

MINUTES
OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
CONTRACTOR LICENSING BOARD MEETING
JULY 19, 2023
Naples, Florida

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Collier County Contractor Licensing Board, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:00 a.m. in **REGULAR SESSION** in Administration Building F, 3rd Floor, Collier County Government Center, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

Vice Chairman: Stephen Jaron
Robert Meister
Terry Jerulle
Richard Joslin Jr.
Kyle Lantz
Elle Hunt
Todd Allen (excused)
Matthew Nolton (excused)

ALSO PRESENT:
Ronald Tomasko, Esq.
Timothy Crotts, Contracting Licensing Supervisor
Kevin Noell, Esq.
Sandra Delgado, Operations Supervisor

Any person who decides to appeal this decision of the Board will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of said proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be made.

1. **Roll Call**

- **Stephen Jaron:** Meeting came to order at 9:01 AM and a roll call was taken with six members present.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Todd Allen and Matthew Nolton are not present today. Prior notice was given and we ask the Vice Chair to show these absences as excused.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Absences are excused.

2. **Additions or Deletions**

- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Vice Chair, staff is going to delete under new business 8C. This applicant provided additional information for the issuance of his license. (Josue E. Vasquez)

3. **Approval of Agenda**

- **Kyle Lantz:** Motion that we approve the agenda as modified.
- **Richard Joslin:** I'll second the motion.
- **Stephen Jaron:** All in favor – aye. (*Carried unanimously, 6-0.*)

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- **Stephen Jaron:** Motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2023.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Motion to approve.
- **Kyle Lantz:** I'll second.
- **Stephen Jaron:** All in favor – aye. (*Carried unanimously, 6-0.*)

5. **Public Comments**

None.

6. **Discussion**

- **Stephen Jaron:** We have an introduction of a new Director.
- **Timothy Crotts:** I'd like to introduce Director Thomas Iandimarino. He is the new Director of the Collier County Code Enforcement.
- **Tom Iandimarino:** I have been the new Director for Code Enforcement since April 9 or 10. Since I've become the Director, I have inherited the contractor licensing side of the house. I wanted to make my hellos and introduction. Thank you very much.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Did you work in another department in the county previously?
- **Tom Iandimarino:** No, I've been with the United States National Park Service for 30 plus years, recently retired from the National Park Service working out at Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve and living in Collier County since 1997. But I've been down here with the Park Service before I moved to the moved to the Everglades.

But this is home to me and has been for 25 plus years and don't plan on leaving anytime soon unless it's a vacation.

- **Kyle Lantz:** Has licensing always been part of Code Enforcement?
- **Timothy Crotts:** No. Originally we were under the Operations and Regulatory Division of the GMD. They just transferred us under the Code Enforcement. The duties are still the same, just under a different division.
- **Kyle Lantz:** I have a question about State law about licensing. Did anything change for us July 1 or that whole thing got pushed down a year?
- **Timothy Crotts:** Everything was pushed out to July 1 of 2024. There will be some changes coming. There still will be at least right now some of the licenses that will not be required any longer, however, but the state is also adding thirteen additional licenses to its category, which will allow us to have those licenses also.
- **Kyle Lantz:** But as of today, tile guy still needs a tile license. A painter still needs a painter license?
- **Timothy Crotts:** That's correct.

7. **Reports**

None.

8. **New Business**

(A) Orders of the Board (10 Items)

- **Kyle Lantz:** I'll make a motion to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the Orders of the Board.
- **Richard Joslin:** I'll second the motion.
All in favor – aye. *(Carried unanimously, 6-0.)*

**(B) RENE LUCAS MAZARIEGOS – REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE -
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR - INNOVA BUILDERS, INC**

- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Sworn testimony given.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Mazariegos has submitted an application for the issuance of a residential contractor license, which requires 48 months experience. As part of the application process for the issuance of residential contractor license, Mr. Mazariegos was required to submit documentation showing his experience. Mr. Mazariegos currently holds the following license in Collier County. He is a masonry contractor under R&M Precast Decoration and Design, and a painting contractor under Innova Builders. As part of the review process by staff, Mr. Mazariegos has submitted verification of experience from current and former employers outlining his experience. The first is Union Construction of Southwest Florida, which is a local licensed residential contractor. Luis Morales is the qualifier. Mr. Mazariegos worked for this company from 2019 to 2022. Mr. Morales stated that Mr. Mazariegos' work consisted of remodeling only, some hands on experience, but was in charge of hiring the subcontractors as a Superintendent. The work for this contractor is remodeling only. He has no new building experience. Custom Homes by Kaye, which is a state certified general contractor, Mark Carril qualifier. Mr. Mazariegos is a 1099 subcontractor for this company from August 2020 to present. A

phone interview with Mr. Carril by Licensing Operations Supervisor, Sandra Delgado, revealed that Mr. Mazariegos' experience was in remodeling only with some hands on experience. It was reported that Mr. Mazariegos is great with his attention to detail, that he could read blueprints and was good with codes. Mr. Mazariegos has no new build experience with this company. There was also an experience letter submitted by Catherine Kaye, qualifier for Kaye Holmes. She is the CBC, however, after several attempts to reach her, no return phone calls were received. Based upon the information received it is the opinion of staff that Mr. Mazariegos does not meet the experience required under Ordinance 2006-46, Section 1.6.1.3 as it relates to the trade of residential contractor. Mr. Mazariegos is being referred to the Board under Section 2.5.2, referral the application to the Contractor Licensing Board for decision, and he is here today to answer your questions regarding his experience.

- **Stephen Jaron:** Can you explain your experience in more detail because that's really the issue we're having with your license application? You need four years of experience and we just need more explanation of that experience.
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** I've been working with Stuart Kaye, Kaye Homes, remodeling, additions, framing, painting, and finishing work. I have pictures of one of the houses with Kaye Homes I worked on – additions, framing, and supports. They come with instructions. I'm familiar with the permits and inspections.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Being familiar with permits and inspections doesn't qualify you as a contractor. Is Innova currently licensed right now? And what license does Innova have?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Painting license.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Is that your van that's parked in the community parking lot outside? Okay. And on the side of the van it says home remodeling? And it says licensed and insured for home remodeling.
- **Stephen Jaron:** And it also has a license number on the van.
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** The license number is the painting license because we are doing with the Kaye Homes Remodeling.
- **Terry Jerulle:** And what are you doing with Kaye Homes?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Remodeling when they like, when the new construction needs something like an addition or removal or adjust. So I work with the marker reel and the store.
- **Terry Jerulle:** As a subcontractor or as an employee?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** As a subcontractor and sometimes as an employee too.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Are you saying that you're working as a subcontractor remodeling homes?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** No, because they have all the permits. I help them to remodel.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Yes, you said you're helping them remodel. And I asked you if you're helping them remodel as a subcontractor or as an employee?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** As an employee.
- **Terry Jerulle:** And now it's an employee. Do you have a W2? You have proof that you're an employee?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Yes. I have a W2 but not right now. And a 1099.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So just getting back to the van, the license number on the van is that a Collier County license number or Lee County?

- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Collier County. It's my painting license. I have a masonry license for both Collier and Lee County.
- **Kyle Lantz:** What kind of masonry work do you do?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Precast decoration or like bracket decorations. All kinds of decorations.
- **Terry Jerulle:** I think the question is the County says that you do not have the experience. So it's incumbent upon you to prove to us that you do.
- **Elle Hunt:** That includes building a house. This license would be for building a house from the beginning foundation, site prep work.
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** With Union Construction, we did new construction, one house. I was supervising them and helping so I get the experience. With Kaye Homes when they already have the new construction they send me to help those when they're framing. When this happens I also learn more stuff
- **Kyle Lantz:** So what kind of structural work do you have? And by structural I mean slabs, pilings, footers, block, tie beams, trusses, roof sheeting. What kind of experience do you have in those types of things? Or do you usually come in after that portion is done?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** I have the ability to do it and have done it a bunch of times. So I took a picture because four years ago I came here before. And to get more experience that's why I took pictures.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Are you the one who personally hung the trusses, you know, tied them to the crane or however you did them, flew them over or strapped them?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** No, I was like checking them with Luis Morales checking house. We layer, like reinforce the trusses for the AC. This picture of a Kaye home. Those trusses are already there. This process we attach new trusses for AC because we got the plywood. A subcontractor flew the trusses.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Mr. Mazariegos, you need four years of experience building homes from the ground up. And it doesn't appear that you have that, either by what you've provided or through your testimony.
- **Elle Hunt:** And he said that he's only been involved in one new home build and it wasn't any of the site prep work, foundational work or anything. They just brought him in after it was constructed to do internal efforts. We're expecting four years of building a home from the ground up. That's because that's the license that we would be giving you is the ability to build a house from the ground up and you don't have that experience. Building one (home) is certainly not enough.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So you agree that you're lacking experience? Is that what you just said?
- **Rene Lucas Mazariegos:** Yes.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So you're going to need more experience from day one – from grading the pad all the way up to turning over the keys to the owners. Every phase of construction so just continue working for them and gain more and more experience.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Document that experience and come in and prove to us with W2 forms that you've worked with them for four years building homes from the ground up.
- **Kyle Lantz:** It looks like what your experience is in is after the shell is already built. We want the experience before the shell is built.

- **Terry Jerulle:** Motion to deny.
- **Richard Joslin:** I second the motion.
All in favor – aye. (*Carried unanimously, 6-0.*)

- **Richard Joslin:** I also have one other thing. I would be careful on how you advertise on your vehicle as far as what duties you're performing or what services you're going to perform because it's a little misleading. If you're advertising that you can remodel, or remodeling of any sort because in a sense you aren't licensed to do that work, you're licensed to do the painting work, which that could be printed out. But just be careful on what you put on your truck.
- Timothy Crotts to explain later to Rene Lucas Mazariegos the above point made by Richard Joslin.

- **Stephen Jaron:** Item 8C has been deleted so we're on 8D. Wilmer Portillo Sanchez if you would come forward and be sworn in.

**(D) WILMER Y. PORTILLO SANCHEZ – REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE –
CARPENTRY CONTRACTOR - EVERLAST BUILDING CONTRACTORS,
INC.**

- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Sworn testimony given.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Sanchez has submitted an application for the issuance of a license for carpentry contractor which requires 36 months experience. A copy of the requirements for this license has been included in your packet on page 78. Mr. Sanchez appeared before the Contractors Licensing Board on February 13, 2023, and attempted to get his license as a building contractor. This license was denied by the Board due to his lack of experience and credit issues. A copy of these minutes can be seen on pages 105, 106, 107, 108 in your packet. As part of the application process for the issuance of the license, Mr. Sanchez was required to submit documentation showing his experience. As part of the review process by staff, Mr. Sanchez has submitted a verification of experience from a former employee outlining his experience – line item Maintenance Service Incorporated, which is a state certified building contractor. Mr. Sanchez has worked for this company from June 2017 to January 2023 part time. And speaking with Daniel Sherry, who is the license holder, Mr. Sanchez's experience was that as a subcontractor, and basically stated he knew how to swing a hammer and read a tape measure. Based upon the information received it is the staff's opinion that Mr. Sanchez does not meet the minimum requirements as set forth in Ordinance 2006-46 as it relates to experience under Section 1.6.3.6 as it relates to a carpentry contractor. Because Mr. Sanchez does not meet the minimum requirements, Mr. Sanchez is being referred to the Board under Section 2.5.2, referral of the application to the Contractor Licensing Board for decision. Mr. Sanchez is here today to answer your questions.
- **Elle Hunt:** It says in the packet that he has two current licenses. Is that with us? One is painting, cabinet and flooring and one is landscaping?

- **Timothy Crotts:** That is correct. Both are with Collier County.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Mr. Sanchez, can you give us more detail as far as the issue of your experience with your application? If you could expand on that.
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** What kind of work I do?
- **Stephen Jaron:** If you have dates of where you worked and what you did. What type of work it was?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** No, because I do framing and help them to lay in trusses and everything. I don't have the exact day we do the work.
- **Stephen Jaron:** And you worked as a sub is that right?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Correct. But most of the people you know are not there with the new law, but they always say, oh, we're going to fail because of unlicensed activity. So they let me do the work because I have a license in painting and I help them in the other part. That's what I get. I don't have the license to do that kind of work.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Most of the work you did was through general contractors or directly for homeowners?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Through a general contractor.
- **Kyle Lantz:** What kind of framing did you do?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Do whole process – laying and framing on the wall and everything.
- **Kyle Lantz:** How much experience would you say you have on that?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** I worked there before in the beginning and the other company; I say 6-7 years total.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Running a crew?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Yes, it's running a crew because most of the time like they give me the floor plan and we go from there and I help them to do the work too.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Can you explain to me how to frame if I have a wall that is wood and I have a window in there, can you explain how to frame around that window?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** I have to do the seal. Take the gross opening of the window and the top plate, secure all the windows so the wood doesn't expand
- **Terry Jerulle:** Explain to me what materials you would use and what size materials you would use to frame a window.
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** To frame the window I have to use 2 by 4's depending on the requirements of the floor plan and that's what I do. So we follow those directions.
- **Terry Jerulle:** There is no floor plan and I'm asking you how to frame a window.
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** I have to put double on each side and the top. It's hard for me to explain the exact name, but I have to do the seal in the bottom and put the cripple underneath so it will hold the weight of the window and everything.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So you're saying it's a 2 by 4 framed wall? So what's the spacing on the 2 x 4's?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** You know most of the spacing we use is 16 on center on every wall.
- **Terry Jerulle:** What do you use for your header?

- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** For the header, you mean the top of the window? That one is the bigger wood. It's hard for me to explain in English. We know in Spanish what to do because we work with Spanish people. But it is a 2 x 6 we use sometimes for the header.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Are you framing interior walls or exterior walls?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Interior. Everything is block.
- **Stephen Jaron:** But the question was how do you frame a window and a window is an exterior item to a house. So you're working with an exterior structural wall that you're saying would be framed with 2 x 4 wood on 16 inch centers.
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** The window frame we got to do the whole opening. So we put double framing on each side and the top and we're going to put you know like I say. Is really hard language barrier for me, but to explain because most of the time we work with the people that speak our language, so we don't know the exact name like you guys are calling them.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So when you get the prints are they translated into Spanish?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** No, they are in English. I know how to read English.
- **Terry Jerulle:** What type of wood do we use in our trusses?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Trusses is yellow pine.
- **Terry Jerulle:** And what type of sheathing do we do on top of the trusses?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** Sheathing you say? We call it plywood but that's the name I know.
- **Stephen Jaron:** How thick should the plywood be?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** I can't tell this from the side but I know it's the same we used on the floor but the deck is different.
- **Stephen Jaron:** How thick should that be for the roof?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** I really don't remember because everything is delivered to the job site. So I know they want it delivered. They order everything. But we use what they put in there. To remember everything is really hard.
- **Elle Hunt:** The reason that we ask is because if we get you this license, you have to do the ordering. You're going to be the contractor doing this, and if you don't have the answers for it, then how do you make the orders?
- **Wilmer Portillo Sanchez:** You know, even if we have the license, you know, like everything you call the supplier.
- **Elle Hunt:** You're the licensee holder. The supplier doesn't own that.
- **Stephen Jaron:** You can't depend on the suppliers. They ship you 1/2 inch plywood and it's supposed to be 5/8 inch. You put 1/2 inch up there you got a big problem.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Mr. Sanchez, the County says you do not have the experience, but this is your chance to explain to us to override the County and I'm not convinced yet. So do you have anything else you can add to it to convince us that you do have the experience?
- **Richard Joslin:** I'm also seeing one other thing on the application. I think maybe I'm wrong here, but you work with swimming pool cleaning also? (No.) Okay, maybe I'm missing something then.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Any other questions from the Board? Motion to deny.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Second.
All in favor – aye. *(Carried unanimously, 6-0.)*

- **Terry Jerulle:** And document it. Get people to sign off that you're doing that work and you have that experience.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Try and keep a diary of what you do every day and if you can get someone to sign off, whoever is paying you, the work you did or however you invoice. You know something that's concrete that we can look at.

- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Vice Chair, could we take a five minute break?
- **Stephen Jaron:** Five minute break until 9:40.

(E) ROBERTO SUAREZ SANCHEZ - REVIEW OF CREDIT – SWIMMING POOL/SPA SERVICING CONTRACTOR - ALPHA POOL GUYS WEST COAST, LLC

- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Sworn testimony given.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Sanchez has submitted an application for the issuance of a swimming pool spa servicing contractor. This license requires a minimum credit score of 660. As part of the application process under Collier County Ordinance 2006-46, Section 2.3.9, Mr. Sanchez was required to submit a personal and business credit report. Mr. Sanchez's personal credit report was reviewed and appears not to meet the financial responsibility as set forth in Section 2.5.1, Subsection D, the applicant or qualifier meets the financial requirement or under responsibility as set forth in Rule 61G4-15.006 of the State of Florida. A review of the personal credit report submitted by Mr. Sanchez showed the following areas of concern. Mr. Sanchez's credit report shows a score of 432. The credit report shows the following: 13 charge offs and collections; five accounts closed by the credit grantor due to past due amounts still owed; 59 hard credit inquiries – 2023, one; 2022, 53; and 2021, five. Due to the large number of charge offs, collections and accounts closed by credit grantors and the number of hard inquiries on Mr. Sanchez's credit report, I'll refer you to pages 115, 116, 117, 118 of your packet for review of the credit issues -- the total amount due for these are \$503,000. It should be noted that Mr. Sanchez was issued a swimming pool, spa and servicing license on July 20, 2021, and at that time Mr. Sanchez's credit score was 712 with no outstanding balances due. Mr. Sanchez has since closed this company in order to become the license holder for this new company. Based upon the information received, Mr. Sanchez does not meet the minimum requirements set forth in Ordinance 2006-46 as it relates to the financial responsibility. Mr. Sanchez is being referred to the Board under Section 2.5.2 referral of the application to the Contractor License Board for decision, and Mr. Sanchez is here today to answer your questions regarding his credit.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Mr. Sanchez, can you explain to us the credit issues that you've had?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** The thing is we had a friend, a close friend, from where I was born. So we got a business. We did a business and we were going to use my credit to get equipment to be rented and those stuff. And he was going to pay me like \$20,000 monthly after we did all these things. He got all the equipment and that stuff and he disappeared. So I got scammed. He doesn't answer anymore. So I had all these responsibilities and that's what I want to do to keep working because my lawyer is

renegotiating the debts, so I can keep working and make a deal with the creditors to pay all the debts.

- **Stephen Jaron:** What kind of equipment did you say you purchased?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** It's something like an excavator but not an excavator. It is something to do for minor work, no heavy work. I don't know the name in English.
- **Richard Joslin:** What kind of machine or equipment? Was it a loader or bobcat?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, bobcat.
- **Terry Jerulle:** For what purpose?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** He told me that he was going to rent it so he will give me a profit monthly. He would be in charge of paying all the bills. I trusted him because he's from my homeland. He disappeared. So here if I have to pay anything, I will pay. So I just need to keep working.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So where's the equipment now? Was it repossessed?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I don't know. I've been trying to reach him for months.
- **Richard Joslin:** So he has all the equipment now.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** He got everything. He was going to pay me monthly, like a profit. So I said it is a good business. The equipment was purchased under my name.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Did you file a police report?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** No. He took it with my consent because he was going to pay me. He paid me for two months of the agreement. After that he disappeared.
- **Terry Jerulle:** When he disappeared, was that with your consent? Did you file a police report?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** No. I didn't know what to do because that would be affected and I would answer to the creditors if I have to settle the debts. So I have to file a police report?
- **Terry Jerulle:** I would. And a lawyer.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I already got a lawyer taking care of that.
- **Elle Hunt:** I would follow the advice of the attorney on this. If they tell you to contact the police, all of their advice.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I got his information. So whenever they ask me for his information, I will give it to them.
- **Richard Joslin:** What other type of equipment did you have or buy or sign for that you purchased for this company? What other type of equipment did you buy or get? Besides the bobcat.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** We got loans. We got cars that would be rented, anything that he told me that he had customers, you know to rent equipment, cars and he would give me that profit so as long as he doesn't have a credit. So he told me to do the business with him.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Most of these cars and equipment and whatever else happened in 2022, right? I mean, it looks like a pretty short time period where you were applying for car loans, several car loans, Mercedes, BMW, it looks like VW, another Mercedes and Audi and another VW, it looks like a John Deere app, a motorcycle, I mean, this is all in a couple months time. So this person is your friend?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, he's from my home.

- **Stephen Jaron:** He wanted you to buy this equipment and cars and then you were going to lease them to someone else.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** He would rent them to his customers. He was going to take care of this part of the business. And he was going to give me monthly like a profit for that.
- **Stephen Jaron:** But he took possession of the cars and the equipment?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** It was never on my property. It was on his. He took it. He took them.
- **Stephen Jaron:** You have no idea where any of this stuff is now?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I have his information. I thought he was going to put it in a safe place because I trust him.
- **Terry Jerulle:** So whose fault is all of this?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I think it's mine.
- **Terry Jerulle:** I do too. So it's your fault. Why should we give you a license if you make poor decisions?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Because I am financially responsible but the thing is that I trusted someone else.
- **Stephen Jaron:** But this is a big boo-boo, a half million dollars worth of debt.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, that's what I'm trying with my lawyer. He is friend of mine too. We are trying to renegotiate all the debts. So I will pay and be responsible.
- **Stephen Jaron:** And you never filed a police report?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** No.
- **Elle Hunt:** I'm leaning to deny this because the credit score is too low. And it's a half a million dollars in debt. You've got nothing to show us that you're even taking care of it yet. So my suggestion would be that you come back to us after working with the attorney and whatever the attorney is doing so we can see that maybe this is an accurate set of circumstances that you're explaining to us. Right now, we only have your word and its sworn testimony, but we have nothing else. You know something from the attorney saying that they've gotten a hold of all of these people, they've put freezes on your credit, and you're working through it. What the attorney is going to do for you will give us a better indicator of what we should or should not do.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** The thing that what I was trying to do with this is to keep working. So any debts that they send to me I can pay. Keep working to pay all.
- **Elle Hunt:** I understand it's a catch 22, but there are these parameters in place to help protect consumers. You owe over \$500,000 in debt. That doesn't give us a lot of security that you're going to be able to pay for equipment or pay for everything that you need to run a business.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** And if they give me a plan or something to pay them.
- **Elle Hunt:** That's what we're asking is once the attorney comes back and shows that he's contacted all of these creditors and you have a plan or they're going to write off. You don't have any of that information.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I got his contact. He is already doing it.
- **Richard Joslin:** I would suggest also if you were going to do this, not speaking for everybody on the Board, but I can tell you that we're not going to grant this license I don't

believe. But your best choice would be to get your attorney to come with you the next time you decide to appear with us so that we can have some knowledge of what's happening with your credit. How is he handling this and how is he going to recover all these debts that you have or get them into a bundle to make a payment? A payment on half a million dollars is going to be a lot of money per month or per whatever, and I don't know that you'll be able to afford that.

- **Elle Hunt:** And it may be going down a direction of bankruptcy or something. I don't know what his attorney is thinking. So we don't have enough information to really help you here. We know nothing other than this huge debt, but we don't have a payment plan. We don't have that you've worked on things and we don't have any information. And we sympathize with the fact that you're going to have to deal with this, but as you said earlier, this is a problem of yours and you just I think need to be further along in the recovery or the addressing of these before we would be able to consider a license, at least this is my opinion at this point.
- **Richard Joslin:** The other portion of it I don't understand is how you would be able to as a pool company or just a business be able to buy all these expensive vehicles and then plan on renting them to someone to pay them off or to pay the debt. I mean you didn't see this coming or you had no input in how to stop it or ask him why?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** No, because the first two months it was normal. He was paying everything. Everything was normal. After that, he disappeared.
- **Kyle Lantz:** There's probably a reason why he didn't have the credit. But you currently have a license, right?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, I got it.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Why don't you just operate under that business for now until you get it?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Because as the company you have to get in the process. So I don't know if it will be closed later, so I cannot work. The thing that I'm trying to ensure is my job so I can earn money and any plan that the court or the lawyer put (in place) I can keep working so I can pay the plan they give me.
- **Timothy Crotts:** I do want to bring it to the Board's attention that he no longer does have a company, that he has closed that company. He had a company with him and his father as 50% partners. He has since closed that company in order to qualify this other company.
- **Richard Joslin:** So that was an active company that was actually operating?
- **Timothy Crotts:** It was and then they closed that company. As you'll see the documentation up there that in order to operate or qualify this company that he's trying to qualify now.
- **Elle Hunt:** But he had a license?
- **Timothy Crotts:** He had a license for pool servicing and pool cleaning. He cancelled that license in order to qualify this company and not go through with a second entity.
- **Richard Joslin:** Can that license be reactivated?
- **Timothy Crotts:** It would have to be approved by the Board. Obviously, we have credit issues now. He could do a reinstatement, but we'll be back here for the same issues.
- **Kyle Lantz:** But what do you do? You do just pool cleaning?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, pool cleaning and maintaining some of the stuff.

- **Kyle Lantz:** So what kind of equipment does a pool cleaning business own?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Like a loader maybe to get heavy-like turbines, the pipes. So while we were in the business he told me that any equipment needed he will rent it.
- **Kyle Lantz:** No, I understand. But in order to run a pool cleaning business, you don't need a loader. What kind of equipment do you need to run a pool cleaner? A brush or vacuum?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, vacuums.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Do you already own all this equipment? Do you already own whatever is required to clean pools?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes.
- **Kyle Lantz:** And when you're cleaning pools, you're buying a bunch of chemicals, right? Is the customer supplying them or you're supplying them?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** From a supplier.
- **Kyle Lantz:** And how do you get them? Do you pay cash when you pick them up or do you have an account?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Right now I'm paying with the company card. The company card is already open so I'm using the company account because it is not closed.
- **Stephen Jaron:** What company is the account under? Alpha Pool Guys?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Yes, Alpha Pool. It has its own account with the bank with a debit card.
- **Richard Joslin:** You're talking about the supplier that you're going to that sells you the merchandise, the pool company's debit card. But we're being told that you don't have a license to do that any longer. Is that correct?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** No, I have the license.
- **Timothy Crotts:** He does not have a license. He relinquished that license in order to qualify this second company that he's trying to do today.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I already have the license.
- **Kyle Lantz:** And how many customers do you have? How many pools do you serve?
- **Richard Joslin:** You say you have a license and you say he doesn't?
- **Timothy Crotts:** He doesn't. That license has been relinquished.
- **Richard Joslin:** Okay, so you don't have a license at all.
- **Kyle Lantz:** You had a license, but you cancelled your license on your old company to start the new company.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I have not cancelled yet. So I'm what I'm trying to do is to transfer my license to keep working.
- **Kyle Lantz:** So how many pools do you clean?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Right now I have around 75 pools.
- **Kyle Lantz:** And how do you get paid? People write you checks, give you credit card?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Checks or credit card. They pay monthly before and a month in advance.
- **Kyle Lantz:** So if I hire you to clean my pool starting August 1st, I'm going to pay you August 1st. And then you're going clean it for the month.
- **Timothy Crotts:** I would ask the board to look at page 133 and you'll see the documentation that was signed by Mr. Sanchez.

- **Elle Hunt:** Why did you cancel your license in that current company versus just try to get a second entity on the current license?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** I don't know. I thought that was the procedure.
- **Kyle Lantz:** I would say that's what we've been preaching since I've been on the Board is we'd rather you cancel one company and finally somebody listens.
- **Richard Joslin:** So Alpha Pool Guys was the original company and Alpha Pool Guys West Coast is the new company.
- **Richard Joslin:** So right now you think you have a license to work with the business and the credit card through your bank and all that. But in reality you don't have a license because it's been cancelled.
- **Timothy Crotts:** If you look right up on the screen there you'll see the document you signed.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** But I thought after it was transferred that it would be closed?
- **Kyle Lantz:** So here's what I'm wondering. I think our job on this Board is to protect the residents of Collier County. I don't care about the creditors. How much risk are we putting the residents of Collier County in if we give a guy with absolutely horrible credit a license to clean pools? I know it goes against what we're saying, but realistically.
- **Elle Hunt:** And it almost sounds as if he did this by accident?
- **Timothy Crotts:** No, this was explained when he came into the office He was explained to by staff.
- **Elle Hunt:** That he was relinquishing his license that it was a crap shoot coming to us because of his low credit?
- **Timothy Crotts:** We didn't know about the low credit until afterwards but he cancelled the application on this one. He was explained to by staff and he decided to cancel this one in order to apply for the second one not to have to go through the second entity application process.
- **Richard Joslin:** Now we have another problem then because if he's still operating as a business in pool cleaning and he has 75 customers out there that may or may not have already paid for a monthly service and his license is no longer valid, he's no longer allowed to go and work so we've got people out there now that have paid. And it's not our fault. But we're servicing the people of Collier County and now they're going to be damaged.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Mr. Crotts, do you have a recommendation?
- **Timothy Crotts:** Recommendation from staff is going to be that the license be denied until such time he can get his credit issues under control by means of being able to show that he is paying off the amount due or has entered into payment plans. Once he has been able to come up with documentation showing that then he would be allowed to come back in front of the Board for a decision by the Board.
- **Elle Hunt:** Did his previous license have any marks against it? Did he have any complaints? Does he have any issues the County?
- **Timothy Crotts:** As previously stated, when he came and got the license two years ago, his credit score was 712. He had no credit issues at all, so this is all occurred within the last two years with the majority of it taking place in 2022.

- **Kyle Lantz:** I'm going to make a motion, but I'm going to go against the recommendation and I don't know if it's going to pass or not, but personally I feel we're not putting the residents of Collier County in danger by giving him a license. In my opinion more than likely he's going to continue cleaning pools on a regular basis, so I'm going to make a motion that we approve his license with a one-year probation where he has to report back every four months with an updated credit report and an update on where he's going.
- **Richard Joslin:** I would second that motion but I'm going to see the credit report sooner. And I want to see some kind of verification from his the attorney that he says he has, that will come in here and give us a little bit more insight into what's happening with this amount. It's a great amount. And I think that we would want to see that sooner than a year. (Clarified that it is every four months.)
- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Vice Chair, if I may, could I get clarification on what you're actually going to be looking for during these four month periods? Are you looking for an increased credit score? Are you looking for pay offs and if there are any other issues that pop up above and beyond what we have today? What would be the pleasure of the Board.
- **Richard Joslin:** I don't think we would be looking for another credit report because I don't think that credit report is going to change at all coming back with another credit report. But I would like to have definitely the attorney here present and that will be your responsibility to bring him here to verify what's going on with that account and at that time we can make another decision on the credit score and what the attorney feels like it's going to take to get that credit score back up. I mean, that's a lot of money.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Would it be easier to table this matter for 90 days to give the applicant a chance?
- **Kyle Lantz:** That would be easier but I want him to be able to go to work tomorrow. And I don't want everybody who has paid to get their pool cleaned for the month to not get their pool cleaned.
- **Richard Joslin:** Do you service all of the pools yourself?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Me and my dad.
- **Terry Jerulle:** What about giving him 30 days to come back in front of us with his attorney and a plan? Just 30 days. No guarantees. You can clean for the next 30 days because I have a feeling you'll probably do it anyway. And in 30 days he'll have his attorney here and he has a plan. And if it meets our satisfaction, then we can put him on probation like you said. If not, then we'll deny it.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Just one other thing to bring up is the reminder for the Board that the company that he is looking to qualify now he has zero ownership in this company. So he's only going to be the license holder. He has no ownership in this company. This is a totally separate company.
- **Elle Hunt:** So who owns this new company that you're trying to license?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** My mom.
- **Elle Hunt:** Your mother – 100%. Why don't you own any?
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Because I didn't know and they're worried about the creditors coming towards the company.

- **Kyle Lantz:** I'll make a motion that we give him a temporary license for 30 days and in 30 days he comes back to the Board with his attorney and a plan.
- **Richard Joslin:** I'll second that motion.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Do you understand? So you have 30 days to get a hold of your attorney and to get all of your paperwork in order.
- **Elle Hunt:** You'll need to be back here on August 16 with your attorney. The county will give you more information, but the current motion is that we would give you a 30 day license so you could work for 30 days. But you will be here in front of the Board in August with the attorney. And at that point, depending on that information, we'll either give you a probationary license or not, but it will be dependent on the testimony given next month with you and the attorney. We haven't voted on it yet. So like if in the next 30 days the attorney contacts these various creditors and or is going to be filing for bankruptcy, we want to see documentation. So please ask the attorney to document anything he or she does in the next 30 days and to bring that with him.
- **Timothy Crotts:** I would recommend that the applicant have his attorney contact me so that we can make sure he understands or she understands exactly what the Board is going to be looking for.
- **Elle Hunt:** This week have your attorney contact Mr. Crotts on that.
- **Roberto Suarez Sanchez:** Alright, so you will give me a phone number? Alright, no problem.
- **Terry Jerulle:** So before we vote, what is the downside of doing this? I know it goes against your recommendation. I'm just wondering if there something that we're not seeing? Is there a downside here, just giving him a 30 day license?
- **Timothy Crotts:** A 30 day license for him to continue to work under this new company may not create any issues. We're going to assume, which we hate to do, that the credit and the materials will we bought under the new company name with Mr. Sanchez's mother. The downside to this, I think we're setting a bad precedence on this when we have a credit score as low as what this is and the amount of credit due where this was not done over time, it was done in a very short period of time, two years, to be exact almost one year where all the credit was done with that. So that is the staff's concern.
- **Elle Hunt:** I want to make clear the only reason that I will be voting for this is because the applicant had a license and changed it over and I feel as if perhaps he didn't fully understand. And that's my position.
- **Richard Joslin:** I think so too. Maybe it was explained, but I don't think he really was able to figure out exactly what he was doing when he did that. At this moment, I mean, he could have done easily a second entity and kept that license active and he wouldn't be here. He wouldn't get the second entity, but he would still have the license to clean pools. And pool cleaning isn't all that dollar and cents; no Mercedes or bobcat.
- **Kevin Noell:** If I may, just for clarity on the motion, because 30 days will be longer than the next board meeting date, so is the motion that he's granted a license until August 16 at 5:00 PM or end of day August 16 and within 10 days he's going to have his representative contact Tim Crotts with a payment plan and to discuss what the Board needs? Is that part of the probation area, the 30 day probationary requirement?

- **Richard Joslin:** Oh no, he'll be able to hook up a payment plan within ten days, but at least to contact as far as information and what his obligations are going to be when he gets here, right?
- Discussion continued with regard to: the date of August 16; the attorney and Mr. Sanchez make contact within a week; formulate a plan in writing prior to meeting on August 16.
- **Kevin Noell:** Who was the motion maker? Mr. Lantz, so then is your motion just for granted, August 16, and then have him come back before the Board with the payment plan and your motion is that succinct? And then as far as whatever he's going to work out in the interim, he's on notice that his attorney should reach out to Mr. Crotts and all of that but that's not part of your motion. But it's understood that it's the will of the Board. Does that make sense? So that's the motion before the Board.
- Discussion continued with regard to: bring a reasonable explanation and plan; typically we don't go against what the County recommends; this is a first; this is your fault; still questioning why the police haven't been involved; your property was stolen; your credit score dropped; no debtor's prison anymore; first time giving a license with a low credit score; make it right.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Is your insurance current? Bring a current certificate of insurance to the August 16 meeting.
- **Kevin Noell:** For purposes of the motion I need to make sure because I'm going to draft the order that's going to be, to an extent legally binding on this gentleman, and so if he comes before the Board and he doesn't comply with that order, I'm sure the Board is going to have questions and that's going to be an issue. So I just need to procedurally make sure Mr. Lantz, do you want that included in your motion that you want certificate of insurance? And those were the requirements that Mr. Jaron had just stated. Is that part of your motion?
- **Kyle Lantz:** It is not.
- **Kevin Noell:** Can you restate then your motion so that we understand, and I understand it's procedural lifting, but I need to be able to draft an order that's the will of this Board.
- **Kyle Lantz:** So my motion is that we grant him a temporary probationary license from now until 5:00 PM on August 16. At the August 16 meeting, we expect him to be here with an attorney with an explanation of how he got in the situation he's in and a plan of how he plans to get out of the situation he's in.
- **Elle Hunt:** Not necessarily a payment plan, but a plan on what they're doing in writing.
- **Richard Joslin:** And I will second my motion to the amendment.
- **Stephen Jaron:** All in favor, say aye.
Aye – four.
Terry Jerulle and Stephen Jaron – nay. (*Disunited vote, 4-2.*)

9. Old Business

(A) SIMON J. AGUIRRE – REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR - RED LEVEL CONSTRUCTION LLC

- **Simon J. Aguirre:** Sworn testimony given to Mr. Aguirre and his spouse.
- **Timothy Crotts:** Mr. Aguirre has submitted an application for the issuance of a residential building contractor license, which requires 48 months experience in the trade.

Mr. Aguirre appeared before the Contractor Licensing Board on August 17, 2022, for a review of his credit and experience. At this time a motion was made and passed that the application be tabled for 90 days regarding the review of experience and credit. See pages 207 and 208 in your packet for the Minutes of this meeting. At this time, Mr. Aguirre has improved his credit score to an acceptable under the County Court Ordinance and is no longer an issue. With regards to experience, Mr. Aguirre submitted one additional letter regarding his experience from Erintasa Investors Incorporated, Ingrid Almonte, president and owner. I spoke to her and she advised that they are solely an investment company. They do not hold any type of license for any type of trade in Collier County or the state of Florida. Erintasa Investors has hired Elton Silcox to build two homes currently in Lee County and that Mr. Aguirre is a subcontractor of his. Based upon this information received from Mr. Aguirre, it is the opinion of the staff that Mr. Aguirre does not meet the experience requirements under Ordinance 2006-46 Section 1.6.3 as it relates to the trade of a residential building contractor. Mr. Aguirre is being referred to the Board under section 2.5.2 referral the application to the Contractors Licensing Board for decision and Mr. Aguirre is here today to answer your questions.

- **Stephen Jaron:** You've been here a couple of times. I think this is your third time in the last year. I believe you had Mr. Silcox with you the last time and he's not here (today). And your goal is to basically do what he's been doing for the last couple of years to build homes for the same investor. And you have another business that you that you also run. The issue we're having with you is experience. If you could explain in more detail your experience as far as home building.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** I thought I would just have to present my credit from last time we spoke.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Your credit seems to be improved.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** My experience was all right and that we were just going to talk about my credit; on the minutes of June 15. So I thought I was just here to provide my credit score that was going up. My experience and credit says experience was already covered in the last meeting.
- **Stephen Jaron:** So you don't want to explain it again to us.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** But what do you need me to explain?
- **Richard Joslin:** How to build a house.
- **Stephen Jaron:** We want you to document four years of residential construction building experience.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** I've been building houses for five years with Elton Silcox. We buy the land. We clear the lot. We get the loads in. We get the pad, we get that passed. Then we start doing the underground plumbing and underground electric. We get that poured. We do the shell, we do the trusses, the sheeting, interior framing and rough plumbing, rough air conditioning. That's what we do. We build specs, homes or small homes. There really isn't much to it.
- **Stephen Jaron:** There is a lot to it.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** Once you've been doing it for four or five years, homes back to back.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Are we arguing?
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** I'm just excited. That's how I speak.

- **Stephen Jaron:** And the homes you're building are slab on grade, is that right? (Yes.) Have you ever built anything on pilings or stem walls? (No.) Anything more than one story? (No.)
- **Richard Joslin:** I think that was part of the issue though. That he had no experience with pilings, even though he was only building on grade.
- **Kyle Lantz:** I think there are a lot of residential builders who have no experience with pilings.
- **Kyle Lantz:** I'd like to congratulate you on getting your credit up, because I think we've had three lengthy conversations about your credit and you were pretty low and now you're up there. So that's a huge stepping stone I think you've overcome. So congratulations. I know it goes up a lot slower than it goes down.
- **Stephen Jaron:** Do you have employees? Because your workman's comp is specifically for employees.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** I had employees at the time, but after Coronavirus I don't. It's just me right now.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Mr. Crotts, do you have a recommendation?
- **Timothy Crotts:** Staff would recommend that the license be denied based upon the experience at the August 17, 2022, meeting. Vice Chair Jerulle made a motion to table the hearing for review of credit and experience for 90 days. At that time, the only document that we have received for additional experience has been from an investment company, not a licensed contractor.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** When I went into his office last month and provided him with my credit score I said, what else? What do I need to do and he said you need to convince me and you need to bring more letters. I said can I bring letters of people that I've worked with? He said yes, that'll be fine. So I reached out to the investor and I said, hey, look, this is what I'm dealing with. She said okay, I'll write you a letter.
- **Kyle Lantz:** I think people you work with are the person you're hanging block next to or the person who's helping you make the forms as opposed to people you work for. I think there's a clear difference between the two. And you don't physically do the work on the homes without you guys subbing everything out. You do the drywall metal framing, or you're subbing that out now? And are you doing any metal on these? Is it all wood inside?
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** These homes are just wood. I do the drywall by myself.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Mr. Crotts, he was to come back today to improve his credit score and to provide more documentation of his experience?
- **Timothy Crotts:** That is correct under the last time he was here, August 17, 2022, and that's reflected in the meeting minutes.
- **Terry Jerulle:** And you did include your credit score. And as Mr. Lantz said, that's to be commended. So thank you for doing that. You need to provide or prove to us that you have more experience.
- **Kyle Lantz:** We want to see hands on experience. We understand you're a great project manager. I think we've been telling you for probably close to two years now we want to see hands on experience. That's what we're looking for. I don't think anyone doubts that you've been working with Elton building homes. I think Elton's made that very clear. We want to see hands on as opposed to supervisory.

- **Simon J. Aguirre:** You guys want to see me flying trusses, laying blocks, troweling cement, doing all that stuff.
- **Terry Jerulle:** There's no need to be sarcastic. It's incumbent upon you to provide us with the document, the package. Again, you can't talk over me. It's incumbent upon you to provide us the experience and documentation. It's easy to get documentation. You get people to vouch for you and you get letters. You have pictures. You have a diary. You have somebody sign off on it. It's easy to get that experience if you have done that. I'm not here to argue with you. The County says you're not getting the license. You're asking us to go against the County. So again, you let me finish speaking. The County says you don't have a license. They're not going to give you a license. You're asking us to go against the County. And all we're asking is provide us with some proof to help us make that decision. You did it with the credit score. Good for you. That's awesome. And you're also supposed to do it on the experience.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** I provided you with the three letters of affidavit with the years of experience from the three companies I've worked for.
- **Terry Jerulle:** We're not arguing. We're trying to help you. Don't make it an argument. We're trying to help.
- **Simon J. Aguirre:** Then help me help myself. What more do I need to do? I provided the package with two letters of character and the three layers of affidavit. I got my credit score up. I've been in front of you guys three times. I don't know what else to do?
- **Spouse:** He (Mr. Aguirre) went to his (Mr. Crotts') office and we asked him, what more do you want? What kind of documents do you want? Do you want to follow him? What do you want? He said just convince me. He couldn't provide us with pictures, letters. He didn't say any of that. So that's why he's (Mr. Aguirre) so frustrated. Because right now you guys are telling us we can get letters from other people other than just the investors.
- **Terry Jerulle:** I understand it may be frustrating. And that's the way the system is. When I got my license, I had to provide to the State a whole bunch of documentation to prove that I had that experience, which I did. Yours wasn't sufficient enough for the last meeting minutes.
- Discussion continued with regard to: past meetings; credit score; new documentation on experience; more work experience.
- **Elle Hunt:** Do you want to withdraw and just apply for the next month to be in front of us?
- **Timothy Crotts:** I would recommend that we're going to do that. Then we just table the application until next month. This will allow the applicant to bring in documentation documenting his experience and then he can come back in front of the Board so the Board will have an opportunity to review those documents.
- **Elle Hunt:** I move that we table it until the August 2023 meeting.
- **Richard Joslin:** I'll second the motion.
All in favor, say aye.
Aye – five.
Terry Jerulle– nay. (*Disunited vote, 5-1.*)

Further discussion given to Mr. Aguirre: find out from the County what you're going to need; take notes when you talk with the County today; pictures; letters; documentation of experience when you built a house from the dirt up – we need other people authenticating it; letters from inspectors.

10. Public Hearings

(A) 2023-15 - NICHOLAS ANTHONY MAZZOLA DBA ABOVE & BEYOND PAINTING AND DECORATING L.L.C. (CEMIS20230005099)

- **Timothy Crotts:** Vice Chair, if I may. The respondent is not here today. We actually had to call him to find out where he was. Investigator Mike Bogart had to make several phone calls. We finally got a hold of him. He is saying that he is sick and is asking that this be postponed or tabled to the next meeting in August.
- **Richard Joslin:** Is that okay with staff?
- **Timothy Crotts:** It is okay with staff. Obviously if you're sick, it's kind of hard to get around that. This would be his first time asking for a continuance on this matter. He was served proper notice, but we will ask that it be postponed until the August 16 meeting.
- **Kevin Noell:** And just for the minutes, Mr. Crotts you had your witnesses present. Is that correct? And you had three witnesses present and two staff members and then the homeowner. Is that right?
- **Timothy Crotts:** Homeowner, three witnesses and actually three staff members, two from the Building Department (Fred Clum, Doug Sposito) and one from my staff, (Alyshia Morse) and then the witness.
- **Kevin Noell:** And you're not objecting to a one-time continuance and certainly next month, when it's set on the August 16 meeting, if he doesn't appear, then I would assume the County will object and it can be handled by the Board at that time, correct?
- **Timothy Crotts:** That is correct.
- **Kevin Noell:** I think the Board just for procedural sake should make a motion to continue it, especially since the agenda has been approved. Make a motion to continue the administrative hearing until next meeting given the sickness. I would just say that the continuance is granted until August 16.
- **Terry Jerulle:** Motion so moved.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Second.
- **Stephen Jaron:** All in favor say aye.
All in favor – aye. (*Carried unanimously, 6-0.*)

11. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

- **Stephen Jaron:** Motion to adjourn.
- **Kyle Lantz:** Second.
All in favor – aye. (*Carried unanimously, 6-0.*)

July 19, 2023

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Collier County Contractor Licensing Board



Stephen Jaron, Vice Chairman
TODD ALLEN

These minutes were approved by the ~~Vice~~ Chairman of the Contractor Licensing Board

on 8-16-2023, (check one) as submitted or as amended .