STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallet, on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 9:33 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

Lee Mallet, Chairman

William J. Clouatre, Vice Chairman

Noah Broussard Kristen Brown Kym DiGiovanni

Nelson A. "Andy" Dupuy, Jr.

Courtney Fenet, Jr. August Gallo, Jr. Steven Hackworth Curtis Joseph Donald G. Lambert Garland Meredith Joel Rushing **Christoper Stuart Elliot Temple** Keith Tillage

Members Brian Bordelon, Courtney Davis, and Victor Weston were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Stuart made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2024, regular meeting. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed.

Brad Hassert, Executive Director, made a statement regarding the Construction Education Trust Fund (CETF) and the annual contributions made by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC). Dr. Willie Smith, Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC), accepted the contribution on behalf of BRCC, and made a statement. Ken Naquin with Louisiana Associated General Contractors made a statement. Dr. William Tate, President of Louisiana State University (LSU), accepted the contribution on behalf of LSU, and made a statement.

Joseph Anderson, Frank Vaughan, Dylan Bourg, John LeBlanc, Logan Cockerham, Ronald Dawsey, Jarrod Watson, Kristen McKey, David Hamm, Blaine Anderson, Robert Mehrtens, Clay Reavis, Laurie LaRose, Andy Futrell, Sean Beavers and Leann Evans with the Enforcement Division were sworn in.

No requests were received from the public to address the board.

NEW BUSINESS

E. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. LOWE GROUP, LLC, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2023-1270-01

> Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by LOWE GROUP, LLC. Blaine Anderson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the Commercial Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2024

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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

C2 DEVELOPMENT LLC, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2023-1668-01

Mike Clark was present on behalf of C2 DEVELOPMENT LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by C2 DEVELOPMENT LLC. Frank Vaughan, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

BANCROFT PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC. Jefferson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2023-1273-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BANCROFT PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC. Mr. Gallo recused himself from this matter. Dylan Bourg, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Bourg reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

SOUTH ATLANTA STEEL, LLC, Stockbridge, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0474-02

No one was present on behalf of SOUTH ATLANTA STEEL, LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. John LeBlanc, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. LeBlanc reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found SOUTH ATLANTA STEEL, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

Chairman Mallett paused the proceedings to introduce and swear in new board member, Steven Hackworth. Chairman Mallett was also sworn in at this time.

The meeting resumed according to the agenda.

RANN SOK, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0077-01

RANN SOK was present and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Sok entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Mr. Sok made a settlement offer to the board of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. Dylan Bourg, Investigator, 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. The board questioned Mr. Sok. Mr. Beavers, who was previously sworn, made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, Henrico, Virginia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0789-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC. Logan Cockerham, Investigative Supervisor, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Cockerham reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence,

and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

7. <u>DOVETAIL GALLERY LIMITED D/B/A DOVETAIL GALLERY INC.</u>, Erie, Pennsylvania – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)

LSLBC Case 2023-0232-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by DOVETAIL GALLERY LIMITED D/B/A DOVETAIL GALLERY INC. Logan Cockerham, Investigative Supervisor, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Cockerham reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

8. a) CHRISTENSEN BUILDING GROUP, LLC, Houston, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 2 counts LSLBC Case 2023-1241-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CHRISTENSEN BUILDING GROUP, LLC. Ronald Dawsey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Dawsey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

b) AGILE OFIS SOLUTIONS, L.P. D/B/A AGILE INTERIORS, Houston, Texas — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1241-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by AGILE OFIS SOLUTIONS, L.P. D/B/A AGILE INTERIORS. Ronald Dawsey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Dawsey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

 DESTINY DEVELOPERS LLC, River Ridge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0230-01

David Lenau was present on behalf of DESTINY DEVELOPERS LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Lenau entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Lenau made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs if the proper license is obtained within 120 days.

10. a) CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION OF LA, L.L.C., Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 2 counts LSLBC Case 2024-0062-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION OF LA, L.L.C. Kristen McKey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

b) AF CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0062-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by AF CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. Kristen McKey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

c) VICKNAIR BUILDERS, LLC. Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0062-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by VICKNAIR BUILDERS, LLC. Kristen McKey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

11. A-1 INVESTMENTS, L.L.C., Glynn, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0084-02

No one was present on behalf of A-1 INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. David Hamm, Investigative Supervisor, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hamm reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found A-1 INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

12. a) SMALL CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC, Kenner, Louisiana - La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8) and 2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0354-02

Torrance Small was present on behalf of SMALL CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Tillage recused himself from this matter. Mr. Small entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Frank Vaughan, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Small made a statement to the board and offered a settlement of a \$500 penalty. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Small. The board questioned Mr. Small. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board rejected the offer and assessed an administrative penalty of a \$2,500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

b) WW BUILDERS, INC., Duncan, Oklahoma – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0354-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by W W BUILDERS, INC. Frank Vaughan, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

13. a) THE SECOND LINE LLC, Harvey, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0421-03

> Miles McWilliams was present on behalf of THE SECOND LINE LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. McWilliams entered a plea of not guilty. Blaine Anderson, Investigator, 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. McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams entered documents into evidence. Mr. McWilliams withdrew his not guilty plea, entered a plea of no contest, and submitted a settlement offer of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the offer as presented.

b) JOSEPH BRAUD D/B/A BAYOU BRACES LAPLACE, New Iberia, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0421-04

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JOSEPH BRAUD D/B/A BAYOU BRACES LAPLACE. Blaine Anderson, Investigator, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

14. a) G&L EXQUISITE CONTRACTORS LLC, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1663-02

Geno Peters was present on behalf of G & L EXQUISITE CONTRACTORS LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Peters entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Peters made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Peters. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered the requested records be produced to the satisfaction of staff within 5 days and ordered suspension of the license if records are not produced within 5 days.

The board requested to hear the next case out of order.

15. a) G&LEXQUISITE CONTRACTORS LLC, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1662-02

Geno Peters, who was previously sworn, was present on behalf of G & L EXQUISITE CONTRACTORS LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Peters entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered the requested records be produced to satisfaction of staff within 5 days and ordered the suspension of the license if records are not produced within 5 days. The board further ordered license renewals not be approved until requested records are produced and assessed a penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs only.

The meeting resumed the order according to the agenda.

14. b) THRIVE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1663-03

No one was present on behalf of THRIVE CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found THRIVE CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

THRIVE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1662-03

No one was present on behalf of THRIVE CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found THRIVE CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

16. SERVICE PLUS CONTRACTING L.L.C., Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2024-0606-01

Damian Randolph was present on behalf of SERVICE PLUS CONTRACTING L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Randolph entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Randolph presented a settlement offer to the board of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. The board questioned Mr. Randolph. A motion was made to accept the offer as presented. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Stuart.

17. LIAM PRICE D/B/A LMK & SONS ELECTRIC AND HVAC, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2189(A)(4) and 2160(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0643-01

No one was present on behalf of LIAM PRICE D/B/A LMK & SONS ELECTRIC AND HVAC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found LIAM PRICE D/B/A LMK & SONS ELECTRIC AND HVAC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

18. AYRES ENDEAVORS, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2022-1835-01

Bryan Ayres was present on behalf of AYRES ENDEAVORS, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Ayres entered a plea of contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Ayres made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Ayres. Mr. Ayres made a settlement offer to the board of a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the offer as presented.

19. KIUWA, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0854-04

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by KIUWA, LLC. Clay Reavis, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Reavis reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

20. KAT'S KOOLING, LLC, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1573-03

Staff requested this item be removed from the agenda. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request to remove this item was granted.

21. TBC GENERAL CONTRACTORS, L.L.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana - La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2024-0223-01

Jeffrey Bailey was present on behalf of TBC GENERAL CONTRACTORS, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Bailey entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Bailey made a statement to the board and presented a settlement offer to the board of a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. The board questioned Mr. Bailey. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the offer as presented.

RE NEW ORLEANS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana - La. R.S. 22. a) 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1117-01

Russell Frank was present on behalf of RE NEW ORLEANS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Tillage recused himself from this matter. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Frank entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Frank. The board questioned Mr. Frank. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of \$1,000 in administrative cost only.

b) PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A), and 2158(A)(2) LSLBC Case 2023-1117-02

Kevin Harrington was present on behalf of PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Harrington entered a plea of no contest for the allegation for failure to produce records and a plea of not guilty for the allegation of willful misrepresentation of fact by an applicant in obtaining a license. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the no contest plea was accepted. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, 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. Harrington. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC not guilty of the allegation of willful misrepresentation. The board assessed a penalty for failure to produce records of \$1,000 in administrative costs only.

23. HUBB'S PROPERTIES, LLC, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1003-01

Danny Lumpkin and Timothy Hubbard were present on behalf of HUBB'S PROPERTIES, LLC and were sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Lumpkin entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Laurie LaRose, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. 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. Lumpkin made a statement to the board and presented a settlement offer to the board of \$1,000 in administrative costs. The board questioned Mr. Lumpkin. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the offer as presented.

24. HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1459-01

Evan Zizzi, attorney, and Blake Terrebonne were present on behalf of HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Terrebonne was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Terrebonne entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mehrtens reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Zizzi made a statement and a settlement offer to the board of a \$1,500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented.

25. BINOLA-BUILT-IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana - La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A) LSLBC Case 2023-0026-01

Clint Nunez present on behalf of BINOLA-BUILT-IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Nunez entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Stephanie Belanger, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Belanger reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Nunez made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed the board ordered the requested records be produced to satisfaction of staff within 5 days and ordered the suspension of the license if records are not produced within 5 days. The board assessed a penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs only.

NINE FLOORING DESIGN, INC., Acworth, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) 26. a) LSLBC Case 2024-0541-02

> Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by NINE FLOORING DESIGN, INC. Ronald Dawsey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Dawsey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

b) PRO SOURCE PAINTING, INC., Duluth, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0541-03

No one was present on behalf of PRO SOURCE PAINTING, INC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Ronnie Dawsey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Dawsey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found PRO SOURCE PAINTING, INC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative fees.

c) <u>LANE SUPPLY, INC.</u>, Arlington, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0541-05

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by LANE SUPPLY, INC. Ronald Dawsey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Dawsey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

27. PRESTIGE RESTORATION AND CLEANING SERVICES LLC, Destrehan, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)

LSLBC Case 2024-0018-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by PRESTIGE RESTORATION AND CLEANING SERVICES LLC. Brad Hassert, Executive Director, was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

The board requested the next case be moved to the end of the agenda.

F. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

Ms. Evans presented the statutory citations. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the statutory citations as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

G. CONTINUANCES:

GNO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2022-0791-01

Keven Caside was present on behalf of GNO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Caside entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Stephanie Belanger, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Belanger reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. The board questioned Mr. Caside. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered the surrender of the Qualifying Party status of Mr. Caside and assessed a penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

2. WILLIE'S PLUMBING LLC, Amite, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1040-02

Willie Smith was present on behalf of WILLIE'S PLUMBING LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Smith entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Kristen McKey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Smith made a settlement offer to the board of a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative fees and the dismissal of the additional violations for cases 2023-1026-02 and 2023-1250-02 provided Mr. Smith obtains the proper license within 120 days. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the offer was accepted as presented.

3. <u>WILLIE'S PLUMBING LLC.</u> Amite, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1026-02

The board ordered this matter be dismissed provided the contractor obtains the proper license within 120 days.

4. WILLIE'S PLUMBING LLC, Amite, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1250-02

The board ordered this matter be dismissed provided the contractor obtains the proper license within 120 days.

H. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

 STELLAR BUILDS, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8) LSLBC Case 2022-1322-01

No one was present on behalf of STELLAR BUILDS, LLC. Mr. Landreneau questioned Ms. Evans. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board denied the rehearing.

2. <u>CHICK-FIL-A, INC.</u>, Atlanta, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0655-09

Parker Kilgore, attorney, was present on behalf of CHICK-FIL-A, INC. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board granted the rehearing. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Kilgore entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Kristen McKey, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Kilgore made a settlement offer to the board of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the offer was rejected. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of a \$5,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

3. <u>CARTER CONSTRUCTION UNLIMITED, L.L.C.</u>, Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A)
LSLBC Case 2024-0183-01

Chad Perkins was present on behalf of CARTER CONSTRUCTION UNLIMITED, L.L.C. and was sworn in. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board granted the rehearing. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Perkins entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Blaine Anderson, Investigator, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered the requested records be produced to satisfaction of staff within 5 days and ordered the suspension of the license if records are not produced within 5 days. The board assessed a penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to \$1,000 in administrative costs only, if the requested records are produced within 5 days.

 NEW ORLEANS FLOORING DISTRIBUTORS, LLC D/B/A NEW ORLEANS FLOORING. New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1362-01

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board granted the rehearing. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by NEW ORLEANS FLOORING DISTRIBUTORS, LLC D/B/A NEW ORLEANS FLOORING. Blaine Anderson, Investigator, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

5. ROY SCHMUCKER D/B/A S AND S REMODELING, INC., Wichita, Kansas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2022-1557-01

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board granted the rehearing. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ROY SCHMUCKER D/B/A S AND S REMODELING, INC. Logan Cockerham, Investigative Supervisor, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Cockerham reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

The board heard the following case out of order of the agenda.

E. 28. <u>FELTON JOSEPH COLAR, JR.</u>, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5) LSLBC Case 2024-1176-01

Felton Joseph Colar, Jr. was present and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Colar entered a plea of not guilty. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson 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. Colar. Mr. Colar made a statement to the board. Mr. Colar withdrew his not guilty plea and entered a plea of no contest. A motion was made to allow the plea change. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Stuart. A motion was made to accept the no contest plea. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Stuart. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board affirmed the recommendation of denial by staff and assessed a penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs.

I. RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL:

1. Ergon Construction Services, LLC (CL.79468 and RL.890579) and Felton Joseph Colar, Jr. (Oualifying Party #8954681) – Under item E. 28, the board affirmed the denial.

J. REPORTS:

- 1. Finance Report Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2024, as presented by Mr. Dupuy. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed unanimously to accept the financial statement as submitted.
 - Mr. Dupuy made a motion to authorize the creation of a Secretary Pro Tem position. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Dupuy made a motion to retain a CPA consultant. Mr. Temple seconded. Mr. Dupuy made a motion to approve the new auditor. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Staff Report There were no reports to address.

K. 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 10-29)
 - Mr. Broussard made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Broussard made a motion to approve the residential applications as listed on the agenda, with the exception of Ergon Construction Services, LLC, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

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

b) Consideration of the actions of September 18, 2024, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the September 18, 2024, Residential Building Subcommittee meeting, with the exception of Ergon Construction Services, LLC, and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

 Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 30-35)

Based on staff recommendations, Mr. Broussard made a motion to approve the exemptions based on reciprocity as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

Based on staff recommendations, Mr. Broussard made a motion to approve the exemptions as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

3. Consideration of mold remediation applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 36)

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the mold remediation applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 37-42)

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the additional classifications listed on the agenda, and Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 43-64)

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the commercial applications as listed on the agenda, with the exception of Ergon Construction Services, LLC, and Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stuart made a motion to adjourn at 2:11 p.m., and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary