

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Of

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

Friday, September 11, 2020
9:00 AM
Office of the LSBHI
5211 Essen Lane Suite 9, Baton Rouge

Board Members in Attendance:

District 1 – Ashley van der Meulen	District 4 – Paul Collucci-via ZOOM
District 2 – Bill Harris	District 5 – Mike Roberts
District 3 – James Yaeger	District 6 – Gordon Atwell
	At Large – Scott Hearne

I

Those members being in attendance, Chairman James Yaeger 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 and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

II

C-20-001 Ross v. LeBlanc LHI#10628- SIE found no probable cause, complaint was dismissed.

C-20-002 LSBHI v. LeBlanc LHI#10628- Mr. LeBlanc was present and sworn in by Chairman, James Yaeger. Mr. LeBlanc admitted that he failed to report monthly reporting due to technical/computer issues. After hearing testimony, the Board stated that Mr. LeBlanc should have found a way to report monthly regardless of the computer issues finding him in violation of LAC46XL.117B-failing to submit monthly reporting for over a year- by a 5-0 vote. The Board found that Mr. LeBlanc failed to notify the Board of his address change and contact information in violation of LAC46XL.133A– failing to notify the Board of his address change- by at 5-0 vote. The Board levied a fine of \$3120.00 for violating LAC46XL.117B and \$300.00 for violating LAC46XL.133A. Total fine:\$3420.00

C-20-003 Thompson v. Naquin LHI#10951- SIE found no probable cause, complaint was dismissed.

III

The Board reviewed and approved the In-field Trainer provider application for Ricky Thibodeaux of Lafayette LA by at 5-0 vote.

IV

The Board discussed the Governor's state mandate regarding COVID19 and suggested that inspectors should quarantine themselves if they have knowingly been exposed to protect the public.

V

The Board unanimously voted to extend the temporary rule change allowing home inspectors to receive continuing education credit for attending LIVE Streaming CE and have it count as "In-Class" credit through-out the COVID 19 recovery. This change is now extended until December 4, 2020. At that time, the Board will again assess the situation to determine if it should be extended or not.

The Board also voted to allow inspectors affected by hurricane Laura an extension for monthly reporting for the month of August.(30 days) The LHI must email the board office requesting an extension.

VI

The Board discussed home inspectors reselling inspection reports and it was of the boards opinion that reselling reports is not only a violation of the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, it also does not benefit the client. Board members also noted that when they are asked to inspect a home they previously inspected; they will use the old report for administrative purposes only and they always re-inspect the property as a new inspection to fulfill the requirements set forth in the Louisiana Standards of Practice.

VII

Mr. Joe Cook, chairman of the Education Committee, proposed rules changes pertaining to live streaming continuing education. After much discussion, the Board requested the proposal be cleaned up by the education committee and presented at the next board meeting for final review and vote.

VIII

Mr. Norman Hall(via ZOOM) discussed putting guidelines pertaining to one on one continuing education providers. The Board motioned to have this topic brought before the Education Committee for discussion. Once the Education Committee meets and composes guidelines, the committee shall bring it back before the board for a vote.

IX

Board Attorney, Albert Nicaud gave a quick update on the matter of Mr. Thomas Kelting versus the LSBHI. The matter went before the court on August 10, 2020 on appellant Thomas Kelting's petition for judicial review regarding the board's findings pertaining to C-19-001 Poche v. Kelting. The 19th JDC Honorable Judge William A. Morvant DENIED the petition and the ruling made by the board dated June 21, 2019 was AFFIRMED.

Meeting Adjourned 11:45 am

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Joe Cook; Paul Brunet; Kevin LeBlanc
Attendees via ZOOM: Greg Ferraro; Whit Green; Patrick Clark; Roland LeBlanc; Clayton Costanza; Ricky Thibodeaux; Dave Holt; Huston Boothe; Dale Young; Ceil Fuselier; Robbie Robbins; Troy Caraccioli; Matthew Stentz; Stanley Holliday; Lasse Elbe; James Levy; Louis Schaff; Michael Minton; Billy Badeaux; Roy Burst; Derek Lawson; Den Fortenberry; Mark DeLoach; Robert Smith; Jamie Baumann; John Stevens; Victor Morrell; Denis Boyle; Andrew Dumond; Brandon McLain; Mike Burroughs; Jimmy Levy; Charles Mammelli; Timothy Guidry; Johnny Joyner; Chris McNamee

Minutes recorded by: C.O.O. Spinosa