STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Curtis Joseph, on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:

Curtis Joseph, Vice Chairman

Dodie Adams James "Jim" Fine Brandon Golson Travis Manceaux Frank Morse, Jr.

There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Mr. James "Jim" Fine 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.

Ms. Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2025, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

Sean Beavers, Stephanie Belanger, Robert Mehrtens, Jarrod Watson, Susan McCartney, Blaine Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Laurie LaRose, Clay Reavis, David Hamm Wade Day, Todd Eatman, Carrie Morgan, and Logan Cockerham with the Enforcement Division for the board were sworn in.

Mr. Joseph called for any public comments; there was no response.

D. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

1. <u>BLACK BAYOU CONCRETE LLC.</u> Ponchatoula, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2025-0386-01

Staff requested a continuance on behalf of Black Bayou Concrete LLC. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

2. <u>BLADE CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATIONS SERVICES LLC</u>, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)

LSLBC Case 2025-0550-01

No one was present on behalf of BLADE CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATIONS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Todd Eatman, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Eatman 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 BLADE CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION SERVICES LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

3. HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC. Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-1697-01

No one was present on behalf of HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC. Ms. Morgan 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 HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

 ADAMS LAND AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, Larose, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2025-0189-01

Staff requested this matter be continued. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

5. a) <u>3IG LLC.</u> Rayville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-1566-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by 3IG LLC. Wade Day, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Day 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) <u>JOSUE PEREZ D/B/A JPE REMODELING</u>, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-1566-07

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by JOSUE PEREZ D/B/A JPE REMODELING. Wade Day, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Day 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) ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ D/B/A RODRIGUEZ ALVA FLOORING LLC, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-1566-09

Staff requested a continuance on behalf of Mr. Rodriguez. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

d) <u>CARL E. MITCHELL</u>, Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
 LSLBC Case 2024-1566-10

Mr. Landreneau requested the board pass this matter due to a notice of hearing error to be reset at a future date. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request was granted.

 FREDRICK LANCE WADDLES, Keithville, Louisiana -La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0959-01

No one was present on behalf of FREDRICK LANCE WADDLES. Ms. Morgan 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 FREDRICK LANCE WADDLES to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

 SWIFT PAINTING LLC, Livingston, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) and (2) LSLBC Case 2024-1349-01

Matthew Johnson was present on behalf of SWIFT PAINTING LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Johnson entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. 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. Mr. Johnson made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a \$1,000.00 in administrative costs

A & M CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(16) LSLBC Case 2025-0558-01

Austin Pooler was present on behalf of A & M CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Pooler entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. 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. Mr. Pooler made a statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$500.00 fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs provided a license is obtained within 60 days.

BENOIT'S CUSTOM CARPENTRY & REMODELING L.L.C., Montegut, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-1343-01

LSLBC Case 2024-1343-01

No one was present on behalf of BENOIT'S CUSTOM CARPENTRY & REMODELING L.L.C. Ms. Morgan 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 BENOIT'S CUSTOM CARPENTRY & REMODELING L.L.C. to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

JOSE MATA D/B/A CMS CONSTRUCTION, Leesville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) LSLBC Case 2024-0545-01

No one was present on behalf of JOSE MATA D/B/A CMS CONSTRUCTION. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson 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 JOSE MATA D/B/A CMS CONSTRUCTION to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

AQUASTAT, LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(2); 2158(A)(1), 2 counts LSLBC Case 2025-0290-01

Jason Olivier was present on behalf of AQUASTAT, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Olivier entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson 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. Olivier. Mr. Olivier made a statement to the board. Mr. Olivier also made an offer to the board. The board questioned Mr. Olivier. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Olivier. Mr. Olivier's offer was rejected by the board. Mr. Olivier questioned staff. Mr. Olivier made an additional statement to the board. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed an administrative penalty of \$10,000.00 plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

E. STATUTORY CITATION:

JAMES BLACKWELL, Bossier City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0921-01

Mr. Landreneau presented the statutory citation. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the citation as presented.

F. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

 COMPTON BUILDERS LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0526-01

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed the board granted a rehearing of this matter. John Stacey, the son of Shirley Stacey, was sworn in to speak on behalf of Ms. Shirley Stacey and COMPTON BUILDERS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Stacey entered a plea of not guilty. 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. Mr. Stacey questioned Mr. Mehrtens. Mr. Landreneau cross examined Mr. Mehrtens. Mr. Stacey made a statement to the board. Mr. Stacey presented a document to be entered into evidence. Mr. Landreneau examined the document. The board questioned Mr. Landreneau. The board questioned Mr. Stacey. Mr. Mehrtens made an additional statement to the board. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Stacey. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Mehrtens. Ms. Starks admitted the document into evidence. Mr. Stacey made an additional statement to the board. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found COMPTON BUILDERS LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

 CURTIS LAWRENCE, Destrehan, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-0578-04

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed the board granted a rehearing of this matter. Curtis Lawrence was present and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Lawrence entered a plea of no contest. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Stephanie Belanger, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Belanger reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Lawrence made a statement to the board. Mr. Lawrence presented a document to be entered into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Lawrence. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed \$1,000.00 in administrative costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 11:01 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jurtis Joseph, Vice Chairman