

MEETING OF THE
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION

March 20, 2024, 9:30 A.M.
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Todd Parker at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Kayla Hurst-Toussaint.

Members present: Todd Parker, Dr. Ansel Rankins, Jarrod Horton, and Matthew Kimbrough

A quorum was present.

Others present: Kelly Moore – LDAF, Kiara Moore – LDAF, Terrel Kent – Hearing Officer, Kayla Hurst-Toussaint – LDAF, Lebra Bias – LDAF Attorney, Meredith Williams-Mautemps – LDAF AES 2, Jeffrey Fabre – LDAF Auditor, Desha Bethal – LDAF AES 3, and Angela Jackson – LDAF Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jarrod Horton and passed unanimously.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

Hearing Officer Terrel Kent conducted the hearing. LDAF Attorney Lebra Bias presented the following cases:

Stacy Dufrene
Bugs RIP Pest Control, LLC
P.O. Box 3158
Slidell, LA 70459

Case No.: 24-SPCC-2513

The Department charged Ms. Dufrene with:

Two-Hundred-nine (209) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.117(K)
Two-Hundred-nine (209) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.117(L),

Ms. Dufrene was present and sworn in by the Hearing Officer.

Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibit 1 into the record.

Ms. Bias called Ms. Meredith Williams-Mautemps, LDAF AES 2, as a witness. Ms. Williams-Mautemps was sworn in by the Hearing Officer. Ms. Bias questioned Ms. Williams-Mautemps regarding her investigation involving Ms. Dufrene. Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibit 2 into the record.

Ms. Bias called Mr. Jeffery Fabre, LDAF Audit Supervisor, as a witness. Mr. Fabre was sworn in by the Hearing Officer. Ms. Bias questioned Mr. Fabre regarding his investigation involving Ms. Dufrene. Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibit 3 into the record.

Ms. Bias called Ms. Desha Bethal, LDAF AES 3, as a witness. Ms. Bethal was sworn in by the Hearing Officer. Ms. Bias questioned Ms. Bethal regarding her investigation involving Ms. Dufrene. Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibits 4 and 5 into the record.

Ms. Bias called Ms. Kelly Moore, LDAF Director of Structural Pest Control, as a witness. Ms. Moore was sworn in by the Hearing Officer. Ms. Bias questioned Ms. Moore regarding documents received from Ms. Dufrene. Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibit 6 into the record.

Dr. Ansel Rankins Sr., questioned Ms. Dufrene.

Ms. Dufrene made a statement to the commission.

Mr. Matthew Kimbrough questioned Ms. Dufrene.

Ms. Dufrene made a statement to the commission.

Dr. Ansel Rankins Sr., questioned Ms. Dufrene.

Ms. Dufrene made a statement to the commission.

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to find Ms. Dufrene in violation of the charges presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jarrod Horton and passed unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Ansel Rankins, Sr. made a motion to assess a penalty of \$2,976.00 with a \$250 per month payment plan within 12 months and with the stipulation that if the penalty is not paid within the 12 months, Ms. Dufrene's license will be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew Kimbrough and passed unanimously.

Stacey Dufrene
d/b/a Bugs RIP Pest Control, LLC
P.O. Box 3158
Slidell, LA 70459

Case No.: 23-SPCC-2530

The Department charged Ms. Stacy with:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.117(H),
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.101(B),
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.141(C),
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.121(B),
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14) specifically, LAC 7:XXV.119(A),

Ms. Dufrene was present and sworn in by the Hearing Officer.

Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibit 1 into the record.

Ms. Bias called Ms. Desha Bethal, LDAF AES 3, as a witness. Ms. Bethal was sworn in by the Hearing Officer. Ms. Bias questioned Ms. Bethal regarding her investigation involving Ms. Dufrene. Ms. Bias admitted LDAF's Exhibits 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 into the record.

Ms. Dufrene made a statement.

Mr. Jarrod Horton questioned Ms. Dufrene.

Ms. Dufrene made a statement to the commission.

Dr. Ansel Rankins Sr., questioned Ms. Dufrene.

Ms. Dufrene made a statement to the commission.

Motion: Mr. Todd Parker made a motion to find Ms. Dufrene in violation of the charges presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jarrod Horton and passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to assess a penalty of \$4,100.00 with monthly a payment plan over a period of 12 months and with the stipulation that Ms. Dufrene attend a Master Termite Course. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jarrod Horton and passed unanimously.

STIPULATED CASES

Steven Jackson

Case No. 24-SPCC-2540

Terminix International CO LP The- Alexandria (2653)
3405-B Rosalino St.
Alexandria, LA 71301

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ansel Rankins, Sr. and passed unanimously.

Curnis Suire

Case No. 24-SPCC-2542

Guaranty Exterminating Co.
19263 Hwy 90 West
Crowley, LA 70526

Motion: Mr. Todd Parker made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew Kimbrough and passed unanimously.

Andy McDonald

Case No. 24-SPCC-2543

Killer for Hire, LLC
1712 Benton Rd.
Bossier City, LA 71111

Motion: Mr. Todd Parker made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew Kimbrough and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

LPMA Report: – *Layne Salvant and Jeff Hargrave*

- Winter Convention- January 30-31, 2023, raised over \$35,000.00.
- May 22, 2024- Rural Caucus Luncheon

SPCC Subcommittee Nominations

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion was second by Dr. Ansel Rankins Sr. and passed unanimously.

LDAF Report: – *Kelly Moore*

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

STATUS REPORT

Ms. Kelly Moore presented the status report.

LICENSEE APPLICATIONS

Marlene Duhon requested to be approved to retest for licensee phases- LP1, LP2, LP3.

She will have to attend a Master Termite Course in order to test in LP3 – Termite Control.

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to approve the retest except for Termite Control, pending CACTP completion. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ansel Rankins Sr. and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

June 18, 2024 at 9:30 AM

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Mr. Matthew Kimbrough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jarrod Horton and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 12:04 p.m.