STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

COMMERCIAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commercial Board was called to order by the Chairman, Lee Mallett, on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:
Lee Mallett, Chairman
William J. Clouatre, Vice-Chairman
Kristen Brown
Kyle Condon
Nicholas Daigle
Steven Hackworth
Curtis Joseph
Donald G. Lambert (from 9:15 a.m.)
Andy Lopez (until 10:55 a.m.)
Garland Meredith
Elliott Temple

Members Brian Bordelon, N.R. "Noah" Broussard, Kim DiGiovani, David Gallo, Adam Guinn, Harvey Honoré, Christopher Stuart, and Keith Tillage were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. Kyle Condon 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. Temple made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2026, regular meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Laurie LaRose, Andy Futrell, Kristen McKey, Blaine Anderson, Erika Segura, Jarrod Watson, John LeBlanc, Frank Vaughan, Dylan Bourg, Logan Cockerham, Carrie Morgan, and Sean Beavers with the Enforcement Division were sworn in.

No public comment was received.

D. **REHEARING REQUEST:**

1. **RED STAG LAND MANAGEMENT,** Thibodaux, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2025-0498-01

   No one was present on behalf of RED STAG LAND MANAGEMENT. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board denied the rehearing request.

E. **HEARINGS:**

1. **ELITE REFRACTORY, LLC,** Hahnville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2026-0181-01

   Daniel Pannelli was present on behalf of ELITE REFRACTORY, LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Pannelli entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Investigator Andy Futrell, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Futrell reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Pannelli made a statement to the board and made a settlement offer of a $500 fine

plus $1,000 in administrative costs. On motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer of a fine of $500 plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

2. a) **MZI GROUP, INC,** Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0659-04

Mr. Demmons requested to consolidate items 2.a., 2.b., and 2.c. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the request for consolidation was granted. No one was present on behalf of MZI GROUP, INC. 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 motions made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found MZI GROUP, INC. to be in violation and assessed a penalty of a $5,000 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

b) **MZI TELECOM CORP.,** Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0659-05

On motions made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found MZI TELECOM CORP. to be in violation and assessed a penalty of a $5,000 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

c) **MZI SOUTH LLC,** Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0659-06

On motions made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found MZI SOUTH LLC to be in violation and assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

d) **EDUARDO RAMOS D/B/A ERP CONSTRUCTION**, Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2023-0659-07

No one was present on behalf of EDUARDO RAMOS d/b/a ERP CONSTRUCTION. 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. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found EDUARDO RAMOS d/b/a ERP CONSTRUCTION to be in violation. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

3. **MARCIAL BARDALES,** Hammond, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2024-1224-03

Attorney John Venezia was present on behalf of MARCIAL BARDALES. Marcial Bardales was present but did not testify. Maria Edwards, Interpreter, was present and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Venezia entered a plea of no contest on behalf of his client. On motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Investigator Blaine Anderson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Venezia made an offer to the board of a $1,000 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs on behalf of his client. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the settlement offer as presented.

4. **SPRINGS METALS, LLC,** Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1389-03

Attorney James Vilas was present on behalf of SPRINGS METALS LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. After discussion, Mr. Vilas entered a plea of no contest on behalf of his client. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. 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. Vilas provided testimony to the board on behalf of his client and presented a settlement offer of a $500 fine and $1,000 in administrative costs. Mr. Demmons recommended assessing a $10,000 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a $1,000 fine and $1,000 in administrative costs if the license is obtained within 180 days. The board questioned Mr. Vilas. On motion made by Mr. Lopez, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board rejected the settlement offer. On motion made by Mr. Condon, and seconded, the board assessed a penalty of a $1,000 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a $500 fine and $1,000 in administrative costs if the license is obtained within 180 days. Mr. Temple amended the motion to assess the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a $500 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs if the license is obtained within 180 days. The amended motion was seconded. After discussion, staff informed Mr. Vilas that his client is not required to pass a test to obtain the labor-only license. The board unanimously passed the amended motion to assess the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs to be reduced to a $500 fine plus $1,000 administrative costs if the license is obtained within 180 days.

5. a) **EMERSON FLOORING LLC,** Edgard, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1610-02

No one was present on behalf of EMERSON FLOORING LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Blaine Anderson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson 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, and unanimously passed, the board found EMERSON FLOORING LLC to be in violation and assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

b) **MURRAY CONSTRUCTION LLC,** Edgard, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1610-03

Considered under Section F. Settlement Offers.

6. **ARCADIA CONSTRUCTION, INC.,** Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8)
LSLBC Case 2024-1327-01

Considered under Section F. Settlement Offers.

7. **WELLS WATER WELL, LLC,** Franklinton, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2026-1102-01

James Wells and Paula Wells were present on behalf of WELLS WATER WELL LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Wells entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Lopez, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. 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. Wells and his wife provided testimony to the board. Mr. Hassert explained that the Conservation and Energy's license was valid until June 30, 2026 and Mr. Wells needed to have a contractor's license with the LSBLC as of July 1 to move forward. There was a gap period where a contractor needed to be licensed with both entities. Mr. Hassert recommended that the board dismiss this charge. The board questioned Mr. Wells. On motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board dismissed the charge.

8. a) **CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC,** New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8)
LSLBC Case 2025-1273-02

Jesse Carr, Jr., was present on behalf of CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC and was sworn in. Jesse Carr, Sr., was present on behalf of CARR'S ELECTRICAL,INC. and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Demmons requested to consolidate items 8.a. and 8.b. for hearing purposes. On motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board approved consolidation of items 8.a. and 8.b. Mr. Carr, Jr. and Mr. Carr, Sr. entered pleas of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the pleas

were accepted. Investigator Dylan Bourg, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Bourg reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Carr, Jr. provided testimony to the board. Ms. Morgan repeated the summary of the allegations. The board questioned Mr. Bourg. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed CARR'S ELECTRIC CO., LLC a penalty of a $1,000 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

b) **CARR'S ELECTRICAL INC.,** New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1273-03

This matter was consolidated with LSLBC Case 2025-1273-02 for hearing purposes. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed CARR'S ELECTRICAL, INC. a penalty of no fine and $1,000 in administrative costs.

c) **CHAD THOMS D/B/A SERVICE ELECTRIC NOLA,** New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1273-04

Chad Thoms was present on behalf of CHAD THOMS d/b/a SERVICE ELECTRIC NOLA and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Thoms entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Investigator Dylan Bourg, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Bourg reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Thoms provided testimony to the board. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of a $500 fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

b) a) **J.M. LYONS CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.,** Montgomery, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11); 2158(A)(16)
LSLBC Case 2025-1688-01

Mr. Demmons requested consolidation of items 9.a. and 9.c. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board approved consolidation of items 9.a. and 9.c. John Lyons was present on behalf of J.M. LYONS CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C. and sworn in. JAMES PHILLIP LYONS was present and sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. John Lyons entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. James Lyons entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Investigator Andy Futrell, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Futrell reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Demmons requested the revocation of licensure for the company and surrender of the qualifying party status for the individual given the nature of the violations. John Lyons provided testimony to the board. The board questioned James Lyons. Mr. Demmons questioned John Lyons. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered revocation of the license and qualifying party status.

b) **JOHN MARTIN LYONS, SR,** Montgomery, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11)
LSLBC Case 2025-1688-02

Considered under Section F. Settlement Offers.

c) **JAMES PHILLIP LYONS,** Montgomery, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11)
LSLBC Case 2025-1688-03

This matter was consolidated under item 9.a. LSLBC Case 2025-1688-01.

Staff requested a brief recess at 10:36 a.m. The board reconvened at 10:39 a.m., at which time roll was called. Members of the board present were Lee Mallett, Chairman, William J. Clouatre, Vice-Chairman, Kristen Brown, Kyle Condon, Nicholas Daigle, Steven Hackworth, Curtis Joseph, Donald G. Lambert, Andy Lopez, Garland Meredith, and Elliott Temple. There being a quorum present, the meeting resumed.

10. **VU GENERAL CONTRACTORS LLC,** Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1), 2 counts
LSLBC Case 2025-0948-01

Tony Vu was present on behalf of VU GENERAL CONTRACTORS LLC and was sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Vu entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. 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. Vu provided testimony to the board. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs, to be reduced to a fine of $1,000 plus $1,000 in administrative costs if the license is obtained within 180 days.

11. **SEMPER FI INDUSTRIAL COATINGS INC.,** Laplace, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1558-02

No one was present on behalf of SEMPER FI INDUSTRIAL COATINGS INC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Investigator Blaine Anderson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Anderson 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. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board found SEMPER FI INDUSTRIAL COATINGS INC to be in violation and assessed a penalty of the maximum fine plus $1,000 in administrative costs.

11. a) **SARTIN, LLC** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(5)
LSLBC Case 2026-1129-01

Attorney Jeff Prattini and Tiffany Sartin Rideaux were present on behalf of Sartin, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Prattini entered a plea of no contest on behalf of his client. On motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Investigator Jarrod Watson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. Mr. Prattini made a statement to the board on behalf of his client. The board questioned Mr. Prattini. Mr. Demmons provided clarification on qualifying party status and recommended surrender of the license. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the surrender of the Sartin LLC license.

b) **ZEB O'NEAL SARTIN** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11)
LSLBC Case 2026-1129-02

ZEB O'NEAL SARTIN was present and sworn in. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Sartin entered a plea of no contest. On motion made by Mr. Temple, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. Investigator Jarrod Watson, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Watson reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted over objection. Mr. Demmons requested that the qualifying party status of Mr. Sartin be revoked given the serious nature of the issues in the case. Mr. Sartin provided testimony to the board. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board ordered the revocation of Mr. Sartin's qualifying party status.

13. **SARTIN, LLC,** Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1) and 2158(A)(18)
LSLBC Case 2026-1152-01

Attorney Jeff Prattini and Tiffany Sartin Rideaux were present on behalf of SARTIN, LLC. Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Mr. Prattini entered a plea of no contest on behalf of his client and offered the prior surrender of license as the penalty. On motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded, and unanimously passed, the plea was accepted. On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the prior surrender of license as the penalty.

F. **SETTLEMENT OFFERS:**

Ms. Morgan presented the settlement offers in globo. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packets into evidence, and they were admitted. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, 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. **PEDAL VALVES, INC.,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 162 counts
   LSLBC Case 2026-0840-01

2. **R L BLANTON CONSTRUCTION, INC.,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2025-1355-01

3. **THE OSCAR W. LARSON COMPANY,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
   LSLBC Case 2023-0659-01

4. **J.B.I. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INC.,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2023-0659-03

5. **LOUISIANA ROOF CRAFTERS LLC,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2025-1341-01

6. **TKTMJ, INC.,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7), 2 counts
   LSLBC Case 2025-1610-01

7. **DTV ENTERPRISES, LLC,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2026-0375-05

8. **DSLD HOMES, LLC,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(7)
   LSLBC Case 2025-0578-01

E. 5. b) **MURRAY CONSTRUCTION LLC,** Edgard, Louisiana - La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
LSLBC Case 2025-1610-03

E. 6. **ARCADIA CONSTRUCTION, INC,** Morgan City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(8)
LSLBC Case 2024-1327-01

E. 9. b) **JOHN MARTIN LYONS, SR.,** Montgomery, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(11)
LSLBC Case 2025-1688-02

G. **STATUTORY CITATION:**

Ms. Morgan presented the statutory citation. Mr. Demmons entered the exhibit packet into evidence, and it was admitted. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the statutory citation as presented. All statutory citations include a plea of no contest to the violation(s).

1. **GE FAMILY CONSTRUCTION LLC,** – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(1)
   LSLBC Case 2025-0578-02

H. **EXEMPTION REQUESTS:**

Based on committee recommendations, Mr. Clouatre made a motion to approve the application of exemption from exam for John Austin and Luke Delahoussaye and to deny the exemption request for Candince McMillian, Roderick Montgomery, Stephanie Moore, and Shelly Rainey. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

1. Austin, John – Residential Construction (Approved)
2. Delahoussaye, Luke – Building Construction (Approved)

3. McMillian, Candince – Building Construction (Not Approved)
4. Montgomery, Roderick – Residential Construction (Not Approved)
5. Moore, Stephanie – Municipal and Public Works Construction (Not Approved)
6. Rainey, Shelly – Residential Construction (Not Approved)

I. REPORTS:

1. Treasurer Report – On motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board accepted the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2026.

2. Staff Report – Mr. Hassert made a statement.

J. BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Temple made a motion to approve and ratify the actions taken by the Residential Building Subcommittee on October 14, 2026. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board added a discussion regarding the purchase of a new building to the agenda. The board discussed the need for additional space and a potential office building available for purchase in Baton Rouge.

3. On motion made by Mr. Clouatre, seconded, and unanimously passed, the board added Resolution 2026-05 to the agenda.

4. Mr. Condon made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05, which authorizes Executive Director Hassert to execute a purchase agreement and conduct related business for the acquisition of property at 510 North 6th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802, for a purchase price not to exceed $1.3 million to accommodate the board's operations. The motion was seconded and passed with 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clouatre made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

William Clouatre, Vice-Chairman

Elliott Temple, Secretary