

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

Friday, March 4, 2022  
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 – Fredrick Williams
District 2 – Bill Harris	District 5 – Mike Roberts
District 3 – Paul Brunet	District 6 – Gordon Atwell
	At Large – Scott Hearne

**I**

Those members being in attendance, Chairman Gordon Atwell called the meeting to order at 9:00 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C-21-010 Sutter v. Stentz LHI#11135- complaint was withdrawn by the complainant prior to the hearing

C-22-001 Boudoin v. Pearson LHI#11188- A pre-hearing resolution was met requiring Mr. Pearson to pay all late fees associated with his monthly reporting being out of compliance. Mr. Pearson paid all fees and late fees associated with his late monthly reports. The Board voted in favor of the pre-hearing resolution.

**III**

Review Background Checks: All individuals were sworn in by Board Chairman and given the opportunity to discuss their background checks. After must discussion and testimony, the Board voted as follows:

Larry Legania- Bill Harris motioned to approve, seconded by Mike Roberts, and the motion passed. (7-0)

Brandon Robinson- Scott Hearne motioned to approve, seconded by Bill Harris, and the motion passed. (7-0)

Robert Tucker- Fred Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Bill Harris, and the motion passed. (7-0)

Nicolas Vaccaro- Scotto Hearne motioned to approve, seconded by Bill Harris, and the motion passed. (7-0)

All four individuals are now able to move forward with the application process of becoming a licensed home inspector.

#### **IV**

The Board reviewed and approved applications for the following provider(Fred Williams motioned for approval; Bill Harris seconded, and the motion was carried 7-0):

Mike LeBas- Continuing Education Provider

#### **V**

Bill Harris requested the board allow more continuing education hours for attending board/committee meetings. (rule change LAC46XL.121B.6) Ashley van der Meulen motioned to allow a total of 10 hours of CE a year for attending board meetings. This would be hour for hour up to 10 hours. Paul Brunet seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by a 6-1 vote. This change would not go into effect until the rule can be changed in the State Register. Notice will be sent out to all LHI's once the change has been made.

#### **VI**

The Board then addressed the issue regarding the Infield Trainers who did not attend either of the trainer sessions. These sessions were mandatory for all currently approved in-field trainers. The Board ruled that the three trainers should cease and desist from conducting in-field training until they can come before the Board in June to explain why they did not attend any of the mandatory meetings. The Board voted in favor of issuing a Cease and Desist order to each of the trainers and requested a list of who they are currently training.

#### **VII**

Discussion on Train the Train guidelines- Gordon Atwell discussed the rules and current guidelines that in-field trainers should be following and clarified current rules. There was lots of discussion amongst the Board and the public with suggestions on how to improve the Train the Trainer class to assure that all in-field trainers are providing the same education. The Board will continue to work on the guidelines and re-visit.

#### **VIII**

Trade Shows and Continuing Education. It was determined by the Board that attending trade shows does not qualify as continuing education.

#### **Meeting Adjourned 11 am**

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Barry Landry; Joe Cook; Brent Roberts; Kevin Dinkel; Roland LeBlanc; Morgan Wood; Bart Mormino; Brandon Robinson; Nick Vaccaro; Robert Tucker; Carlos Lawton; Jamie Baumann; Michael LeBas; David Rabalais; Billy Badeaux; Michael Chiasson; Bill Spiers; Charles Axelrad; Dustin D'Avy; Terry Hardouin; Blaine Olson; Mike Gassen; Jared Stevens

Minutes recorded by: C.O.O. Spinosa