

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
Of
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

Friday, March 3, 2017
9:00 AM
Office of the LSBHI
5211 Essen Lane Suite 9, Baton Rouge

Board Members in Attendance:

District 1 – Friedrich Gurtler, P.E.	District 4 – Paul Collucci
District 2 – Roy E. Burst III	District 5 – Mike Burroughs
District 3 – James Yaeger	District 6 – Kevin Dinkel
	District 7 – Keith Blanchard

I

Those members being in attendance, Chairman Fritz Gurtler called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous Quarterly Board Meeting. Mr. Roy Burst III motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Keith Blanchard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

II

The Board reviewed the following applications: In-field trainers- Gary Vallery, Kiel Harton, Cary Morrell, Ross Bravata, and Brian Alvarez. The Board voted to approve all in-field trainer applications after each applicant attends the next scheduled Train the Trainer seminar. Continuing Education Provider- Brian Alvarez and Peter Barilaro. The Board voted to approve each applicant as a Board approved CE Provider.

III

C-16-006 Robicheaux v. Maxcy LHI#10349- This complaint was tabled to the June Board meeting.

C-16-007 Reid v. Messina LHI#10237- This complaint was tabled to the June Board meeting.

C-17-002 Mouton v. Boudreaux LHI#10581- This complaint was tabled to the June Board meeting.

C-17-001 LSBHI v. Blanchard LHI#10752- This complaint was continued to the June Board meeting at the request of his attorney, Sheri Morris.

C-16-005 Stang v. Gregg LHI#10724– Both parties were present for the hearing and sworn in by Chairman, Fritz Gurtler. The complaint alleged that Mr Gregg violated the following provisions of the Standards of Practice: LAC46XL.305B.2, 3b, 313A.2, B.2, 317C, and 329A.1. After testimony from both parties the Board dismissed the complaint.

C-16-003 LSBHI v. LaFleur LHI#10838- Mr. LaFleur was present and was represented by his attorney, Sheri Morris. The hearing was a request for reconsideration of the Order of December 2, 2016 served upon Mr LaFleur, which found him in violation of LAC46XL.115D. Mrs Morris stated that Mr. LaFleur had no intention to commit the violations and asked the Board to reconsider the original Order. After testimony was heard the Board ruled to reaffirm the Board’s original Order. The Order of December 2, 2016 finding Mr. LaFleur in violation of LAC46XL.115D the fine of \$150.00 per

inspection performed (88 inspections) with an expired license (\$13,200.00) was affirmed. Mr. Keith Blanchard recused himself from all discussion and voting.

IV

Joe Cook proposed a policy for licensees who do not renew their license but continue to inspect. The Board took time to discuss the proposal. Currently the Board rules already have a system in place on how to handle each violation.

V

Paul Collucci proposed implementing a publication similar to “Principals of Home Inspection- Systems & Standards” as a state wide study guide as part of the licensing process and also suggested the Board make it as an extension by adoption to the Standards of Practice for home inspectors.

Board attorney Albert Nicaud stated that the law requires the Board to adopt minimum standards of practice for home inspectors and expanding this would be beyond the mandates of this Board.

VI

The Board briefly discussed with the audience the newly published rules and standards. The updated Rules and Standards were published February 2017 and all Home Inspectors should be using this version as well as distributing the Standards to their clients.

VII

The Board voted to hire a lobbyist for the upcoming Legislative session. The Board also gave Chief Operating Officer, Morgan Spinosa the authority to enter into a contract with Scott Kirkpatrick.

Executive Session 12:22 PM

Meeting Adjourned 1:41 PM

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Scott Hearne, Roland McCormick, Joe Cook, Kenny Spinosa, Sidney Chaisson, Barry Landry, Eric Stevens, Gordon Atwell, Vic Gustafson, Brent Roberts, Shawn Gregg, Paul Binkley, William David Wallace, Ricky Thibodeaux, Jonathan Fairbank, Cary Morrell, Steve Freeman, Sheri Morris, Jade LaFleur, Joe Wood, Andre Stanford, Robert Bayam, Roland LeBlanc, Brian Barron, Kiel Harton, Cal Grevemberg, Doug Frickey, Michael Shepperson

Minutes recorded by: C.O.O. Spinosa