STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

September 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Kenneth W. Jones, on September 16, 2015 at 9:37 a.m. at 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Kenneth W. Jones, Chairman

Nick Castjohn Karon "Kay" Gibson Billy Ward

Wesley L. "Wes" Wyman, Jr.

Members Lee Mallett and Jodi Penn were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judy Dupuy, Board Administrator; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Jennifer Sims, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Nathan Rawls, Marianne Sullivan, Bobbie Hughes, Brent Templet, Emma Payne, Elaine Riggins, John Dixon, and Monica Davis; compliance investigators, Carl Bourque, Todd Brady, Jessie Wells, Jeanette Raffray, and Frank Vaughan; and Tarah Barbier recording the minutes.

Ms. Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Castjohn made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 19, 2015, Residential Building Committee Meeting, and Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. McDuff introduced guests Jeannie Dodd with the Louisiana Home Builders Association; Ronald Burrough with the Attorney General's office; Rudy Babin and Norrie Falgoust with the Department of Insurance; and Louisiana State Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb.

NEW BUSINESS

C. INSURANCE HEARING(S):

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, HOME IMPROVEMENT, AND MOLD REMEDIATION; GENERAL LIABILITY & WORKERS' COMPENSATION – La. R.S. 2150–2192, 2186(B)(6), 2189(A)(7) and Rules and Regulations Sec. 1503(D)

Ms. Sims made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect BOND CONTRACTORS, LLC to be listed for an Insurance Hearing for Worker's Compensation and not General Liability. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to accept the amendment to the agenda. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion passed.

BRAD CANOVA DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, LLC and ECO REMODELERS, LLC were removed from the agenda.

Emma Payne was called to the stand and sworn in to give testimony regarding the documentation of general liability and workers' compensation. Ms. Emma confirmed service for those entities listed on the agenda and that this was a first offense for those companies.

Nick Badr was present on behalf of BOND CONTRACTORS, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Badr gave a statement and affirmed that there was a lapse in insurance coverage. Mr. Badr presented documents to the board and the documents were admitted. Mr. Ward made a motion to suspend the license back to the date of last insurance coverage allowing staff to reinstate the license or registration if proof of no lapse is provided, assess \$250 in administrative cost, to issue a cease and desist order, and to allow

the company's license/registration to be reissued upon proof of insurance coverage. Mr. Castjohn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ROBERT L. JACKSON was present along with Attorney Jack K. Whitehead, Jr. Mr. Jackson was sworn in. Mr. Whitehead gave a statement and affirmed that there was a lapse in insurance coverage. Mr. Whitehead also presented documents to the board and they were admitted. Mr. Ward made a motion to suspend the license/registration back to the date of last insurance coverage allowing staff to reinstate the license or registration if proof of no lapse is provided, to issue a cease and desist order, and to allow the company's license/registration to be reissued upon proof of insurance coverage. Mr. Castjohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Senator Dorsey-Colomb spoke to the board regarding this matter.

No one was present on behalf of ADAM ALAN PAINTING, L.L.C.; DELTA PAINTING & DRYWALL LLC; GREEN CLEAN RESTORATION SERVICES OF ARKANSAS, INC.; ROBERT L. JACKSON; and SHUKRI KANNISH. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to suspend the license or registration of the aforementioned companies and individuals back to the date of last insurance coverage, to issue a cease and desist order, to assess a fine of \$500 plus \$500 in administrative cost, and to allow staff to reinstate the license or registration if proof of no lapse is provided. Ms. Gibson seconded, and the motion passed.

D. COMPLIANCE HEARING(S):

1. a) **DAVID JAMES FRUGE**, Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167 (A)

Mr. Rawls gave a summary of the allegations. DAVID JAMES FRUGE was present and was sworn in. Mr. Fruge denied the allegations. Investigator Frank Vaughan was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet. Ms. Sims entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Fruge gave a statement. Mr. Vaughan also gave a statement. Mr. Ward made a motion to find DAVID JAMES FRUGE to be in violation. Mr. Castjohn seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Ward made a motion to assess \$2500 plus \$1000 in administrative cost and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Gibson seconded. The motion passed.

b) **RAZOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC,** Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167 (A)

Mr. Rawls gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RAZOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Investigator Frank Vaughan, who was previously sworn in, reviewed the exhibit packet. Ms. Sims entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Ward made a motion to find RAZOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Ward made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative cost and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

2. UNIQUE CONSTRUCTION LA, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167 (A)

Mr. Rawls gave a summary of the allegations. Tony Hinton was present on behalf of UNIQUE CONSTRUCTION LA, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Hinton entered a no contest plea. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess \$2500 plus \$1000 in administrative cost and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion passed.

3. HALLMAN BROTHERS SHEETMETAL, LLC, Alexandria, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.2 (A)(1)

Mr. Rawls gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of HALLMAN BROTHERS SHEETMETAL, LLC. Investigator Carl Bourque was called to the stand and was sworn in. Mr. Bourque reviewed the exhibit packet. Ms. Sims entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to find HALLMAN BROTHERS SHEETMETAL, LLC to be in violation. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative cost and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

4. <u>PELICAN STATE ROOFING & REPAIRS, LLC,</u> West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.2 (A)(1); 37:2175.1 (A)(7); 37:2175.3 (A)(10)

Mr. Rawls gave a summary of the allegations. Sheryl Weaver was present on behalf of PELICAN STATE ROOFING & REPAIRS, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Weaver stated that the company is domiciled in West Monroe and not Alexandria as listed on the agenda. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to amend the agenda to change the location the company is domiciled to West Monroe. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Weaver entered a no contest plea. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Weaver gave a statement and presented documents to the board. The documents were admitted. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess \$1000 plus \$1000 in administrative cost and to allow only the fine to be waived if the company obtains a license/registration in 60 days. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion passed with one objection.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

Mr. Rawls presented the statutory citations. Mr. Castjohn made a motion to accept the statutory citations as presented. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

F. COMPLIANCE HEARING(S)/CONTINUANCES:

1. **J & B CONST., LLC,** New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167 (A)

Mr. Rawls gave a summary of the allegations. James and Carol Francois were present on behalf of J & B CONST., LLC. Ms. Francois was sworn in. Ms. Francois entered a denial plea. Investigator Jeanette Raffray was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Raffray reviewed the exhibit packet. Ms. Sims entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Ms. Francois questioned Ms. Raffray regarding the exhibit packet. Ms. Francois gave a statement to the board. Mr. Wyman made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion passed.

2. <u>BILL REDFERN D/B/A EXTERIOR PRSSURE CLEANERS</u>, Alexandria, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.2 (A)(1); 37:2160 (A)(2)

Mr. Rawls stated that the company has requested a continuance. Mr. Ward made a motion to grant the continuance for this matter. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

G. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSURE EXEMPTION(S):

Ms. Gibson made a motion to approve the exemption as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Castjohn seconded. The motion passed.

 H. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 4)

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

I. Consideration of new applications for residential building construction license to be approved pending as listed on the agenda. (Pages 5-7)

Ms. Gibson made a motion to approve the new residential building license applications as listed on the agenda. Mr. Castjohn seconded. The motion passed.

 J. Consideration of new applications for home improvement registration as listed on the agenda. (Pages 8-10) Ms. Gibson made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Castjohn seconded. The motion passed.

K. Discussion of Proposed Rule creating Residential Specialty Classifications

Mr. Ward made a motion to amend the agenda to include the additional agenda item K. Discussion of Proposed Rule creating Residential Specialty Classification. Ms. Gibson seconded. The motion passed. After the board discussed this matter the board decided to not make any changes to the Proposed Rule creating Residential Specialty Classifications.

ADJOURNMENT

| Mr. | Ward made a motion to adjourn at 11:04 a.m., and Ms. Gibson seconded. The motion p | as |
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