

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman
 Elliott Temple
 Rob Hamilton
 Jim Fine
 Frank Morse, Jr.

Member Wesley L. “Wes” Wyman, Jr was absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Brent Templet, Elaine Riggins, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux, Monica Davis, John Dixon, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; compliance investigators, Jessica Jones, Laurie LaRose, Bobbie Hughes; 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 November 21, 2019, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert had no guests to introduce; however, Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General’s office did arrive later in the meeting.

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. **ALEX REYES D/B/A NORTH AMERICAN ROOFING CO.**, Tomball, Texas – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by ALEX REYES D/B/A NORTH AMERICAN ROOFING CO. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

2. **CAL TRICHELL D/B/A CAL TRICHELL ELECTRICAL & CARPENTRY,** Tallulah, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by CAL TRICHELL D/B/A CAL TRICHELL ELECTRICAL & CARPENTRY. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

3. **FIREMAN ROOFING LLC**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

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

4. **SIMON'S REMODELING & RENOVATIONS, L.L.C.**, Des Allemands, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by SIMON'S REMODELING & RENOVATIONS, L.L.C. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

5. **DONALD SCOTT D/B/A S SQUARED CONTRACTING**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by DONALD SCOTT D/B/A S SQUARED CONTRACTING. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

6. **MR. GREEN JEANS INSULATION LLC**, Gonzales, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Terry Villar was present on behalf of MR. GREEN JEANS INSULATION LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Villar entered a denial plea. Investigator Marianne Sullivan was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Sullivan 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. Villar. Mr. Villar gave a statement to the board. Mr. Villar entered documents into evidence and they were admitted. The board questioned Mr. Villar. Mr. Morse made a motion to dismiss the matter. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

7. a) **MORROW BUILDERS LLC**, Saint Francisville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer submitted by MORROW BUILDERS LLC. 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) **CESAR ESPINOSA**, Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

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

8. **FINISH ONE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jay Nickisher was present on behalf of FINISH ONE CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Nickisher entered a denial plea. Investigator Bobbie Hughes was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. Hughes 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. Nickisher. Mr. Nickisher gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Nickisher. Mr. Temple made a motion to find FINISH ONE CONSTRUCTION LLC to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

9. **WINSTON L. BRUMFIELD**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of WINSTON L. BRUMFIELD. Homeowner Aisha Griffin was present and was sworn in. Investigator Bobbie Hughes, who was previously sworn in, was called to the stand. Ms. Hughes 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 WINSTON L. BRUMFIELD to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Griffin provided testimony to the board regarding this matter.

E. **STATUTORY CITATIONS:**

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

OLD BUSINESS

F. **COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:**

1. **UNIVERSAL CONSTRUCTIONS L.L.C.**, Houma, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A) & 2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Tommy Jenkins was present on behalf of UNIVERSAL CONSTRUCTIONS L.L.C. and was sworn in. Mr. Jenkins entered a no contest plea for 2167(A) and a denial plea for 2185(A). Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept the no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Investigator Laurie LaRose was called to the stand and was sworn in. Ms. LaRose 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. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins gave a statement to the board. Christopher Randolph was also present and was sworn in. Mr. Randolph provided testimony to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to dismiss the alleged violation for 2185(A). Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Jenkins gave an additional statement to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$250 fine plus \$250 in administrative costs for 2167(A). Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

G. **REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:**

1. **CHRISTY RENOVATIONS LLC**, Haywood, California – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that this company had requested a rehearing. No one was present on behalf of CHRISTY RENOVATIONS LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to deny the rehearing request. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

2. **TORO TREE EXPERTS, LLC**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan stated that this company had requested a rehearing. No one was present on behalf of TORO TREE EXPERTS, LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to deny the rehearing request. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

3. **UNDER PRESSURE CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.**, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Ms. Morgan also read the settlement offer submitted by UNDER PRESSURE CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. Mr. Hamilton made a motion grant the rehearing request. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 4-6)

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

I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 7-9)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m., and Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman