

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliot Temple, on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Elliot Temple, Chairman
Dodie Adams
Jim Fine
Travis Manceaux
Frank Morse, Jr.
Craig Stevens

Member, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, 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, Lowana Cola, Monica Webster, Emily Laprarie, Elysia Howard; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; compliance investigators, Logan Cockerham, Robert Mehrtens; and Trulisa Hollinds recording the minutes.

Mr. Fine 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.

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

Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 17, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest, Amanda LaGroue with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. **SMITH RENOVATIONS AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC**, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of SMITH RENOVATIONS AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 SMITH RENOVATIONS AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

2. **JOHN ARNOLD D/B/A ARNOLD ROOFING & HOME REN. AND/OR QUALITY ROOFING**, Lacombe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of JOHN ARNOLD D/B/A ARNOLD ROOFING & HOME REN. AND/OR QUALITY ROOFING. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Fine made a motion to find JOHN ARNOLD D/B/A ARNOLD ROOFING & HOME REN. AND/OR QUALITY ROOFING 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.

3. **MICHAEL CHAMBLEE D/B/A BIG DOG CONSTRUCTION**, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of MICHAEL CHAMBLEE D/B/A BIG DOG CONSTRUCTION. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 MICHAEL CHAMBLEE D/B/A BIG DOG 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

4. **JAY-STARR TREE & LANDSCAPING LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated a representative of the company called to state they will be late. This matter was heard later in meeting, after matter D. 13.

5. **ROOFING GUYS, LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of ROOFING GUYS, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by ROOFING GUYS, 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.

6. **GENERAL REMODELING FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company requested a continuance to allow Mr. Hernandez more time to retest. Mr. Fine made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion was passed.

7. **BRENT TOUCHET D/B/A TNT PROPERTY SOLUTIONS, L.L.C.**, Westlake, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of BRENT TOUCHET D/B/A TNT PROPERTY SOLUTIONS L.L.C. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 BRENT TOUCHET D/B/A TNT PROPERTY SOLUTIONS 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

8. **BURNETT'S REMODELING LLC**, Merryville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company requested a continuance. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion was passed.

9. **R & H FOUNDATION REPAIR LLC**, Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of R & H FOUNDATION REPAIR LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 & H FOUNDATION REPAIR 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

10. a) **PREMIER HOME DESIGN LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of PREMIER HOME DESIGN LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 PREMIER HOME DESIGN 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

b) **LEDOUX’S FLOORS & MORE LLC**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of LEDOUX’S FLOORS & MORE LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 LEDOUX’S FLOORS & MORE 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

11. **C & M PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT L.L.C.**, Ruston, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 133(A)

No one was present on behalf of C & M PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT L.L.C. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by C & M PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT L.L.C. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

12. **ROBERT IVEY’S FLOORING DIRECT, INC.**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of ROBERT IVEY’S FLOORING DIRECT, INC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by ROBERT IVEY’S FLOORING DIRECT, 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.

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

No one was present on behalf of ALEXIS CONSTRUCTION LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

< A representative of JAY-STARR TREE & LANDSCAPING LLC for matter D. 4. made an appearance.>

D. 4. **JAY-STARR TREE & LANDSCAPING LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Kelvin Robins was present on behalf of JAY-STARR TREE & LANDSCAPING LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Robins entered a plea of admission. Mr. Fine 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. Robins gave statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Robins. Mr. Fine 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 \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs if the company obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

14. **LOPEZ M. CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of LOPEZ M. CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 LOPEZ M. 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

15. **GROUND LEVEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC**, Madisonville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of GROUND LEVEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 GROUND LEVEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC to be in violation and to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

16. **ISRAEL PEREZ DBA AZTEC ROOFING**, Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of ISRAEL PEREZ DBA AZTEC ROOFING. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 ISRAEL PEREZ DBA AZTEC ROOFING 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

17. **KIN'S CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Montegut, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of KIN'S CONSTRUCTION LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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 KIN'S 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

18. **STAR 1 CONTRACTING, LLC**, Midlothian, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of STAR 1 CONTRACTING, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by STAR 1 CONTRACTING, 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. **WAYLON NUGENT D/B/A NUGENT ROOFING**, Jena, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of WAYLON NUGENT D/B/A NUGENT ROOFING. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by WAYLON NUGENT D/B/A NUGENT ROOFING. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

20. **DELTA HOME IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH LLC**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Mohamad Mirian was present on behalf of DELTA HOME IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Mirian entered a denial plea. 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. Ms. Morgan who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Landreneau questioned Ms. Morgan. Mr. Mirian gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Mirian. Mr. Morse made a motion to find DELTA HOME IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

E. **STATUTORY CITATIONS:**

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. **REQUEST FOR REHEARING:**

1. **TONY GIBSON D/B/A ECONOMY REPAIR**, Baldwin, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Tony Gibson was present on behalf of TONY GIBSON D/B/A ECONOMY REPAIR 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. Gibson entered a no contest plea. 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. Gibson gave statement and presented a settlement offer to the board of \$500 in administrative costs. 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 \$500 in administrative costs only if Mr. Gibson obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

2. **JONAS LEFORT**, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

JONAS LEFORT 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. Lefort entered a no contest plea. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine 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. Lefort gave statement and presented a

settlement offer to the board of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the offer as presented. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

3. **D. LEMOINE BUILDERS LLC**, Bossier City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5)

David Lemoine was present on behalf of D. LEMOINE BUILDERS LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the rehearing. Ms. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Lemoine entered a no contest plea. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine 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. Lemoine gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Lemoine. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Lemoine. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

4. **RIVERA & SONS CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of RIVERA & SONS CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. 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. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by RIVERA & SONS CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Hassert addressed the board regarding this matter. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced new compliance investigator, Logan Cockerham, to the board.

G. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 6)

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

H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 7-13)

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

I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 14-22)

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. Morse made a motion to adjourn at 10:44 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elliott L. Temple, Chairman

Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Vice Chairman