

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 9:35 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:

Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman
Elliott Temple
Doreen “Dodie” Adams
Jim Fine
Travis Manceaux
Frank Morse, Jr.
Craig Stevens

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; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux; Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Temple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 18, 2020, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. McDuff introduced guests Ken Naquin with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Austin Holliday with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office and Kenneth Adams, spouse of Doreen “Dodie” Adam.

Mr. McDuff also introduced and welcomed new Residential Contractors Subcommittee Member, Doreen “Dodie” Adams and she was sworn in by Judge Darrell White.

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. **JIM TERRELL CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

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

2. **CHRIS TORRY D/B/A TORRY CONSTRUCTION CO.**, Youngsville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CHRIS TORRY D/B/A TORRY CONSTRUCTION CO. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 CHRIS TORRY D/B/A TORRY CONSTRUCTION CO. 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.

3. **CLAUDE J. DANIEL D/B/A CLAUDE’S FLOORING,** Grand Coteau, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CLAUDE J. DANIEL D/B/A CLAUDE’S FLOORING. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 CLAUDE J. DANIEL D/B/A CLAUDE’S FLOORING 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.

4. **NLE CONTRACTORS L.L.C.**, New Iberia, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 4 counts

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

5. a) **RLS PROPERTIES, L.L.C.**, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

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

- b) **OMAR LEON D/B/A LEON’S CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE,** Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Wendy and Omar Leon were present on behalf of OMAR LEON D/B/A LEON’S CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE. Ms. Leon was sworn in and 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 packet for this matter. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Hassert also provided testimony to the board. Ms. Leon gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Ms. Leon. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

6. a) **STE. MARIE HOME BUILDERS, INC.**, Youngsville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by STE. MARIE HOME BUILDERS, INC. 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) **EFRAIN MAYA,** Arnaudville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A), 2 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of EFRAIN MAYA. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 EFRAIN MAYA 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.

- c) **DAVID SEARS D/B/A GENUINE QUALITY ROOFING**, Church Point, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by DAVID SEARS D/B/A GENUINE QUALITY 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.

7. a) **STALLION CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

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

- b) **COVINGTON KITCHEN & BATH INC**, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Chris Liu was present on behalf of COVINGTON KITCHEN & BATH INC and was sworn in. Mr. Liu entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packets for this matter. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Liu gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **HOYT'S PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC**, Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Dwayne Hoyt was present on behalf of HOYT'S PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Hoyt 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 for this matter. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Hassert also provided testimony to the board. Mr. Hoyt gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Hoyt. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine 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. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

- d) **ISAI LOPEZ D/B/A LEAH'S DESING (SIC) & CONSTRUCTION**, Tickfaw, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ISAI LOPEZ D/B/A LEAH'S DESING (SIC) & CONSTRUCTION. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 ISAI LOPEZ D/B/A LEAH'S DESING (SIC) & CONSTRUCTION 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.

8. **MICHAEL EVANS AUXIER D/B/A AMBER CONTRACTORS**, Eustis, Florida – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of MICHAEL EVANS AUXIER D/B/A AMBER CONTRACTORS. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 EVANS AUXIER D/B/A AMBER CONTRACTORS 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.

9. **STURGIS CONCRETE WORKS, LLC**, Sterlington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A), 4 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of STURGIS CONCRETE WORKS, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 STURGIS CONCRETE WORKS, 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.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:

1. **KELVIN ROBINS, JR.**, 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 KELVIN ROBINS, JR. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 KELVIN ROBINS, JR. 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.

2. **JOHN WESLEY QUINN D/B/A ONE WAY CONTRACTOR SERVICES**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JOHN WESLEY QUINN D/B/A ONE WAY CONTRACTOR SERVICES. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 JOHN WESLEY QUINN D/B/A ONE WAY CONTRACTOR SERVICES 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.

G. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

1. **JAMES J. LEBOUF D/B/A LEBOUF'S CONSTRUCTION**, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.2(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. James LeBouef was present on behalf of JAMES J. LEBOUF D/B/A LEBOUF'S CONSTRUCTION and was sworn in. Mr. LeBouef addressed the board regarding the request for a rehearing. Mr. Temple made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Hunter entered a plea of admission. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau

entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. LeBouef gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Hassert also provided testimony to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs if Mr. LeBouef obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

2. **PHIL LILES D/B/A HANDYMAN SERVICES**, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of PHIL LILES D/B/A HANDYMAN SERVICES. Mr. Morse made a motion to deny the request for rehearing. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

3. **LYNN HAMILTON D/B/A LYNN HAMILTON CARPENTRY**, DeRidder, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Lynn Hamilton was present on behalf of LYNN HAMILTON D/B/A LYNN HAMILTON CARPENTRY and was sworn in. Homeowner, Robert Smith, was also present and was sworn in. Mr. Hamilton addressed the board regarding the request for a rehearing. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the request for rehearing. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Hamilton 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 to the board. Mr. Hamilton gave a statement to the board. Mr. Smith also provided testimony to the board. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to zero if Mr. Hamilton obtains the proper license within 120 days. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

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

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

- I. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-11)

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

- J. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 12-18)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morse made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman