#### STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

#### RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

September 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Elliott Temple, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 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 Travis Manceaux Frank Morse, Jr.

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

Mr. Fine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Chimene St. Amant 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 July 17, 2024, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert asked to proceed to cases with representatives present before hearing cases not present.

#### D. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

D. 8. <u>CLAY'S CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.</u>, Baker, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1631-01

Dexter Clay was present on behalf of CLAY'S CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Clay entered a no contest plea. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, was called to the stand and sworn in. 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. Clay made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Clay. 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 \$1,000 in administrative costs only provided a license is obtained within 120 days.

Mr. Hassert asked that a motion be made to proceed with Matter F. 1. Mr. Joseph made a motion to rehear the matter. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. 1. EAGLE EYE RESOURCES, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana— La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) LSLBC Case 2023-0522-01

Attorney Nicholas Varisco was present on behalf of EAGLE EYE RESOURCES, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Varisco entered a not guilty plea. Stephanie Belanger, Investigator, was called to the stand and sworn in. 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. Varisco made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Varisco. Mr. Varisco withdrew his client's not guilty plea and entered a no contest plea and presented a settlement offer of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, including the no contest plea.

### F. 2. <u>DIKEN CONSTRUCTION LLC</u>, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2022-1779-01

Dionisio Batiz and interpreter, Maria Edwards, were present on behalf of DIKEN CONSTRUCTION LLC and were sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board granted the hearing for reconsideration of the penalty. 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 reentered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Batiz made a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Batiz. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board upheld the previous penalty for DIKEN CONSTRUCTION LLC of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 administrative costs to be reduced to a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 administrative costs, granting an additional 180 days to obtain a residential license as a condition for the reduction of penalty.

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

#### D.1. <u>ALEXANDER GONZALEZ D/B/A FULL METAL BUILDINGS</u>, Pearl River, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0038-01

No one was present on behalf of ALEXANDER GONZALEZ D/B/A FULL METAL BUILDINGS. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, was called to the stand and sworn in. 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 ALEXANDER GONZALEZ D/B/A FULL METAL BUILDINGS to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

### 2. WOODZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1375-01

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

# 3. WILLIAM BOSWELL D/B/A B & H ROAD SERVICE LLC, Texarkana, Arkansas – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1541-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by WILLIAM BOSWELL D/B/A B & H ROAD SERVICE LLC. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

### 4. SANDERS CONTRACTING SERVICES L.L.C., Lake Charles, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1496-01

Ms. Morgan submitted a continuance request on behalf of Sanders Contracting Services L.L.C. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

### 5. E & J ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1620-01

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

### 6. <u>C & S MEASUREMENT LLC</u>, Shreveport, Louisiana -La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1623-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by C & S MEASUREMENT LLC. Jarrod Watson, Investigator, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

#### SAMBO'S HANDYMAN SERVICE LLC, Many, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0132-01

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

# a) NAVY SILLS HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) and La. R.S. 37:2185(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1545-01

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

### b) <u>ALL THINGS NEW CONSTRUCTION LLC.</u> Destrehan, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) LSLBC Case 2023-1545-02

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

### 10. R.L. TRAYLOR ENTERPRISES, LLC, Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1495-01

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

### 11. TRADEMARK ROOFING SOLUTIONS LLC, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1619-01

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

# 12. a) HECTOR VILLARREAL D/B/A POPULAR CONSTRUCTION, Pasadena, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1625-01

No one was present on behalf of HECTOR VILLARREAL D/B/A POPULAR CONSTRUCTION. 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 HECTOR VILLARREAL D/B/A POPULAR CONSTRUCTION to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

#### b) <u>ARTURO (ARTHUR) OSTEQUIN D/B/A POPULAR CONSTRUCTION</u>, Pasadena, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1625-02

No one was present on behalf of ARTURO (ARTHUR) OSTEQUIN D/B/A POPULAR CONSTRUCTION. 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 ARTURO (ARTHUR) OSTEQUIN D/B/A POPULAR CONSTRUCTION to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

## 13. <u>JULIAN E. RODRIGUEZ-VILLA D/B/A JR QUALITY BUILDERS LLC.</u> Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

LSLBC Case 2023-1650-01

No one was present on behalf of JULIAN E. RODRIGUEZ-VILLA D/B/A JR QUALITY BUILDERS 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 JULIAN E. RODRIGUEZ-VILLA D/B/A JR QUALITY BUILDERS LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

### 14. <u>ALL-IN-ONE HOME REPAIR LLC.</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2024-0057-01

No one was present on behalf of ALL-IN-ONE HOME REPAIR 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 ALL-IN-ONE HOME REPAIR LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

#### J-NEWCOMB SHEET METAL LLC. Lockport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1564-01

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

### 16. <u>COMPLETE PRECISION CONSTRUCTION LLC</u>, Pineville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1563-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by COMPLETE PRECISION CONSTRUCTION LLC. Robert Mehrtens, Investigator, 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

## 17. <u>C & W SERVICES LLC</u>, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2022-1694-01

No one was present on behalf of C & W SERVICES LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Sean Beavers, Enforcement Director, was called to the stand and sworn in. Mr. Beavers 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 C & W SERVICES LLC to be in violation and assessed an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

### 18. <u>HERCULES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES L.L.C.</u>, Mandeville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) LSLBC Case 2023-1016-01

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by HERCULES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES L.L.C. Sean Beavers, Enforcement 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. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea.

#### ASGUARD ROOFING LLC, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) LSLBC Case 2023-1643-01

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

#### **E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:**

Ms. Morgan presented the statutory citations. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the statutory citations as presented.

#### F. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

Matters F. 1. And F. 2. were heard earlier in the meeting.

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

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

H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-17)

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

I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 18-23)

Ms. Joseph made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Manceaux made a motion to adjourn at 10:38 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elligtt Temple, Chairman

Curtis Joseph, Vice Chairman