

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallet, on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

- Lee Mallet, Chairman
- William J. Cloutre, Vice Chairman
- Ronald Barron
- Brian J. Bordelon
- N.R. "Noah" Broussard
- Kristen Brown
- Nelson A. "Andy" Dupuy, Jr.
- Courtney Fenet, Jr.
- August Gallo, Jr.
- Curtis R. Joseph, Jr.
- Donald G. Lambert
- Joel Rushing
- Christopher N. Stuart
- Elliot Temple
- Keith A. Tillage

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

Also attending the meeting were: Michael B. McDuff, Executive Director; Jeffrey Wale, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; Compliance Investigators, Robert Mehrtens, David Hamm, Frank Vaughan, Wayne Augillard, Logan Cockerham, Kristen McKey, Clay Reavis, Erika Segura, Ronald Dawsey and Sean Beavers; and from the staff, Leann Evans, Carrie Morgan, Shannon Sagona, Heather Barbery; and Elysia Howard recording the minutes.

Mr. Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cloutre made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2023, regular meeting. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. McDuff introduced guests Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Louisiana State Senator Franklin Foil, Louisiana State Representative Paula Davis, and Ken Naquin with Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

Mr. McDuff made a statement regarding the Construction Education Trust Fund (CETF) and the annual contributions made by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) to the four accredited construction management programs in the state: Louisiana State University (LSU); Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC); University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM); and Louisiana Tech (LA Tech). Mr. McDuff stated presentations would be made to ULM and LA Tech at a future date and made the first presentation to BRCC. Dr. Willie Smith, Chancellor, accepted the contribution on behalf of BRCC, and made a statement. Dr. William Tate, President, accepted the contribution on behalf of LSU, and made a statement.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Brad Hassert, Leann Evans, Logan Cockerham, Robert Mehrtens, David Hamm, Frank Vaughan, Wayne Augillard, Kristen McKey, Clay Reavis, and Sean Beavers with the Compliance Department were sworn in.

E. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

Brad Hassert requested the cases for persons in attendance be brought forward out of order of the agenda. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request was granted to hear those matters first.

13. O&L ERECTORS LLC, Opelousas, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)
LSLBC Case 2023-0838-01

Cody Lanclos was present on behalf of O&L ERECTORS LLC. Staff requested this matter be continued until November 16, 2023. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board granted the continuance.

- H.1. TRUSTTEK ELECTRIC, LLC, Zachary, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)
LSLBC Case 2022-1469-03

Laron White and Dorothy White were present on behalf of TRUSTTEK ELECTRIC, LLC and were sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. White entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Clay Reavis, Compliance 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. The board questioned Mr. White and Ms. White. Mr. White and Ms. White gave statements to the board. Mr. Hassert gave a statement. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed administrative costs in the amount of \$1,000.00.

12. WILLIAMS CONTRACTORS & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC, LaPlace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)
LSLBC Case 2022-1707-01

Clifford Williams was present on behalf of WILLIAMS CONTRACTORS & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC, and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Williams admitted to the violation. Wayne Augillard, Compliance Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Augillard 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. Augillard, and Mr. Augillard gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Williams, and Mr. Williams gave a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed administrative costs in the amount of \$1,000.00 provided requested records are produced to the satisfaction of staff within 14 days and ordered suspension of the license if records are not produced within 14 days. Mr. Landreneau requested staff be granted the authority to reinstate the license should the license be suspended and then records provided after the 14 day period. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request was granted.

11. LUXURY'S, LLC, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-1469-04

Dontrell Frazier was present on behalf of LUXURY'S, LLC, and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Frazier admitted to the violation. 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 and the board questioned Mr. Frazier. Mr. Frazier responded and gave a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of a \$1,500.00 fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

1. **THE CYPRESS SHAK LLC**, Benton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0424-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by THE CYPRESS SHAK LLC. David Hamm, 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 board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

2. a) **BRUNT CONSTRUCTION, INC.** Independence, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) and 2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2022-1950-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BRUNT CONSTRUCTION, INC. Kristen McKey, 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) **RICO'S INNOVATIONS, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-1950-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RICO'S INNOVATIONS, LLC. Kristen McKey, 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 motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found RICO'S INNOVATIONS, LLC, to be in violation and assessed the maximum fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

- c) **VR&C, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-1950-04

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by VR&C, LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board rejected the settlement offer as presented.

14. **CITY WIDE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(2)
LSLBC Case 2023-1085-04

Jennifer Johnson was present on behalf of CITY WIDE CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. Ms. Johnson denied the violation. Sean Beavers, 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. Ms. Johnson questioned Mr. Beavers. Mr. Beavers gave a statement. Mr. Landreneau questioned Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson gave a statement. The board questioned Ms. Johnson. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found CITY WIDE CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of a \$500.00 fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

3. a) **WEST CUSTOM HOMES LLC**, Mandeville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-0339-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by WEST CUSTOM HOMES LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- b) **JT FRAMING LLC**, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0339-02

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

4. a) **STAR METAL BUILDING CARPORTS LLC D/B/A STAR BUILDINGS AND CARPORTS**, Nacogdoches, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0568-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by STAR METAL BUILDING CARPORTS LLC D/B/A STAR BUILDINGS AND CARPORTS. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- b) **CASTILLO BROTHERS PAINTING GROUP LLC**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0568-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CASTILLO BROTHERS PAINTING GROUP LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- c) **COASTAL REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE, INC.** Creole, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0568-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by COASTAL REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE, INC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- d) **INTER- COASTAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC**, Sulphur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0568-04

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by INTER-COASTAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

5. a) **SOUTHERN STYLE BARNS & BUILDINGS LLC**, Convent, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0379-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SOUTHERN STYLE BARNS & BUILDINGS LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- b) **ABADIE & CHAUVIN, INC.**, Vacherie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-0379-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ABADIE & CHAUVIN, INC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

6. **EA CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37 :2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0454-02

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

7. a) **JLJ CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5) and 2158(A)(3),
Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 133(A)
LSLBC Case 2023-0124-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JLJ CONSTRUCTION LLC. Wayne Augillard, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Augillard 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 JLJ CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

- b) **WIRING RESOURCE LLC**, Picayune, Mississippi – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0124-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WIRING RESOURCE LLC. Wayne Augillard, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Augillard 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 WIRING RESOURCE LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

8. a) **EMBREE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.**, Georgetown, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-0204-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by EMBREE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- b) **F B CONSTRUCTION 1 LLC D/B/A F & B CONSTRUCTION**, Catskill, New York – La. R.S.
37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0204-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by F B CONSTRUCTION 1 LLC D/B/A F & B CONSTRUCTION 1. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

9. **TRUE BOND MASONRY, L.L.C.**, Doyline, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-0502-01

Mr. Barron recused himself from this matter. Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by TRUE BOND MASONRY, L.L.C. Brad Hassert, 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. The board questioned Mr. Hassert. On motion made, seconded, and passed with opposition from Mr. Gallo, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

10. a) **HARPER METAL BUILDING SERVICES, INC.**, Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2023-0715-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by HARPER METAL BUILDING SERVICES, INC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

- b) **VASQUEZ BROTHER'S CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Abita Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0715-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented VASQUEZ BROTHER'S CONSTRUCTION LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

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:

1. **SCHENCK ROOFING, L.L.C.**, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0291-01

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of SCHENCK ROOFING, L.L.C. Kristen McKey, 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 motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found SCHENCK ROOFING, L.L.C to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

2. **RIGOBERTO LOPEZ D/B/A SOUTHERN PAINTING AND RENOVATIONS LLC**, Harvey, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2160(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0367-02

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented RIGOBERTO LOPEZ D/B/A SOUTHERN PAINTING AND RENOVATIONS LLC. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

3. CALVIN'S DIVERSIFIED SERVICES, L.L.C, Fresno, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2022-1819-03

Ms. Evans gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CALVIN'S DIVERSIFIED SERVICES, L.L.C. Brad Hassert, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

Mr. Hassert addressed the board to introduce new compliance investigators Ms. Erika Segura and Mr. Ronald Dawsey and to commend Compliance Investigative Supervisor Mr. Sean Beavers who received the Excellence in Law Enforcement award from the Metropolitan Crime Commission for his work in fighting public corruption and construction fraud in the New Orleans region.

I. REPORT:

1. Finance Report – Mr. Dupuy requested a motion to accept the financial report as presented for the period ending August 31, 2023. Mr. Tillage made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. 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 6-28)

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Lambert 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 **September 20, 2023**, Residential Building Subcommittee.

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken at the September 20, 2023, Residential Building Subcommittee meeting, and Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of reciprocity and exemption requests as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 29-34)

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

Based on staff recommendations, Mr. Dupuy 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 35)

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

4. Consideration of additional classifications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 36-43)

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

5. Consideration of commercial applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 44-71)


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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Temple made a motion to adjourn at 11:22 a.m., and Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Lee Mallett, Chairman



Elliott Temple, Secretary