Alexandria, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 133(A)
LSLBC Case 2024-0359-01

No one was present on behalf of STEPHEN LAWRENCE RETOS. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, was called to the stand and sworn in. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found STEPHEN LAWRENCE RETOS to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

15. **CHERAMIE CONTRACTORS LLC**, Cut Off, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(10)
LSLBC Case 2024-0768-01

Attorney Eugene Redmann and Dustin Cheramie were present on behalf of CHERAMIE CONTRACTORS LLC. Dustin Cheramie was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Cheramie entered a no contest plea. Joe Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Cheramie made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Cheramie. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs.

Mr. Landreneau requested matter D. 6. be brought forth for reconsideration.

- D. 6. **ROMAN STONES, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana - La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1494-01

Brad Hassert, Executive Director, requested a motion to vacate the findings and penalties to address the case at a later date. Mr. Morse made a motion to vacate the findings and penalties. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

1. **CARPET CORNER L.L.C.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1431-01
2. **DEEDS CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3), RR 133(A)
LSLBC Case 2024-0397-01
3. **ALLEN INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICE L.L.C.**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0679-01
4. **BAYOU STATE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0601-01
5. **NEIGHBORHOOD CREATIONS CONTRACTING LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-0629-02
6. **KONNOR JEANSONNE D/B/A JEANSONNE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Pineville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0448-01

Mr. Landreneau presented the statutory citations in globo. Carrie Morgan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the citations as presented.

F. CONTINUANCE:

1. DIAMOND W CONSTRUCTION LLC, Deridder, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1072-01

Attorney Steve Sikich and Brent Walker were present on behalf of DIAMOND W CONSTRUCTION LLC. Brent Walker was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Walker entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted with objections from Mr. Sikich noted and overruled. Mr. Sikich made a statement to the board. Mr. Landreneau and the board questioned Mr. Walker. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs.

G. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

1. NOVAE'S CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Arabi, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-1334-02

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed the board granted a rehearing of this matter. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by NOVAE'S CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Joe Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- H. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 5)

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

- I. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-11)

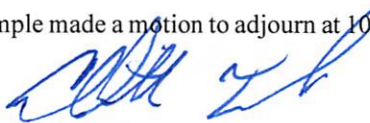
Mr. Morse made a motion to approve the new residential applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

- J. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 12-16)

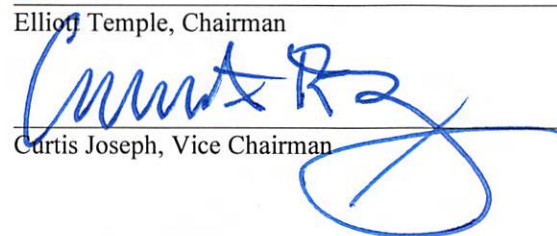
Mr. Morse made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Temple made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Elliott Temple, Chairman



Curtis Joseph, Vice Chairman