

STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Vice Chairman, William J. Clouatre, on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

William J. Clouatre, Vice-Chairman
N.R. "Noah" Broussard
Kristen Brown
Kyle Condon
Kim DiGiovanni
David Gallo
Adam Guinn
Steven Hackworth
Donald G. Lambert
Andy Lopez
Garland Meredith
Christopher Stuart
Elliott Temple

Lee Mallett, Chairman, and members Brian Bordelon, Harvey Honoré, Curtis Joseph, and Keith Tillage were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Ms. Brown 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. Lambert made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2026, regular meeting. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

Jarrold Watson, John Leblanc, Frank Vaughan, Kristen McKey, Susan McCartney, Lonnie Lusco, Erika Segura, Logan Cockerham, Dylan Bourg, Carrie Morgan, Joseph Anderson, Brad Hassert, and Sean Beavers with the Enforcement Division were sworn in.

No public comment was received.

NEW BUSINESS

D. HEARINGS:

1. **LONE WOLF ROOFING LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-0911-01

Clare Manale was present on behalf of LONE WOLF ROOFING LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Ms. Manale requested a continuance to allow her attorney to be present. Executive Director Brad Hassert, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert gave a statement. The board questioned Ms. Manale. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Gallo, and unanimously passed, a final continuance was granted for LSLBC cases 2025-0911-01 and 2025-1482-02.

2. **LONE WOLF ROOFING LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5)
LSLBC Case 2025-1482-02
Continued under agenda item D.1.

3. **DANNY J. GILREATH D/B/A MCGIL CONTRACTORS LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0832-02

No one was present on behalf of DANNY J. GILREATH D/B/A MCGIL CONTRACTORS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator John Leblanc, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Leblanc reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the board found DANNY J. GILREATH D/B/A MCGIL CONTRACTORS LLC to be in violation and assessed the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

4. a) **SUNSTRA LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1158-01

No one was present on behalf of SUNSTRA LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Frank Vaughan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Temple, and unanimously passed, the board found SUNSTRA LLC to be in violation. On motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Broussard, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

- b) **GROUNDUP SOLAR & ELECTRICAL LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), (7), and (18)
LSLBC Case 2025-1158-02

Jack Garrett and attorney Teresa Cop were present on behalf of GROUNDUP SOLAR & ELECTRICAL LLC. Mr. Garrett was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Ms. Cop entered a plea of no contest to the violation of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) on behalf of Mr. Garrett. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Ms. Cop entered a plea of no contest to the violation of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7) on behalf of Mr. Garrett. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Brown, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Ms. Cop requested clarification on the La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(18) statute quoted in the violation notice. Mr. Demmons reviewed statute in question and stated that it was the correct statute entered at the time of violation.

Investigator Frank Vaughan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence. Ms. Cop objected to the inclusion of pages 99-121. The exhibit packet, sans pages 99-121, was admitted without objection. Ms. Cop questioned Mr. Vaughan. Ms. Cop produced documents to be entered into evidence and they were admitted. Ms. Cop questioned Mr. Garrett. Mr. Demmons questioned Mr. Garrett. Ms. Cop made a statement to the board. The board questioned Ms. Cop. The board questioned Mr. Garrett and noted a potential violation regarding qualifying parties.

On motion made by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Stuart, and unanimously passed, the board found GROUNDUP SOLAR & ELECTRICAL LLC not guilty of the violation of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(18).

On motion made by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Lambert, and unanimously passed, the board assessed \$1,000 in administrative costs as penalty for violations of La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4) and (7).

Chairman Lee Mallett arrived to the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m. prior to the beginning of agenda item 5.

5. a) **JK CONTRACTORS, INC.**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 5 counts
LSLBC Case 2024-0079-01

Ravita Kumar was present on behalf of JK CONTRACTORS, INC., and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Ms. Kumar entered a guilty plea. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Ms. Kumar made a statement to the board. The board questioned Ms. Kumar. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of a \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

- b) **ISS EQUIPMENT, LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-0079-03

No one was present on behalf of ISS EQUIPMENT, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Kristen McKey, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the board found ISS EQUIPMENT, LLC to be in violation. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

- c) **RIVER QUEEN LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-0079-05

Abdel Abukhalil was present on behalf of RIVER QUEEN LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Abukhalil entered a plea of not guilty. Investigator Kristen McKey, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McKey reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Abukhalil provided testimony to the board. After discussion and clarification of pleas, Mr. Abukhalil amended his plea to no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the plea of no contest was accepted. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Temple, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of \$1,000 plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

6. a) **WISHING TOWN BAKERY CAFÉ LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-0347-01

Wenjian Zheng was present on behalf of WISHING TOWN BAKERY CAFÉ LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Zheng entered a plea of not guilty. Investigator Susan McCartney, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. McCartney reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Zheng provided testimony to the board. The board questioned Mr. Zheng. Ms. Starks requested a continuance to allow an appropriate translator to be present. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Gallo, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted for LSLBC Cases 2025-0347-01, 2025-0347-02, and 2025-0347-03.

- b) **DRAGON LIMITED, INC.**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8)
LSLBC Case 2025-0347-02
Continued under agenda item D.6.a.

- c) **DENG'S MAINTENANCE LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-0347-03
Continued under agenda item D.6.a.

7. a) **CHRISTIAN PIERCE KORVER**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2024-1446-02

No one was present on behalf of CHRISTIAN PIERCE KORVER. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Lonnie Lusco, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Lusco reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motions made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the board found CHRISTIAN PIERCE KORVER to be in violation and assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

- b) **KORVER DEMOLITION LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-1446-03

No one was present on behalf of KORVER DEMOLITION LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Lonnie Lusco, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Lusco reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the Board found KORVER DEMOLITION LLC to be in violation. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Condon, and unanimously passed, the Board assessed a penalty of a \$6,217.54 fine plus \$1,000.00 in administrative costs. After discussion, Mr. Temple amended his motion to assess a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Condon and unanimously passed.

8. **JCS PAVE LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11), (13)(b), and (22)
LSLBC Case 2025-1577-01

Ms. Morgan presented a continuance request on behalf of JCS PAVE LLC. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

9. **JCS PAVE LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11), (13)(b), and (22)
LSLBC Case 2025-1578-01

Ms. Morgan presented a continuance request on behalf of JCS PAVE LLC. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the continuance was granted.

10. **SAMUEL MADISON TILLMAN**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8)
LSLBC Case 2025-0316-01

Samuel Madison Tillman was present and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Tillman entered a plea of no contest. On motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the plea. Investigator Erika Segura, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Ms. Segura reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Tillman provided testimony to the board. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded by Ms. Brown, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

11. **HR3 PRODUCTIONS LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
LSLBC Case 2025-1360-03

No one was present on behalf of HR3 PRODUCTIONS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Frank Vaughan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Broussard, and unanimously passed, the board found HR3 PRODUCTIONS LLC to be in

violation. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Gallo, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

12. **HR3 PRODUCTIONS LLC**, La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(18)
LSLBC Case 2025-1661-01

No one was present on behalf of HR3 PRODUCTIONS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Frank Vaughan, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Vaughan reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found HR3 PRODUCTIONS LLC to be in violation. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1,000 in administrative costs.

E. SETTLEMENT OFFERS:

Ms. Morgan presented the settlement offers in globo. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. It was noted that none of the respondents were present. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offers as presented. All settlement offers include a plea of no contest to the violation(s).

1. **INDUSTRIAL PLANT SOLUTIONS LLC**, – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)
LSLBC Case 2024-1642-02
2. **INDUSTRIAL PLANT SOLUTIONS LLC**, – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)
LSLBC Case 2025-1470-01
3. **DYLAN JOSEPH MANALE SURRENDERING QUALIFYING PARTY STATUS NUMBER 8977530**, – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(6), RR 113(B)
LSLBC Case 2025-1482-01

F. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

Ms. Morgan presented the statutory citations in globo. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. It was noted that the respondents were not present. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the statutory citations as presented. All statutory citations include a plea of no contest to the violation(s).

1. **LOUIS EDWARD BOURGEOIS D/B/A BOURGEOIS ENTERPRISE**, – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-0316-02
2. **HOUSTON CHRIS JENKINS**, – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 2 counts
LSLBC Case 2025-0007-01
3. **DAVID NAVALANCE D/B/A DIVERSED TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS**, – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-0007-03

G. EXEMPTION REQUESTS:

Based on committee recommendations, Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the application of exemption from exam as listed on the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed with Mr. Hackworth recusing himself.

1. Richardson, Robert Beryl – Highway, Street and Bridge Construction (Approved)

H. DENIAL APPEALS:

1. Mr. Hassert stated that Joseph Hardy Construction, Inc. has hired counsel and requested a continuance. The continuance was granted.
2. Mr. Hassert stated that the case with Moser Precision Builders, LLC, was resolved on April 15, 2026.

I. REPORTS:

1. Treasurer Report – Mr. Hassert made a statement.
2. Staff Report – Mr. Hassert made a brief statement regarding staff and gave an update on legislative matters.

J. BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken by the Residential Building Subcommittee on April 15, 2026. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



Lee Mallett, Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary