STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Vice Chairman, William Clouatre, on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

William J. Clouatre, Vice Chairman

Brian Bordelon

N.R. "Noah" Broussard

Kristen Brown
Courtney Fenet, Jr.
David Gallo
Steven Hackworth
Curtis Joseph
Donald G. Lambert
Garland Meredith
Christopher Stuart
Elliott Temple
Keith Tillage

Members Lee Mallet, Kym DiGiovanni, Adam Guinn, and Victor Weston were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. Meredith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Stuart seconded. The motion passed.

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

H. REPORTS:

- 1. Treasurer Report Mr. Bordelon made a statement regarding the finances for February 2025.
- 2. Staff Report Mr. Brad Hassert made a statement regarding ethics training for board members.

I. BOARD BUSINESS:

- 1. Mr. Joseph made a motion to authorize entering into a contract with Acumatica/Revive ERP for accounting software. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Mr. Joseph made a motion to authorize suspension of licenses/qualifying party statuses for non-payment of penalties ordered by the Board and to reinstate upon satisfactory compliance. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. APPLICATIONS; ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS; EXEMPTIONS:

- 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 7-15)

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Bordelon 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 March 19, 2025, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the March 19, 2025, and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 16-21)

Based on staff recommendations, Mr. Tillage made a motion to approve the exemptions based on reciprocity 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 17)

Mr. Lambert 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 18-20)

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

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 21-30)

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

Mr. Hunter Farrar introduced himself as the hearing officer overseeing these proceedings and addressed the audience and board on the administrative procedures for hearings.

Dylan Bourg, Andy Futrell, John LeBlanc, Ronnie Dawsey, Blaine Anderson, Frank Vaughan, Wade Day, Logan Cockerham, Stephanie Belanger, Joseph Anderson, Jarrod Watson, David Hamm, Sean Beavers and Leann Evans with the Enforcement Division were sworn in.

Staff requested the following case be heard out of order. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request was granted.

NEW BUSINESS

F. 3. RANDY A. FARRELL, SR. AND GLOBAL TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC, Kenner, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1); 2158(A)(3); 2158(A)(10); 2158(A)(11); 2158(A)(12) LSLBC Case 2024-1820-01

Ms. Evans read a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by RANDY A. FARRELL, SR. AND GLOBAL TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC. Sean Beavers, Enforcement Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Beavers 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 offer was accepted as presented, which included a no contest plea. The board further agreed to dismiss the violations against Global Technical Solutions, LLC, under new ownership as stipulated as part of this settlement agreement.

The meeting resumed according to the agenda.

D. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

1. a) KNOEBEL CONSTRUCTION, INC., Chesterfield, Missouri — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 2 counts LSLBC Case 2024-0357-01

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

b) A-CUBED CORPORATION, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0357-03

Fred Baker was present on behalf of A-CUBED CORPORATION. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Baker entered a plea of not guilty. 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. Mr. Baker made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Baker. The board questioned Mr. Bourg. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found A-CUBED CORPORATION to be in violation. A motion was made to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. The motion passed with opposition from Mr. Joseph and Mr. Temple.

2. a) ON TIME DRAIN CLEANING, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0578-02

Roosevelt Herbert was present on behalf of ON TIME DRAIN CLEANING. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Herbert entered a plea of not guilty. 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. Herbert made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Herbert. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board dismissed this matter.

b) Power Plumbing Repairs, LLC, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0578-03

Staff requested this matter be dismissed. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request was granted.

3. <u>71 STEEL LLC</u>, Alexandria, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0777-01

Joseph Turner was present on behalf of 71 STEEL LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Turner entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Andy Futrell, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Futrell reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Turner 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 \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs, provided a license is obtained within 180 days.

4. a) <u>SLSJ ASSOCIATES, LLC,</u> Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0109-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SLSJ ASSOCIATES, LLC. 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 motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

b) OJVEJV, INC., Waller, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0109-02

No one was present on behalf of OJVEJV, INC. 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 OJVEJV, INC. to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

5. a) RANDY DEPAULA ELECTRIC, L.L.C., Springfield, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2023-1347-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by RANDY DEPAULA ELECTRIC, L.L.C. 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.

b) <u>ISS EQUIPMENT, LLC.</u> Hattiesburg, Mississippi — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1347-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ISS EQUIPMENT, 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.

CLIMATE PROS, LLC, Glendale Heights, Illinois – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 2 counts LSLBC Case 2024-0097-01

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

7. THUNDERBIRD CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, LLC, Weatherford, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0668-02

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

8. <u>J&W CONTRACTORS, INC.</u>, Baton Rouge, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8) LSLBC Case 2024-0121-02

George Wall was present on behalf of J&W CONTRACTORS, INC. and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Wall entered a plea of no contest. 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. Mr. Wall made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of a \$500 penalty plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

9. PETRO TECH PLUMBING LLC. New Caney, Texas — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0819-02

Jerry Petrovich present on behalf of PETRO TECH PLUMBING LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Petrovich entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Wade Day, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Day reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Petrovich made an offer to the board of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the offer as presented.

10. <u>CHARLES DANNY WHITE</u>, Pitkin, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0794-02

No one was present on behalf of CHARLES DANNY WHITE. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. 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 motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found CHARLES DANNY WHITE to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

11. O & A CONCRETE LLC, Scott, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0363-02

Oscar Olivera was present on behalf of O & A CONCRETE LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Olivera entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Andy Futrell, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Futrell 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 assessed a penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs only.

JOEL ROSARIO. Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1668-02

Staff requested this matter be continued. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

13. FLORIAN MARTINEZ D/B/A FMB CONSTRUCTION, Slidell, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1273-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by FLORIAN MARTINEZ D/B/A FMB CONSTRUCTION. 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 offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

14. QUINCY JENNINGS D/B/A PLUMBLINE PLUMBING, Gretna, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1016-02

No one was present on behalf of QUINCY JENNINGS D/B/A PLUMBLINE PLUMBING. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. 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. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found QUINCY JENNINGS D/B/A PLUMBLINE PLUMBING to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

PREMIER ENERGY CONCEPTS LLC. Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0915-01

No one was present on behalf of PREMIER ENERGY CONCEPTS LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Andy Futrell, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Futrell 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 PREMIER ENERGY CONCEPTS LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

BLANCO CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Harvey, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0572-02

No one was present on behalf of BLANCO 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 motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found BLANCO CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

KEVIN INGRAM MARLON WILLIAMS, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5); 2158(A)(11); LSLBC Case 2024-1557-01

KEVIN WILLIAMS was present and was sworn in. Mr. Williams requested this matter be continued. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

18. OSMAN FUNES D/B/A MASTER PLAN PLUMBING, New Orleans, Louisiana — La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2022-0827-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by OSMAN FUNES D/B/A MASTER PLAN PLUMBING. 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 accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

19. PRECISION METAL SWLA, LLC, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0319-02

Britney Spell was present on behalf of PRECISION METAL SWLA, LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Ms. Spell entered a plea of no contest. 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. Ms. Spell made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs provided the license is obtained within 180 days.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

- 1. THOMSON PROPERTIES, L.L.C., Lecompte, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0363-01
- 2. VERITAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC, Salt Lake City, Utah La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0819-01
- 3. <u>FISK PLUMBING, LLC, Walker, Louisiana</u> La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0716-01
- K C ELECTRIC, INC., DeRidder, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
 LSLBC Case 2024-0794-01
- NEW SPROUT CONSTRUCTION LLC, Monroe, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0784-01
- 6. <u>DAVID LAVIE'S AIR CONDITIONING, LLC, Kenner, Louisiana</u> La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0652-02
- 7. Jamieson's Landscaping & Maintenance, L.L.C., Hammond, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
 LSLBC Case 2024-0476-01
- VISTA ELECTRIC, LLC, Forney, Texas La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0097-03
- 9. MAXOUT RENOVATION SPECIALISTS, LLC, Weatherford, Texas La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0668-01

Mr. Landreneau presented the statutory citations in globo. Sean Beavers, Enforcement Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the citations as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

F. CONTINUANCES:

LENNARD CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING, L.L.C., Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
 LSLBC Case 2022-1918-01

Ms. Evans read a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by LENNARD CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING, L.L.C. 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 motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the offer was accepted as presented, which included a no contest plea.

2. <u>JESSE CARR Sr.</u>, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0797-02

Staff requested this matter be continued. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

G. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

 VAL GLO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8) LSLBC Case 2023-1314-01

Lloyd Shields, attorney, was present on behalf of VAL GLO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. 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 VAL GLO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Stephanie Belanger, Investigator, 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.

Mr. Hassert led a discussion regarding internal processes of the agency and hearing procedures going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clouatre made a motion to adjourn at 12:04 p.m., and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary