

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliot L. Temple, on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 9:33 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Elliott Temple, Chairman
 Kenneth W. Jones
 Dodie Adams
 Travis Manceaux
 Frank Morse, Jr.

James “Jim” Fine and Craig A. Stevens were 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, Shannon Sagona, Monica Webster, Emily Laprarie, Elysia Howard; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; compliance investigator, John Leblanc, Jude Mathews, Robert Mehrtens; and Trulisa Hollinds recording the minutes.

Mr. Morse 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 and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department for the board were sworn in.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 19, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest, Alex Reinboth 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:

<Staff requested the following Compliance Matters under Agenda Item D. be heard before all other matters: D. 6., D. 9., D. 10., D. 3., and D. 15.>

6. **BRANDON O WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Brandon Williams was present on behalf of BRANDON O WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Williams 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. Williams gave statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Williams. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

<Matters 9 and 10 were consolidated.>

9. **SMALL TOWN CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Loranger, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)
10. **SMALL TOWN CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Loranger, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Alexander Gueho was present on behalf of SMALL TOWN CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations for matters 9 and 10. Mr. Gueho entered a no contest plea for both matters. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea for matters 9 and 10. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Brad Hassert, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packets for both matters and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence and both were admitted. Mr. Gueho gave statement to the board regarding these matters. The board questioned Mr. Gueho. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a fine of ten percent of each project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs for each matter and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs for both matters if the company obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

3. **ACCU-BUILDERS, INC.**, St. Gabriel, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Vincent Jones and Attorney Baron M. Roberson were present on behalf of ACCU-BUILDERS, INC. Mr. Jones was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Jones 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. After discussion, Mr. Hassert requested that this matter be dismissed. Mr. Morse made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

15. **JCS BUILDERS, L.L.C.**, Florien, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Chad Strother was present on behalf of JCS BUILDERS, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Strother 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. Mr. Strother gave statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Strother. Mr. Morse made a motion to find JCS BUILDERS, L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of 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. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

<The meeting returned to the order as listed on the agenda.>

1. **T&B HANDYMAN SERVICES LLC**, Iota, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that T&B HANDYMAN SERVICES LLC requested a continuance. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion was passed.

2. **JOSEPH KEDROWSKI D/B/A COAST TO COAST REMODELING LLC**, Lakeville, Minnesota – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of JOSEPH KEDROWSKI D/B/A COAST TO COAST REMODELING 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 JOSEPH KEDROWSKI D/B/A COAST TO COAST REMODELING LLC to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of 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. **ACCU-BUILDERS, INC.**, St. Gabriel, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

4. **KEYSTONE CARPETS, INC.**, Cypress, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by KEYSTONE CARPETS, INC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

5. **RICHARD HARDY D/B/A RICHARD HARDY JR. CONSTRUCTION**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of RICHARD HARDY D/B/A RICHARD HARDY JR. 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 RICHARD HARDY D/B/A RICHARD HARDY JR. CONSTRUCTION to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of 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. **BRANDON O WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

7. **REGGIE DORSEY D/B/A MIBO**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of REGGIE DORSEY D/B/A MIBO. 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 REGGIE DORSEY D/B/A MIBO to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty a \$500 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

8. **JESUS GONZALEZ D/B/A GONZALEZ POOLS**, Duson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of JESUS GONZALEZ D/B/A GONZALEZ POOLS. 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 JESUS GONZALEZ D/B/A GONZALEZ POOLS to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of 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. **SMALL TOWN CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Loranger, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

10. **SMALL TOWN CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Loranger, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

These matters were combined and heard together earlier in the meeting.

11. **METAL BUILDING SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS LLC**, Carencro, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated that the METAL BUILDING SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS LLC requested a continuance. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion was passed.

12. **DAVID MARK WIEGAND D/B/A C & C BUILDINGS AND SALES, LLC**, Jasper, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by DAVID MARK WIEGAND D/B/A C & C BUILDINGS AND SALES, LLC. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

13. **WEEKSWORX HOME REMODELING AND REPAIR L.L.C.**, Austin, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of WEEKSWORX HOME REMODELING AND REPAIR 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 WEEKSWORX HOME REMODELING AND REPAIR L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of 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.

14. **BLAKE WOODS SERVICES LLC**, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of BLAKE WOODS SERVICES 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 BLAKE WOODS SERVICES LLC to be in violation, to assess an administrative penalty of 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. **JCS BUILDERS, L.L.C.**, Florien, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

16. **GLADIATOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF TEXAS**, Westlake, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of GLADIATOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF TEXAS. 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, who was previously sworn in, was called to the stand. Mr. Landreneau questioned Ms. Morgan. Mr. Morse made a motion to find GLADIATOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF TEXAS to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

17. **GLADIATOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF TEXAS**, Westlake, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

No one was present on behalf of GLADIATOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF TEXAS. 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 who was previously sworn in was called to the stand. Mr. Morse made a motion to find GLADIATOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF TEXAS to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Ms. Adams 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.

- F. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 4)

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

- G. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 5-9)

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

- H. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 10-15)

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

Before adjournment, Mr. Hassert introduced the new compliance investigator, Mr. Jude Mathews.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 a.m., and Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elliott Temple, Chairman

Kenneth W. Jones, Vice Chairman