

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

Friday, June 2, 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 –
District 2 – Roy E. Burst III	District 5 – Mike Roberts
District 3 – James Yaeger	District 6 –
	District 7 – Keith Blanchard

**I**

Those members being in attendance, Chairman Fritz Gurtler called the meeting to order at 9 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. James Yaeger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Chairman recognized the recently appointed Board member for District 5, Mr. Mike Roberts.

**II**

The Board reviewed and approved the following applications: In-field trainer- Bill Harris. Continuing Education Provider- Scott Hearne.

**III**

**C-16-006 Robicheaux v. Maxcy LHI#10349**- This complaint was dismissed, SIE found no probable cause.

**C-16-007 Reid v. Messina LHI#10237**- This complaint was dismissed, SIE found no probable cause.

**C-17-002 Mouton v. Boudreaux LHI#10581**- This complaint was dismissed, SIE found no probable cause.

**C-17-001 LSBHI v. Blanchard LHI#10752**- This complaint was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

**C-16-005 Stang v. Gregg LHI#10724**– This was an appeal filed by Ms. Stang. Mr. Gregg was present, Mrs. Stang was not present. The Board dismissed the appeal.

**C-17-003 Niles v. Ruppert LHI#10808**– Both parties were present and sworn in by Chairman, Fritz Gurtler. After testimony was given by both parties and much discussion between the Board, Mr. Ruppert was found in violation of LAC46XL313A.2 - failing to inspect all doors. The Board set a fine of \$500.00 for violating LAC46XL313A.2

**C-17-004 Niles v. Foret (Not licensed)**- Both parties were present and sworn in by Chairman, Fritz Gurtler. Mr. Foret admitted to performing the inspection without a license. The Board found Mr. Foret guilty for violating LAC46XL117B, 117B.1, 127A, 139B.2, 139B.3, and 501B.12. The Board fined Mr. Foret \$1000.00.

#### **IV**

The Board then discussed payment options for services currently provided for report reviews. It was suggested that the Board develop a format to be used when reviewing reports. The Board decided to do further research on professional services contracts as well as develop a standard format to be used when reviewing reports. The Board will re-visit this topic during the September Board meeting.

#### **V**

Board attorney, Albert Nicaud briefed the public on the 2017 Legislative session (see link for law changes) [www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1044913](http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1044913) Mr. Nicaud also briefed the public with the status of the most recent rule changes. Home inspectors can expect to see the rule changes published in 2-3 months. A broadcast email will be sent out to all LHI's when they become available.

#### **Meeting Adjourned 1:41 PM**

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Steve Freeman; Danny Carroll; Dale Brunet; Vic Gustafson; Michael Burroughs; Billy Badeaux; Mike Jordan; Brian Alvarez; Gene Kraemer; Lasse Elbe; Ceil Fuselier; Kylie Duet; David Ruppert; Rudy Foret; Shawn Gregg; Barry Landry; Joe Cook; Kade Niles; Denis Boyle; Ricky Thibodeaux; Solomon Falgout; Joshua Henderson; William Harris; Roland LeBlanc; Michael Shepperson; Jason Jennings; Debra Milligan; David Raffray

Minutes recorded by: C.O.O. Spinosa