STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliott Temple, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present:

Elliott Temple, Chairman

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. 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.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2025, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

Sean Beavers, Logan Cockerham, Robert Mehrtens, Dylan Bourg, Frank Vaughan, Jarrod Watson, David Hamm, Carrie Morgan, and Shannon Sagona with the Enforcement Division for the board were sworn in.

Mr. Temple called for any public comments. Mr. Preston Richard made a statement regarding case 2024-1158-01.

D. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

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

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

2. H. BODDEN RENOVATIONS LLC, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0754-01

Hanford Bodden was present on behalf of H. BODDEN RENOVATIONS LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Sagona gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Bodden 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. Bodden 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 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$2,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs provided the proper license is obtained within 180 days.

3. DONTELL "DJ" GEORGE, JR D/B/A BULLDOG CONTRACTING & ROOFING, Katy, Texas - La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0154-01

No one was present on behalf of DONTELL "DJ" GEORGE, JR D/B/A BULLDOG CONTRACTING & ROOFING. Ms. Sagona 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 DONTELL "DJ" GEORGE, JR D/B/A BULLDOG CONTRACTING & ROOFING to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

4. RIPTIDE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Lockport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(2) and 2158(A)(11) LSLBC Case 2023-1000-01

No one was present on behalf of RIPTIDE CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Ms. Sagona 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 found RIPTIDE CONSTRUCTION, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. The board further ordered the revocation of any current licenses.

5. DUANE FRAZIER, Haughton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0133-01

No one was present on behalf of DUANE FRAZIER. Ms. Sagona 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 found DUANE FRAZIER to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

T AND D CARPENTRY ENTERPRISES, LLC, Lake Charles, Louisiana -La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1), 2158(A)(6) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 107(A)(13) LSLBC Case 2024-0403-01

Staff requested this matter be continued at the request of attorney Wilford D. Carter and on behalf of T AND D CARPENTRY ENTERPRISES, LLC. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

b) PRESTIGE RESTORATION AND CLEANING SERVICES LLC, Destrehan, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1), 2 counts. LSLBC Case 2024-0403-02

No one was present on behalf of PRESTIGE RESTORATION AND CLEANING SERVICES LLC. 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 PRESTIGE RESTORATION AND CLEANING SERVICES LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

7. WILD BUCK CONSTRUCTIONS, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0675-01

No one was present on behalf of WILD BUCK CONSTRUCTIONS, LLC. 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 WILD BUCK CONSTRUCTIONS, LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

8. <u>E & J SERVICES LLC.</u> Plaquemine, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0680-01

No one was present on behalf of E & J SERVICES LLC. 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 E & J SERVICES LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

Boss Construction LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0678-01

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

10. EQUITY CUSTOM BUILDERS LLC, DeSoto, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0829-01

No one was present on behalf of EQUITY CUSTOM BUILDERS LLC. 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 found EQUITY CUSTOM BUILDERS LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

ANDREW ALBARADO D/B/A TRIDENT HVAC, LaPlace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0871-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ANDREW ALBARADO D/B/A TRIDENT HVAC. 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 motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

12. a) HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0591-01

No one was present on behalf of HANDY WORX CONSTRUCTION LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Dylan Bourg, Investigator, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Bourg 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.

b) GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, L.L.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana - La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) LSLBC Case 2024-0591-02

No one was present on behalf of GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, L.L.C. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Dylan Bourg, Investigator, was called to the stand and sworn in. Mr. Bourg 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 GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, L.L.C. to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

13. EMANUEL THOMAS, JR., Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0441-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by EMANUEL THOMAS, JR. 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 motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

- 1. Hubbard Premier Remodeling LLC, Bossier City, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0812-02
- 2. CHARLES GREY CONSTRUCTION CO. LLC, Gray, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0742-01
- 3. GARDEN DISTRICT PATIOS LLC, Lake Charles, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-1158-01
- 4. KENNETH BROWN, Alexandria, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0428-01

Mr. Landreneau presented the statutory citations in globo. Carrie Morgan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the citations as presented.

F. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

 BEL-AIR BUILDING ENTERPRISES, L.L.C., Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1203-01

Jason Bell was present on behalf of BEL-AIR BUILDING ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. and was sworn in. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the rehearing was granted. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Bell 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. Bell questioned Mr. Mehrtens. Mr. Bell made a statement to the board. On motions made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found BEL-AIR BUILDING ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a \$2,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs provided a residential license is obtained within 180 days.

JULIAN E. RODRIGUEZ-VILLA D/B/A JR QUALITY BUILDERS LLC, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)
 LSLBC Case 2023-1650-01

No are was present on behalf of HILLAN E. PODRIC

No one was present on behalf of JULIAN E. RODRIGUEZ-VILLA D/B/A JR QUALITY BUILDERS LLC. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the rehearing request was denied.

 H. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 5)

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

Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-10)

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

J. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 11-13)

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 10:30 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elliott Temple, Chairman

Curtis Joseph, Vice Chairman