

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Of

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

Friday, March 7, 2025
9:00 AM
Office of the LSBHI
5211 Essen Lane Suite 9, Baton Rouge

Board Members in Attendance:

District 1 – William Paternoster
District 2 – Christopher Thacker
District 3 – Paul Brunet

District 4 – Fredrick Williams
District 5 – Robert Smith
District 6 – John McLaughlin
At Large – Jean Picou Jr.

I

Those members being in attendance, Chairman John McLaughlin 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 (Paul Brunet) and seconded (Jean Picou) to approve the minutes as written.

II

The Board tabled the Continuing Education Provider application for Mr. Mike Burroughs until the June 2025 board meeting and requested that Mr. Burroughs be in attendance.

III

The Board then reviewed the criminal background check for Mr. Roy Maurer. Mr. Maurer was present and provided testimony regarding his background. Mr. Chris Sibley also spoke as a professional reference for Mr. Maurer. After much discussion and questions from the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Brunet to approve the background check allowing Mr. Maurer to move forward with the licensing process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Mr. McLaughlin abstained and the motion was carried by a 5-1 vote. Mr. Williams opposed.

IV

The Board voted favorably with a 7-0 vote to amend LAC46XL.309.C.6. The amendment would make the administrative rule consistent with that of the Home Inspection Licensing Law (R.S. 37:1478B) by not allowing a home inspector to repair any deficient item listed in a home inspection for one year after the inspection.

V

LAC46XL.313.C.4 was also discussed and voted favorably (7-0) to amend the rule stating the LHI is not required to inspect garage door operator remote control transmitters, unless the device is the only control device.

VI

The Board then reviewed the proposed updated questions for the Standards of Practice and Report Writing Seminar. The proposed test was approved unanimously; however, the Board moved to create an SOP and Report Review Committee. Chairman John McLaughlin appointed Mr. Jean Picou as the committee chair. The purpose of the committee would be to create a new process for the report reviews as well as several variations of the SOP test.

VII

Morgan Spinosa provided a brief update on the online portal. Stating that the tentative live date is scheduled for April 2025.

VIII

The Board then reviewed the Welcome Home Act and unanimously approved the proposed application. The application will be added to the LSBHI website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Barry Landry; Edward Holt; Joe Cook; Bart Mormino; Gordon Atwell; Peter Forrestall; Roy Maurer; Chris Sibley

Minutes recorded by: C.O.O. Spinosa