STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple

Dodie Adams

Jim Fine

Travis Manceaux

Frank Morse, Jr.

Craig Stevens

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; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Elaine Riggins, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Fine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2021, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Fine 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.

NEW BUSINESS

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

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

* 1. a) Fred Raymond Rainwater, Sr. d/b/a Rainwater & Son’s Roofing Contractors Inc., DeRidder, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by FRED RAYMOND RAINWATER, SR. D/B/A RAINWATER & SON’S ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

 b) Carlos M. Soto d/b/a SOS Contractors Group, Angleton, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CARLOS M. SOTO D/B/A SOS CONTRACTORS GROUP. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Creed Services LLC, Wylie, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of CREED SERVICES LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 CREED SERVICES LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Built To Last Roofing Inc, Dallas, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) and 2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of BUILT TO LAST ROOFING INC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 BUILT TO LAST ROOFING INC to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Anthony Trahan d/b/a Trahan’s Handyman Specialest (sic), Erath, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ANTHONY TRAHAN D/B/A TRAHAN’S HANDYMAN SPECIALEST (SIC). Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 ANTHONY TRAHAN D/B/A TRAHAN’S HANDYMAN SPECIALEST (SIC) to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Roger’s Avelino Martinez Construction LLC, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ROGER’S AVELINO MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 ROGER’S AVELINO MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Dorrel Triche, III, Laplace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of DORREL TRICHE, III. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 DORREL TRICHE, III to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Nickolas Morris d/b/a Jesse’s Patios and Siding, Pierre Part, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of NICKOLAS MORRIS D/B/A JESSE’S PATIOS AND SIDING. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 NICKOLAS MORRIS D/B/A JESSE’S PATIOS AND SIDING to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. DCF Construction and Supply LLC, Haughton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5), 10 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Clay Fowler was present on behalf of DCF CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Fowler entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance 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. Mr. Hassert provided testimony to the board. Mr. Fowler gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Fowler. Mr. Hassert provided additional testimony to the board. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a $1500 fine plus $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. a) Colony Homes, LLC, Covington, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by COLONY HOMES, LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

b) Kaypa Construction LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by KAYPA CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Level Construction & Development, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by LEVEL CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Redstick Roofing Specialists LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(3) and Rules and Regulations of the Board Section 105(B)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and stated that the violation listed on the agenda should only be for general liability and not workers’ compensation. No one was present on behalf of REDSTICK ROOFING SPECIALISTS LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 REDSTICK ROOFING SPECIALISTS LLC to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. a) iBuild LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by IBUILD LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

b) Coco Construction of New Orleans LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by COCO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ORLEANS LLC. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Scott Clark, Port Allen, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of SCOTT CLARK. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, 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 CLARK to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Priscila Jeesels Garcia d/b/a Vertical Construction Services, Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Priscila Garcia was present on behalf of PRISCILA JEESELS GARCIA D/B/A VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES and was sworn in. Ms. Garcia entered a denial plea. Brad Hassert, Compliance 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. Mr. Landreneau questioned Ms. Garcia. Ms. Garcia gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Ms. Garcia. Mr. Morse made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Bond Construction Company, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by BOND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:

1. Allsafe Restoration LLC, Chalmette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) and 2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ALLSAFE RESTORATION LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

G. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

1. Isai Lopez d/b/a Leah’s Desing (sic) & Construction, Tickfaw, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Isai Lopez was present on behalf of ISAI LOPEZ D/B/A LEAH’S DESING (SIC) & CONSTRUCTION and was sworn in. Marvin Maldonado was present as an interpreter for Mr. Lopez and was sworn in. With the assistance of the interpreter, Mr. Lopez addressed the board regarding the request for a rehearing. Mr. Temple made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Lopez entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Leann Evans was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Evans reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. With the assistance of the interpreter, Mr. Lopez gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Lopez. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a $500 fine plus $500 in administrative costs if the company obtains the proper license within 90 days. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

<Matter 13. under D. Compliance Hearings was reheard when Mr. Scott Clark arrived late.>

1. 13. Scott Clark, Port Allen, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

The board was notified that SCOTT CLARK related to matter D. 13 under Compliance Hearings had arrived late. Staff requested that the board rehear this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to rehear this matter. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Staff then requested that this matter be continued for a future board date. Mr. Temple made a motion to continue this matter. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

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. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

I. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-11)

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

J. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 12-17)

Mr. Morse made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morse made a motion to adjourn at 10:41 a.m., and Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

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 Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman