

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallet, on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:34 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- Lee Mallet, Chairman
- William J. Clouatre, Vice Chairman
- Brian Bordelon
- Noah Broussard
- Kym DiGiovanni
- Nelson A. "Andy" Dupuy, Jr.
- Courtney Fenet, Jr.
- August Gallo, Jr.
- Adam Guinn
- Curtis Joseph
- Donald G. Lambert
- Garland Meredith
- Elliot Temple
- Keith Tillage

Members Kristen Brown, Steven Hackworth, Joel Rushing, Christopher Stuart, and Victor Weston were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. Temple 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. Joseph made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2024, regular meeting. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

Brad Hassert, Executive Director, Kristen McKey, Roland "Jude" Mathews, Laurie LaRose, Robert Mehrtens, Frank Vaughan, Andy Futrell, Joseph Anderson, Clay Reavis, Ronnie Dawsey, Logan Cockerham, Sean Beavers and Leann Evans with the Enforcement Division were sworn in.

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

Mr. Clouatre gave a statement to commemorate Mr. Dupuy's last meeting as a member of the board and expressed appreciation for Mr. Dupuy's twenty years of service. Mr. Dupuy gave a statement of gratitude and farewell.

New Board member Adam Guinn was sworn in.

NEW BUSINESS

D. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

1. D.R. HORTON, INC. – GULF COAST, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-0961-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by D.R. HORTON, INC. – GULF COAST. 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.

2. **3M PAINTING AND RENOVATIONS, LLC**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0131-01

No one was present on behalf of 3M PAINTING AND RENOVATIONS, LLC. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Jude Mathews, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Mathews 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 3M PAINTING AND RENOVATIONS, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

3. **S & S AC AND ELECTRICAL LLC**, Chauvin, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1308-03

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

4. **2 DEGREES OF AIR LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0051-02

No one was present on behalf of 2 DEGREES OF AIR LLC. 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 2 DEGREES OF AIR LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

5. a) **AMERICAN GUTTER COMPANY, LLC**, DeQuincy, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-0318-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by AMERICAN GUTTER COMPANY, 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.

- b) **JOEL ROMERO CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.**, Jennings, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0318-02

No one was present on behalf of JOEL ROMERO CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. 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 JOEL ROMERO CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

6. a) **B. AND R. RENTALS, L.L.C.**, Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0139-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by B. AND R. RENTALS, L.L.C. 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- b) **CRAIG VERDUN**, Patterson, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0139-02

CRAIG VERDUN was present and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Verdun entered a plea of no contest. 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. Verdun made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Verdun. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered no penalty be assessed.

7. **VAPOR INDUSTRIES, LLC**, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0419-01

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

8. **SABINE POOLS, LLC**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2022-1242-01

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

9. **O & A CONCRETE LLC**, Scott, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1477-01

Oscar Olivera Ortiz was present on behalf of O & A CONCRETE LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Ortiz 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. Ortiz made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered a penalty of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to \$1,000 in administrative costs only provided the proper license is obtained by December 27, 2024.

Staff requested the next case be heard out of order.

11. CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC AND JESSE EARL CARR, JR., Avondale, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11)
LSLBC Case 2024-1373-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC AND JESSE EARL CARR, JR. Joseph Anderson, Investigative Supervisor, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson reviewed the exhibit packet for this case as well as for cases 2022-0223-03, 2023-0012-05, 2022-0023-02, and 2022-1573-01 and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea; surrender of their commercial license and the qualifying party status of Mr. Carr; and the stipulation that no license be issued to Mr. Carr nor any affiliated company for a period of one year.

The meeting resumed according to the agenda.

10. CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC, Avondale, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)
LSLBC Case 2022-0223-03

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, this matter was dismissed.

12. CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC, Avondale, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8)
LSLBC Case 2023-0012-05

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, this matter was dismissed.

13. CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC, Avondale, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5)
LSLBC Case 2022-0023-02

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, this matter was dismissed.

14. CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC, Avondale, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A)
LSLBC Case 2022-1573-01

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, this matter was dismissed.

15. TRI-POINT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCORPORATED, Humble, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 129(A)
LSLBC Case 2024-0692-01

Robert Daniel, Jr. was present on behalf of TRI-POINT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCORPORATED and was sworn in. Ms. Evans read a summary of the allegations. Mr. Daniel entered a guilty plea. Clay Reavis, 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. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Daniel. Mr. Daniel withdrew his guilty plea and entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea change was accepted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered a penalty of \$1,000 in administrative costs only, and ordered the suspension of the license if documents are not produced within 5 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. EE KITCHEN & BATH LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0324-04

2. **RINI CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Alexandria, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-1477-02
3. **CURRENT SPECIALIST LLC**, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-1308-01
4. **NRK CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-0324-01
5. **REGGIE BROUSSARD'S AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING, L.L.C.**, Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2163(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-0139-04
6. **M. G. O. ELECTRIC, INC.**, Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-0139-03
7. **G T GUNITE & SHOTCRETE LLC**, The Woodlands, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-1242-02
8. **BRC SOLUTIONS LLC**, French Settlement, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0961-02

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. RECONSIDERATION OF PENALTY:

1. **ACKEL CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC**, Harahan, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 705(A)
LSLBC Case 2021-1687-01

No one was present on behalf of ACKEL CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC. Mr. Lambert recused himself from this matter. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the settlement offer presented was rejected.

G. REPORT:

1. Finance Report – Mr. Dupuy made a motion to accept the financial statement for the period ending October 31, 2024. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously to accept the financial statement as submitted.

Mr. Clouatre made a motion to accept the budget adjustments as presented by Mr. Dupuy. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouatre made a motion to accept the budget for 2025 as presented by Mr. Dupuy. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

H. BOARD RESOLUTIONS:

1. Mr. Cloutre made a motion to authorize the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors or his designee to perform/approve the task of approving continuing education providers for licensed contractors. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Cloutre made a motion to authorize the Executive Director or his designee of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors or his designee to continue utilizing Regions Bank to open and close accounts; require a collateral agreement for all funds in bank accounts; and authorize the signing of an agreement for accounts to be interest bearing. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

I. 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 6-21)

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

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

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

- b) Consideration of the actions of November 20, 2024, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the November 20, 2024, and Mr. Gallo seconded. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 22-26)

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

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

3. Consideration of mold remediation applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 27)

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

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 28-33)

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

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 34-51)

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

Mr. Clouatre made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Dupuy seconded. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 10:38 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clouatre made a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m., and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary