

**STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS**

**COMMERCIAL BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallett, on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- Lee Mallett, Chairman
- William J. Cloutre, Vice Chairman
- Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux
- Ronald Barron
- N.R. “Noah” Broussard
- Nelson A. “Andy” Dupuy, Jr.
- Courtney Fenet, Jr.
- August Gallo, Jr.
- Danny R. Graham
- Kenneth Jones
- Curtis Joseph
- Donald G. Lambert
- Garland Meredith
- Christopher N. Stuart
- Elliott Temple
- Keith Tillage
- Victor Weston

Members, Brian J. Bordelon and Joel Rushing, were absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael B. McDuff, Executive Director; Judy Dupuy, Board Administrator; Chimene St. Amant, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Leann Evans, Carrie Morgan, Elaine Riggins, Monica Webster, Trulisa Hollinds, Emily Laprarie, and Lowana Cola; Compliance Director, Brad Hassert; Compliance Investigators, John Leblanc, Joseph Anderson; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Temple led the members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. St. Amant introduced herself as the hearing officer overseeing these proceedings and addressed the audience and board on the administrative procedures for hearings.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the Minutes of the **April 21, 2022**, regular meeting. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guests, Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office and Paul Robichaux, President of Port of Southeast Louisiana.

Mr. Weston addressed the board regarding the LSU recognition event held on May 18, 2022.

**RESOLUTION TO RETAIN ATTORNEY, LANDRENEAU & ASSOCIATES, LLC AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LSLBC**

Mr. Dupuy presented a resolution to retain Landreneau and Associates, LLC as special legal counsel for the Board and stated that the resolution shall be effective July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the resolution as typed to retain Landreneau and Associates, LLC as special legal counsel for the Board. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## NEW BUSINESS

Leann Evans, Brad Hassert, John Leblanc and Joseph Anderson with the Compliance Department were sworn in.

### E. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. **GUILLORY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC**, Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by GUILLORY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

2. **O'QUINN SERVICES, L.L.C.**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by O'QUINN SERVICES, L.L.C. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

3. a) **TPI CONSTRUCTION & PAINTING, INC.**, Bellaire, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by TPI CONSTRUCTION & PAINTING, INC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **JORGE SANCHEZ**, Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JORGE SANCHEZ. 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. Cloutre made a motion to find JORGE SANCHEZ to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

4. **FULL SERVICE MAINTENANCE, INC.**, Eunice, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Mr. Hassert requested for this matter to be dismissed as the requested records had been produced prior to the hearing. Mr. Badaux made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

5. a) **MID-SOUTH SUBCONTRACTORS, INC.**, Atlanta, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 133(A)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MID-SOUTH SUBCONTRACTORS, INC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **CISNEROS VAZQUEZ SHEET METAL LLC**, Riverdale, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CISNEROS VAZQUEZ SHEET METAL 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. Cloutre made a motion to find CISNEROS VAZQUEZ SHEET METAL LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

6. **AMERICAN PLUMBING & MECHANICAL LLC**, Westminster, Colorado – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of AMERICAN PLUMBING & MECHANICAL 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. Temple made a motion to find AMERICAN PLUMBING & MECHANICAL LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

7. **BRIDGES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Damien Bridges was present on behalf of BRIDGES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Bridges entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Joseph Anderson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson 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. Bridges. The board questioned Mr. Bridges. The board questioned Mr. Anderson. Mr. Bridges gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Hassert addressed the board regarding this matter. Mr. Clouatre made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Fenet.

8. a) **LAROCQUE HOMES AND OUTDOOR LIVING, L.L.C.**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) 3 counts

Kyle LaRocque was present on behalf of LAROCQUE HOMES AND OUTDOOR LIVING, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. LaRocque entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Jones 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. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. LaRoque gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. LaRoque. Mr. LaRoque presented a settlement offer to the board. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **ANGEL PLASENCIA**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

ANGEL PLASENCIA was present and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Plasencia entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Graham 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. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Plasencia gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Plasencia. Mr. Hassert provided additional testimony to the board. Mr. Stuart made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$5000 fine 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. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **R & L ROOFING & SIDING LLC**, Westlake, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Richard Mehus was present on behalf of R & L ROOFING & SIDING LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Mehus entered a no contest plea. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Temple 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. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Mehus gave a statement to the board regarding this matter and presented a settlement offer to the board. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Barron seconded. The motion passed.

- d) **VALICO CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of VALICO CONSTRUCTION, 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. Lambert made a motion to find VALICO CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Weston made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Grahma seconded. The motion passed.

9. a) **SELECT BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.**, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SELECT BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **NMB CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by NMB CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

10. **SOUTHERN CASEWORK & FIXTURE CO., LLC**, Jesup, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of SOUTHERN CASEWORK & FIXTURE CO., 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. Badaux made a motion to find SOUTHERN CASEWORK & FIXTURE CO., LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

11. a) **HOLYFIELD CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by HOLYFIELD CONSTRUCTION, INC. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

- b) **FORGE BUILDING COMPANY, LLC**, Boise, Idaho – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by FORGE BUILDING COMPANY, LLC. Mr. Joseph made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion passed.

12. **REEL ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of REEL ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, 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. Joseph made a motion to find REEL ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Tillage seconded. During discussion of the motion, the board questioned staff regarding this matter. The motion was called to a vote and the motion passed.

13. a) **CHAUHAN CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) 5 counts

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

- b) **ROBERT MIRANDA D/B/A GENNESIS CONSTRUCTION**, Plano, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ROBERT MIRANDA D/B/A GENNESIS CONSTRUCTION. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

- c) **FRANK TISCARENO**, Harlingen, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by FRANK TISCARENO. Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Tillage seconded. The motion passed.

- d) **JULIAN FERNANDEZ**, Alamo, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JULIAN FERNANDEZ. 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. Badeaux made a motion to find JULIAN FERNANDEZ to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

14. **ANNEX CONSTRUCTION OF RUSTON, LLC**, Indianapolis, Indiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Mr. Meredith recused himself from this matter. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ANNEX CONSTRUCTION OF RUSTON, 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. Temple made a motion to find ANNEX CONSTRUCTION OF RUSTON, LLC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion passed.

15. **ALFRED GREEN BUILDERS AND ALFRED GREEN**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A); 2158(A)(5); and 2158(A)(9)

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ALFRED GREEN BUILDERS AND ALFRED GREEN. Investigators Sean Beavers and Joseph Anderson were called to the stand. Mr. Beavers was sworn in, and Mr. Anderson was previously sworn in. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson provided testimony to the board and stated that Mr. Green provided a letter to the board pleading no contest to these violations, which the letter was provided in the exhibit packet. Mr. Beavers provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Beavers. Mr. Clouatre made a motion to revoke all licenses and the qualifying party status for ALFRED GREEN BUILDERS AND ALFRED GREEN. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Anderson reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted.

#### F. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### G. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

1. **TITAN CORE LLC**, Lynn Haven, Florida – La. R.S. 37: 2160(A)(1)

Wilson Martinez was present on behalf of TITAN CORE LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Jones made a motion to rehear this matter. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Martinez entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Martinez presented a settlement offer to the board. The board questioned Mr. Martinez. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

2. **SHAW AC & ELECTRICAL LLC**, Kentwood, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Mr. Hassert requested for the previous action taken against SHAW AC & ELECTRICAL LLC at the March 17, 2022, Commercial Meeting be rescinded. Mr. Jones made a motion to rescind the previous action taken against SHAW AC & ELECTRICAL LLC at the March 17, 2022, Commercial Meeting. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

**H. APPLICATIONS; ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS; RECIPROCITY**

1. Residential Building Subcommittee Report

- a. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses, residential applications and home improvement registrations as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-20)

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

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the residential applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

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

- b. Consideration of the actions of the **May 18, 2022**, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the May 18, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee meeting and Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 21-24)

Based on Staff recommendations, Mr. Dupuy made a motion to approve the exemptions based on Reciprocity as listed on the agenda. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

Based on Staff recommendations, Mr. Dupuy made a motion to approve the Exemptions as listed on the agenda. Mr. Weston seconded. The motion passed.

3. Consideration of mold remediation application as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 25)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the mold remediation application as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 26-29)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the additional classifications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 30-40)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the commercial applications as listed on the agenda. Mr. Meredith seconded. The motion passed.

**I. REPORTS:**

1. Legislative/Rules and Regulations Report – Mr. McDuff gave a summary of the 2022 legislative session in relation to LSLBC.
2. Finance Report (budget-to-actual comparisons) – Mr. Dupuy asked for a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2022, as presented. Mr. Clouatre made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2022, as presented. Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Dupuy asked for a motion to accept the 2021 Audit Report as typed. Mr. Weston made a motion to accept the 2021 Audit Report as typed. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After discussion between the board and staff regarding hearing procedures, Mr. Clouatre made a motion to adjourn at 11:03 a.m., and Mr. Broussard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Lee Mallett, Chairman

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Elliott Temple, Secretary