

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Elliott Temple, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:

Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman
Jim Fine
Rob Hamilton
Frank Morse, Jr.
Wesley L. "Wes" Wyman, Jr.

Chairman, 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; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Brent Templet, Elaine Riggins, Lowana Cola, John Dixon, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; compliance investigators, Charmel Peterson, Laurie LaRose, Steve Chiasson, James Franklin, Jessie Wells, Dylan Bourg, Scott Corley; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Wyman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 14, 2019, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General's office.

NEW BUSINESS

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

C. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. **JESSE LADART D/B/A J & W ROOFING**, Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JESSE LADART D/B/A J & W ROOFING. 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 JESSE LADART D/B/A J & W ROOFING 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.

2. Matters 2a and 2b were consolidated.

- a) **ACHIEVERS OF LOUISIANA, INC.**, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)
- b) **SPENCER YOUNG**, Downsville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations for matters 2a and 2b. Jerry Adams was present on behalf of ACHIEVERS OF LOUISIANA, INC. and was sworn in. SPENCER YOUNG was also present and was sworn in. Mr. Adams entered a denial plea regarding matter 2a. Mr. Young entered a denial plea regarding matter 2b. Investigator Jessie Wells, who was previously

sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Wells reviewed the exhibit packets and provided testimony to the board for matters 2a and 2b. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets for matters 2a and 2b into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Wells regarding matters 2a and 2b. Mr. Landreneau also questioned Mr. Adams regarding these matters. Mr. Adams gave a statement to the board and questioned Mr. Wells. After discussion, Mr. Morse made a motion to dismiss matters 2a and 2b. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

3. a) **JOSE G. CASTILLO**, Leesville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)
- b) **GILBERTO CASTILLO**, Leesville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)
- c) **GUILLERMO CASTILLO**, Leesville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offers submitted by JOSE G. CASTILLO, GILBERTO CASTILLO and GUILLERMO CASTILLO. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offers for matters 3a – 3c as presented, which all included a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

4. **RAYMOND G. WILLIE**, Deridder, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RAYMOND G. WILLIE. Investigator Scott Corley was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Corley 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 RAYMOND G. WILLIE 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.

5. **UNIVERSAL CONSTRUCTIONS L.L.C.**, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) & 2185(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company has requested a continuance. Mr. Wyman made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

6. **JASON HUNT D/B/A JASON HUNT ROOFING/CONSTRUCTION**, Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) and 2175.3(A)(8)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by JASON HUNT D/B/A JASON HUNT ROOFING/CONSTRUCTION. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

7. **CHRISTIAN C. WELLS D/B/A WELLS**, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Christian Wells and Ted Wells were present on behalf of CHRISTIAN C. WELLS D/B/A WELLS and both were sworn in. After a statement from Mr. Ted Wells, Mr. Christian Wells entered a denial plea. Investigator Laurie LaRose was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. LaRose 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. Christian Wells. Ted Wells and Christian Wells both gave statements to the board. Mr. Wyman made a motion to find CHRISTIAN C. WELLS D/B/A WELLS to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

8. a) **SIGFREDO CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, Belle Chasse, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 4 counts.

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

- b) **HILDA'S CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Harvey, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by HILDA'S CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **JDM CONCRETE LLC**, Marrero, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

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

- d) **TORO STUCCO AND BRICK SERVICE LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

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

- e) **RAFAEL GARCIA CONSTRUCTION L.L.C.**, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

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

9. **KB HAULING & CONCRETE SERVICE LLC**, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of KB HAULING & CONCRETE SERVICE LLC. Investigator Dylan Bourg was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Bourg 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 KB HAULING & CONCRETE SERVICE 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.

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

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RE-FRESH CONSTRUCTION LLC. 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. Wyman made a motion to find RE-FRESH 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. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

11. **HALL RESTORATION, 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 HALL RESTORATION, LLC. Investigator Steve Chiasson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. 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. Morse made a motion to find HALL RESTORATION, 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.

12. **QUINCY HOWARD D/B/A HOWARD & HOWARD GENERAL CONTRACTORS**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) and 2175.3(A)(8)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of QUINCY HOWARD D/B/A HOWARD & HOWARD GENERAL CONTRACTORS. Investigator Charmel Peterson was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Peterson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to find QUINCY HOWARD D/B/A HOWARD & HOWARD GENERAL CONTRACTORS 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.

<Matter C. 15. was heard prior to matters 13. and 14.>

15. **HPL ENTERPRISES LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by HPL ENTERPRISES 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.

13. **JOSE BARAHONA**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. JOSE BARAHONA was present and was sworn in. Ramone Garcia was also present on behalf of Mr. Barahona and was sworn in. Maria Brady, acting as interpreter for Mr. Barahona, was present and was sworn in. Mr. Barahona entered a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed. Investigator James Franklin was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Franklin reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Barahona gave a statement to the board. After discussion, Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$500 in administrative costs, to issue a cease and desist order and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to zero if Mr. Barahona obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Hamilton seconded. Mr. Garcia provided testimony to the board. The motion passed.

14. **ARISTEO GARCIA**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. ARISTEO GARCIA was present and was sworn in. Maria Brady, acting as interpreter for Mr. Garcia, was present and was also sworn in. After discussion, Mr. Garcia entered a no contest plea. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Garcia gave a statement to the board. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

<Matter C. 15. was heard prior to matters 13. and 14.>

16. **INDEPENDENT STRUCTURES, LLC**, Gulfport, Mississippi – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

17. **ERIC TAYLOR D/B/A SUPERIOR BUILDING**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Eric Taylor was present on behalf of ERIC TAYLOR D/B/A SUPERIOR BUILDING. Mr. Taylor entered a no contest plea. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Charmel Peterson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Peterson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Taylor gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Taylor. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

18. **CAMERON HENRIQUES D/B/A ULTRA CONSTRUCTION**, Mandeville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CAMERON HENRIQUES D/B/A ULTRA CONSTRUCTION. Investigator James Franklin, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Franklin 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 CAMERON HENRIQUES D/B/A ULTRA CONSTRUCTION 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.

19. **WILLIAM C. LISEWSKI D/B/A CUSTOM BUILT WOODWORKS**, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WILLIAM C. LISEWSKI D/B/A CUSTOM BUILT WOODWORKS. Investigator James Franklin, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Franklin reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to find WILLIAM C. LISEWSKI D/B/A CUSTOM BUILT WOODWORKS 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.

20. **GATOR FENCE & DECKS L.L.C.**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of GATOR FENCE & DECKS L.L.C. Investigator Todd Brady was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Brady 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 GATOR FENCE & DECKS L.L.C. 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. 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.

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

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

- F. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-8)

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

- G. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 9-13)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wyman made a motion to adjourn at 11:23 a.m., and Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman