

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliott Temple, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Elliott Temple, Chairman
 Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux
 Dodie Adams
 Travis Manceaux
 Frank Morse, Jr.
 Craig Stevens

Member, Jim Fine, was absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judy Dupuy, Board Administrator; Jeffrey Wale, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Elaine Riggins, Monica Webster, Tarah Revette, Lowana Cola, Emily Laprarie, Elysia Howard, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; compliance investigators, Robert Mehrtens, Frank Vaughn, Wayne Augillard; and Trulisa Hollinds recording the minutes.

Mr. Temple led 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.

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

Mr. Badeaux made a motion to accept the Minutes of the May 18, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. a) **STEP ABOVE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of STEP ABOVE CONSTRUCTION LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find STEP ABOVE CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **FREDY PAINTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Scott, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of FREDY PAINTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find FREDY PAINTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

2. **MASTER'S CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Leonidas Umana was present on behalf of MASTER'S CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Umana stated he would like an attorney present. Mr. Hassert request a continuance for this matter, to be continued to the July 20, 2022, Residential Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuance to the July 20, 2022, Residential Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Badeaux seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Umana confirmed service of the hearing for the July 20, 2022, Residential Subcommittee Meeting.

3. **R. S HOMES LLC**, Donaldsonville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(2)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of R. S HOMES LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find R. S HOMES LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

4. **S & TS AFFORDABLE FOUNDATION LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of S & TS AFFORDABLE FOUNDATION LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find S & TS AFFORDABLE FOUNDATION LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

5. **WILLIAM MARTINEZ DBA WILLIAM MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION**, Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WILLIAM MARTINEZ DBA WILLIAM MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find WILLIAM MARTINEZ DBA WILLIAM MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

6. **ALEXIS CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Abbeville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ALEXIS CONSTRUCTION LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find ALEXIS CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

7. **GARLAND MORGAN**, 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 GARLAND MORGAN. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find GARLAND MORGAN to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

8. **TEXAS SUN VALLEY RENOVATIONS, INC.**, Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of TEXAS SUN VALLEY RENOVATIONS, INC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find TEXAS SUN VALLEY RENOVATIONS, INC. to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

9. **JSRC LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JSRC LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find JSRC LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

10. **CHRISTOPHER WALLACE DBA GOOD VIBES CONSTRUCTION**, Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CHRISTOPHER WALLACE DBA GOOD VIBES CONSTRUCTION. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find CHRISTOPHER WALLACE DBA GOOD VIBES CONSTRUCTION to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

11. **RELAX POOL & SPAS L.L.C.**, Picayune, Mississippi – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RELAX POOL & SPAS L.L.C. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find RELAX POOL & SPAS L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

12. **JOE BENNETT D/B/A BENNETT HOME SOLUTIONS**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JOE BENNETT D/B/A BENNETT HOME SOLUTIONS. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find JOE BENNETT D/B/A BENNETT HOME SOLUTIONS to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

13. **SK & H CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Vinton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

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

14. **JEFF MICHALK D/B/A SPARKY'S A/C & ELECTRICAL**, Anacoco, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JEFF MICHALK D/B/A SPARKY'S A/C & ELECTRICAL. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to find JEFF MICHALK D/B/A SPARKY'S A/C & ELECTRICAL to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

15. **BLUE WING BUILDERS, LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5)

Ben Eldridge was present on behalf of BLUE WING BUILDERS, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Eldridge entered a plea of admission. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Eldridge gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Eldridge. The board questioned Mr. Eldridge. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

16. **TRUE AMERICAN ROOFING LLC**, Jennings, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

17. **RODDY FLUITT D/B/A FLUITT CONSTRUCTION**, Columbia, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by RODDY FLUITT D/B/A FLUITT CONSTRUCTION. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:

<Matters F. 1. – F. 4. were consolidated.>

1. **JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC AND/OR TRC CO**, Bay City, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) and 2175.3(A)(1)
2. **JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC CO**, Bay City, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)
3. **JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC CO**, Bay City, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) and 2185(A)
4. **JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC CO**, Bay City, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Judson Terrell was present on behalf of JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC AND/OR TRC CO and JUDSON TERRELL D/B/A TRC CO and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations for matters F. 1. – F. 4., which were listed on the agenda as LSLBC Cases 2021-0437-01, 2021-0935-01, 2021-1434-01 and 2021-0952-01. Mr. Terrell entered a no contest plea for all four

matters for LSLBC Cases 2021-0437-01, 2021-0935-01, 2021-1434-01 and 2021-0952-01. Ms. Adams made a motion to accept the pleas for all four matters. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Frank Vaughn, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughn reviewed the exhibit packets for LSLBC Cases 2021-0437-01, 2021-0935-01, 2021-1434-01 and 2021-0952-01 and provided testimony to the board regarding these matters. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence for all four matters and they admitted. The board questioned Mr. Terrell. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Terrell. Ms. Morgan provided testimony to the board. Mr. Terrell gave a statement to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs for each case; 2021-0437-01, 2021-0935-01, 2021-1434-01, and 2021-0952-01; and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs for each case if the company obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

G. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

<Matters G.1. and G.2. were consolidated.>

1. **NDRC RESTORATIONS LLC**, Bossier City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)
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No one was present on behalf of NDRC RESTORATIONS LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Hassert regarding service of the rehearing notice. Mr. Morse made a motion to deny the rehearing requests for matters G. 1. and G. 2. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

3. **RUNNELS RENOVATIONS & REPAIRS LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated the company requested a continuance on this matter. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to continue this matter. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

4. **JEFFREY MUHAMMAD D/B/A JMM COMPANY AND/OR JMM CONSTRUCTION**, Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Jeffrey Muhammad was present on behalf of JEFFREY MUHAMMAD D/B/A JMM COMPANY AND/OR JMM CONSTRUCTION and was sworn in. Mr. Manceaux made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Muhammad entered a plea of admission. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Muhammad gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Muhammad. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

<Matter F. 5. was corrected during the hearing from “Wilbert Gilbert” to “Wilbur Gilbert”.>

5. **WILBUR GILBERT**, Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

WILBUR GILBERT was present and was sworn in. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Gilbert entered a no contest. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Landreneau questioned Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs if the company obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

6. **JOSE GARCIA**, Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of JOSE GARCIA. Mr. Badeaux made a motion to deny the rehearing request. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

7. **COVASA MASONRY AND STUCCO LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Valerian Covasa was present on behalf of COVASA MASONRY AND STUCCO LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Badeaux. Mr. Hassert requested this matter be dismissed. Mr. Morse made a motion to dismiss this matter, LSLBC Case 2020-1544-02. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

- H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 7-12)

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

- I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 13-21)

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

Before adjournment, Mr. McDuff addressed the board regarding the rescinding of the licensure requirements for residential subclassifications for new residential construction with the exception Residential Swimming Pools.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Badeaux made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., and Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elliott Temple, Chairman

Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Vice Chairman