

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 9:33 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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

No members were absent. 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, Elaine Riggins, Whitney McKee, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux, John Dixon, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Morse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the May 19, 2021, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest Austin Holliday with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

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. **J & J CONNECTIONS LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

2. **JAMES E. ROTHROCK D/B/A WESTECH ROOFING SERVICES**, Windermere, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JAMES E. ROTHROCK D/B/A WESTECH ROOFING SERVICES. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

3. **NBD INTERNATIONAL INC.**, Ravenna, Ohio – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

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

4. **QUEST CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Mandeville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of QUEST CONSTRUCTION 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. Morse made a motion to find QUEST CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs, to issue a cease and desist order and to suspend the company's license. Mr. Morse continued the motion to state if the proper documentation is provided to the board the administrative penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to allow staff to reinstate the license. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Morse made a motion to state that if the proper documentation is provided to the satisfaction of the board the administrative penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to allow staff to reinstate the license. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

5. **WONDER CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Chalmette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WONDER CONSTRUCTION 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. Morse made a motion to find WONDER 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

6. **GAFFORD BUILDERS, INC.**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2 counts

Mrs. Adams, Mr. Fine and Mr. Morse recused themselves from this matter. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Dwayne Gafford was present on behalf of GAFFORD BUILDERS, INC. and was sworn in. Mr. Gafford entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed two exhibit packets for this matter. Mr. Landreneau entered both exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Gafford questioned Mr. Hassert. Mr. Gafford gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Hassert provided additional testimony to the board. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

7. a) **SITE COMPANIES, LLC**, Baton Rouge, 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 SITE COMPANIES, LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

b) **RF CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RF CONSTRUCTION, 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. Morse made a motion to find RF CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **CHARLES ALAN HALL SR.**, Ethel, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that staff has requested that this matter be continued. Mr. Temple made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

<The board was notified that a representative with matter 4., QUEST CONSTRUCTION LLC, had arrived late.>

4. **QUEST CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Mandeville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jeremy Gilchrist was present on behalf of QUEST CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Temple made a motion rehear this matter. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Gilchrist entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Landreneau requested that the exhibit packets previously submitted be resubmitted for this matter. With no objection, the exhibit packet was resubmitted into evidence. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Hassert and Mr. Gilchrist. Mr. Gilchrist gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs if the company provides the proper documentation to the satisfaction of the board by June 25, 2021. Mr. Morse continued the motion to state that if the proper documentation is not submitted by June 25, 2021, to allow staff to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to suspend the company's license. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

8. **COLEMAN'S PRO BIZ SERVICES, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by COLEMAN'S PRO BIZ SERVICES, LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

9. **WILSON JAMES DORNQUAST D/B/A WILSON FLOORING**, 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 WILSON JAMES DORNQUAST D/B/A WILSON FLOORING. 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. Morse made a motion to find WILSON JAMES DORNQUAST D/B/A WILSON FLOORING to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

10. **THE CUTTING EDGE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC**, Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by THE CUTTING EDGE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

11. **NORO IP INC. D/B/A BLUE HAMMER ROOFING**, Arlington, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Miguel Tareves was present and was sworn in. Mr. Tareves entered a denial plea. 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. Mr. Tareves objected to one item in the exhibit packet. Mr. Hassert provided clarification to the item in the exhibit packet. After discussion, Judge White admitted the exhibit packet. Mr. Tareves provided additional testimony. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Tareves. Mr. Tareves gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to find NORO IP INC. D/B/A BLUE HAMMER ROOFING to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

12. **CODE PLUS CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, 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 CODE PLUS CONSTRUCTION, 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. Morse made a motion to find CODE PLUS 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. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

13. **VAZQUEZ CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC**, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2159(B)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of VAZQUEZ CONSTRUCTION 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. Morse made a motion to find VAZQUEZ CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

14. a) **A. P. DODSON, L.L.C.**, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Attorney Gregory Callihan and Brandon Dodson were present on behalf of A. P. DODSON, L.L.C. Mr. Dodson was sworn in. Mr. Callihan entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packets. Mr. Landreneau entered both exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Callihan gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

b) **J REYES CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of J REYES CONSTRUCTION, 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. Morse made a motion to find J REYES CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

15. **LESTER RICARD**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Lester Ricard was present and was sworn in. Mr. Ricard entered a denial plea. 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. Landreneau questioned Mr. Ricard. Mr. Ricard gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to find LESTER RICARD to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

16. **REGINALD THOMAS**, 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 REGINALD THOMAS. 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. Temple made a motion to find REGINALD THOMAS to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

17. **CAJUN CRAFTSMEN AND COATINGS, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CAJUN CRAFTSMEN AND COATINGS, 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. Morse made a motion to find CAJUN CRAFTSMEN AND COATINGS, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed

18. **DOUGLAS ANDERSON D/B/A ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

19. **JONES CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

20. **KEX DESIGN + BUILD, LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Attorney Imtiaz Siddiqui was present on behalf of KEX DESIGN + BUILD, LLC. Attorney Will Griffin was also present on behalf of the homeowners related to this matter. Mr. Siddiqui entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse 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. Siddiqui presented a settlement offer to the board and gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Siddiqui. Mr. Griffin provided a statement to the board. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

E. **STATUTORY CITATIONS:**

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

F. 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. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

G. 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. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

H. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 12-17)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morse made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman