STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple

Dodie Adams

Jim Fine

Travis Manceaux

Frank Morse, Jr.

Member, Craig Stevens, was absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Elaine Riggins, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Ms. Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation, introduced himself, and advised those present of his duties.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 16, 2020, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guests, Jeannie Dodd, Bobby Parks, Tommy Pinion, Willie Martin and Pam Weaver with the Louisiana Home Builders Association (LHBA) and Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This agenda item, Public Comment, was moved to the end of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Carrie Morgan and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department were sworn in.

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

* 1. JCS Restoration Inc., Lake Elsinore, California – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JCS RESTORATION INC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. P & L Roofing and Construction, LLC, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of P & L ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find P & L ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. a) HP Fontenot Builders LLC, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5) and 37:2158(A)(3), and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Hershel Fontenot was present on behalf of HP FONTENOT BUILDERS LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Fontenot entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Fontenot. Mr. Fontenot gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a $1000 fine plus $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

b) B & T Construction and Home Improvement, LLC, Iowa, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by B & T CONSTRUCTION AND HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. James Davis, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. JAMES DAVIS was present and was sworn in. Mr. Davis entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Davis gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Davis. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Infront Roofing LLC, Warner Robins, Georgia – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1), 10 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Brandon Goodin was present on behalf of INFRONT ROOFING LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Goodin entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Goodin. Mr. Goodin gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Hassert provided additional testimony to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a $1000 fine plus $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Jouandot Enterprises, LLC, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JOUANDOT ENTERPRISES, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find JOUANDOT ENTERPRISES, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Kermit Joey Leger d/b/a Cajun Roofing LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1).

Ms. Morgan requested a continuance for this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Integrity Construction Group, L.L.C., New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 135(A), 2 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of INTEGRITY CONSTRUCTION GROUP, L.L.C. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packets related to this matter and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered both exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find INTEGRITY CONSTRUCTION GROUP, L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to suspend the license if the proper documentation is not provided within seven (7) days following receipt of the notice of the board’s action for this matter. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. a) ECO Energy & Solar Solutions LLC, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ECO ENERGY & SOLAR SOLUTIONS LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

b) Allsafe Restoration LLC, Chalmette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) and 2185(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company had requested a continuance. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Ortiz Brothers Construction LLC, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan requested a continuance for this matter. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Ethan Wayne Cormier, Lake Arthur, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ETHAN WAYNE CORMIER. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. WBConstruction Solutions, LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WBCONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find WBCONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Handyman Hotline, LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by HANDYMAN HOTLINE, LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. CMBX3 Construction LLC, Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CMBX3 CONSTRUCTION LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find CMBX3 CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Jose Manuel Lopez, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JOSE MANUEL LOPEZ. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find JOSE MANUEL LOPEZ to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. GM Real Estate, L.L.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 4 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by GM REAL ESTATE, L.L.C. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. a) Acadiana Constructors, Inc, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ACADIANA CONSTRUCTORS, INC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

b) G & H Brick & Stucco LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of G & H BRICK & STUCCO LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Temple made a motion to find G & H BRICK & STUCCO LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. D & B Construction Co. of Southeast LA LLC, Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of D & B CONSTRUCTION CO. OF SOUTHEAST LA LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find D & B CONSTRUCTION CO. OF SOUTHEAST LA LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. a) Willie and Willie Contractors LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

b) Chikles Framing LLC, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan stated that the companies had requested a continuance for matters 19a and 19b. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the continuances for matters 19a and 19b. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

1. Sturgis Concrete Works, LLC, Sterlington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A), 4 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Jason Sturgis was present on behalf of STURGIS CONCRETE WORKS, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Sturgis addressed the board regarding the request for a rehearing. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Sturgis entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Sturgis. Mr. Sturgis gave a statement to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

Matters 2 and 3 were consolidated.

1. Antonio Souza d/b/a Tony Pavers Remodeling, Chalmette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.2 (A)(1)
2. Antonio Souza d/b/a Tony Pavers, Chalmette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding matters 2 and 3. Antonio Souza and Attorney Kevin Katner were present on behalf of matters 2 and 3, ANTONIO SOUZA D/B/A TONY PAVERS REMODELING and ANTONIO SOUZA D/B/A TONY PAVERS. Mr. Souza was sworn in. Mr. Morse made a motion to grant the rehearing requests for both matters. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Katner entered a no contest plea for both matters. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the pleas. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packets for both matters and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Katner gave a statement to the board and presented settlement offers to the board for both matters. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offers as presented. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

<Agenda item C. Public Comments was moved to the end of the agenda.>

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Bobby Parks with LHBA addressed the board regarding LSLBC’s current Rules and Regulations Section 503 for Residential Specialty Classifications and Section 505 for Residential Labor Only classifications. Mr. Parks, on behalf of LHBA, presented proposed changes to these rules. Mr. McDuff and Mr. Hassert also addressed the board regarding these proposed changes. The board addressed Mr. Parks regarding LHBA’s proposed changes. The board stated that further discussion between LSLBC and LHBA is needed relating to the proposed changes presented by LHBA.

G. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 6)

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

H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 7-20)

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

I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 21-39)

Mr. Morse made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morse made a motion to adjourn at 11:24 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

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Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman