STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliott Temple, on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 9:33 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:

Elliott Temple, Chairman

Kenneth W. Jones Dodie Adams Jim Fine Frank Morse, Jr. Craig Stevens

Member, Travis Manceaux, was 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; Jeffrey Wale, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Elaine Riggins, Emily Laprarie, Shannon Sagona, Elysia Howard, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; compliance investigator, Robert Mehrtens; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 16, 2022, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest, Alex Reinboth, with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were received from the public to address the Licensing Board.

<Matter D. 3. under New Business, Compliance Hearings, and matter F. 1. under Old Business, Compliance Hearing/Continuance, were heard before all other matters.>

D. 3. PRIME TIME CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION, LLC, Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Brandon Johnson was present on behalf of PRIME TIME CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Johnson entered a no contest plea. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Johnson gave a statement to the board regarding this matter and presented a settlement offer to the board. The board questioned Mr. Johnson. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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.

F. 1. WILFRED LASTRAPE D/B/A W & W PAINTING CARPENTRY & ROOFING, Arnaudville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Wilfred Lastrape was present on behalf of WILFRED LASTRAPE D/B/A W & W PAINTING CARPENTRY & ROOFING and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Lastrape entered a no contest plea. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Investigator 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. Lastrape. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

<The meeting returned to the order as listed on agenda.>

NEW BUSINESS

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. T.J. ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC, Avondale, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of T.J. ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find T.J. ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

2. WILLIAM KODIE MCCOY D/B/A M & M CONSTRUCTION, Picayune, Mississippi – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WILLIAM KODIE MCCOY D/B/A M & M CONSTRUCTION. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find WILLIAM KODIE MCCOY D/B/A M & M CONSTRUCTION to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

3. PRIME TIME CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION, LLC, Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

4. Curtis M. Loftin, Builder, LLC, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company requested a continuance on this matter. Ms. Adams made a motion to grant the continuance for this matter. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

5. <u>BRIAN SCOTT SONES D/B/A SCOTT SONES CONSTRUCTION</u>, Sumrall, Mississippi – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

6. JACK MYERS D/B/A MYERS CONSTRUCTION, Ferriday, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JACK MYERS D/B/A MYERS CONSTRUCTION. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion

to find JACK MYERS D/B/A MYERS CONSTRUCTION to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

7. CHARLESTON MILES D/B/A MILES HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC, Boyce, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CHARLESTON MILES D/B/A MILES HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find CHARLESTON MILES D/B/A MILES HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

8. RONALD LEE HENDERSON, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of RONALD LEE HENDERSON. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find RONALD LEE HENDERSON to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

9. BOBBY MARTINEZ, Daphne, Alabama – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BOBBY MARTINEZ. Investigator Brad Hassert, 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. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

10. <u>SCOTT HOGGATT D/B/A REGIONAL COMPLETE HOMES</u>, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of SCOTT HOGGATT D/B/A REGIONAL COMPLETE HOMES. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find SCOTT HOGGATT D/B/A REGIONAL COMPLETE HOMES to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

11. FOUR HORSEMEN HOME IMPROVEMENT, 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 FOUR HORSEMEN HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC. Investigator 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. Mr. Fine made a motion to find FOUR HORSEMEN HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

12. ST CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ST CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find ST CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus

\$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

13. <u>L&B CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION L.L.C.</u>, Thibodaux, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) and La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of L&B CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION L.L.C. Investigator 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. Mr. Landreneau stated that the alleged violation for La. R.S. 37:2185(A) has been dismissed by staff. Mr. Morse made a motion to find L&B CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION L.L.C. to be in violation of La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1), to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

14. a) <u>L&B CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION L.L.C.</u>, Thibodaux, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of L&B CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION L.L.C. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find L&B CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

b) PRESTON LEE PIERCE, JR., Thibodaux, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of PRESTON LEE PIERCE, JR. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find PRESTON LEE PIERCE, JR. to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

15. <u>JONATHAN MILLER D/B/A EVERYTHING UNDER ONE ROOFING</u>, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of JONATHAN MILLER D/B/A EVERYTHING UNDER ONE ROOFING. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find JONATHAN MILLER D/B/A EVERYTHING UNDER ONE ROOFING to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

16. C&M PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., Ruston, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of C & M PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C. Investigator 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. Mr. Morse made a motion to find C & M PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess a fine of ten percent of the project value plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:

 WILFRED LASTRAPE D/B/A W & W PAINTING CARPENTRY & ROOFING, Arnaudville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

G. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

1. JEREMY ELLIS D/B/A J&E CONSTRUCTION, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of JEREMY ELLIS D/B/A J&E CONSTRUCTION. Ms. Morgan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Morgan confirmed service of the rehearing notice for this meeting. Mr. Fine made a motion to deny the rehearing request. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

H. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda.
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Mr. Morse made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-9)

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

J. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 10-14)

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. Fine made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 a.m., and Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elliott Temple, Chairman

Kenneth W. Jones, Vice Chairman