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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

July 12, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Hearing Officer Jerry Higgins called the meeting of the State Contractors Board to order at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2006, State Contractors Board Reno, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda and Exhibit B is the Sign In Log.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Jerry Higgins

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. George J. Lyford, Director of Investigations  
Mr. Gary Hoid, Deputy Director of Investigations

**LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:**

Mr. David Brown, Esq. Legal Counsel  
Ms. Laura Browning, Esq. Legal Counsel

The agenda was posted in compliance with the open meeting law on July 5, 2006 at Reno City Hall, Washoe County Court House and Washoe County Library. The agenda was also posted in both offices of the Board, Henderson and Reno and on the Board Internet Website.

**ADJUDICATING BOARD MEMBER: JERRY HIGGINS**

**1. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:**

**FLOORS TO GO, LICENSE NO. 50374**

Licensee was not present but was represented by Mark Wray, Esq.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

- Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File
- Exhibit 2 – Revised Proposal
- Exhibit 3 – April 20, 2006 letter to Leah Sanders from Citi Financial
- Exhibit 4 – Copy of check issued to Leah Sanders in the amount of \$8,050.00 from Citi Financial
- Exhibit 5 – Account History Information

Hearing Officer Higgins found Respondent Linda D'Aloia Ribis, Owner dba Floors to Go, license number 50374 guilty of violating NRS 624.3017(1) substandard workmanship; NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NRS 624.700(3)(a) failure to comply with the Board's Notice to Correct; NRS 624.3015(1) acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; NRS 624.3013(3) failure to establish financial responsibility. Ms. Ribis was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00 for the First Cause of Action, \$250.00 each for the Second and Fourth Causes of Action and \$500.00 for the Fifth Cause of Action, for a total fine of \$2,000.00; assessed investigative costs in the amount of \$1,564.00; and ordered to reimburse Ms. Sanders \$1,500.00. The Third Cause of Action was dismissed. Fines, costs and reimbursement to Ms. Sanders shall be paid within 120 days of July 12, 2006 or license number 50374 will automatically be revoked. If the licensee complies with the order of the Hearing Officer within 120

days of July 12, 2006, the Board will accept the voluntarily surrender of license number 50374.

**2. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:**

**LANDMARK HOMES and DEVELOPMENT, INC., LICENSE NO. 44398**

Licensee was present with Counsel Scott Heaton, Esq.

The following Agency Exhibit was entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File

Hearing Officer Higgins found Respondent James Bawden, President of Landmark Homes and Development, Inc., license number 44398 guilty of violating NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NRS 624.700(3)(a) failure to comply with the Board's Notice to Correct; NRS 624.302(5) failure or refusal to cooperate in an investigation; NRS 624.3013(3) failure to establish financial responsibility.

Mr. Bawden was ordered to pay a fine of \$250.00 each for the Third and Fourth Causes of Action for a total fine of \$500.00; assessed investigative costs in the amount of \$2,546.00 to be paid within 90 days of July 12, 2006 or license number 44398 will automatically be suspended.

Licensee was ordered to provide the Board with a current financial statement by August 21, 2006.

If the financial statement does not support the limit of the license, license number 44398 will automatically be suspended. Failure to provide the financial statement to the Board will result in further disciplinary proceedings.

**3. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:**

**VILLAGE BUILDERS OF NEVADA, INC., LICENSE NOS. 44163 and 54524**

Licensee was present.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File

Exhibit 2 – Building Permit

Exhibit 3 – Waiver and revised bid proposal

Exhibit 4 – Copies of checks from Debra Currie

The following Respondent Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit A – Letter dated February 14, 2006 from Debra Currie

Exhibit B – Proposal from Wiser Drywall, Inc.

Hearing Officer Higgins continued this matter for 90 days to allow licensee to complete the repairs on the Currie residence and provide a personal indemnification agreement for his license. This matter will be rescheduled to October 4, 2006 for a final decision.

**4. DISCIPLINARY HEARING – DEFAULT ORDER:**

**BLR SOLUTIONS dba, BLR WINDOW SOLUTIONS, LICENSE NO. 57490**

Licensee was not present.

The following Agency Exhibit was entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File

Hearing Officer Higgins found Respondent Ronald Max Salas, President of BLR Window Solutions, license number 57490 in default and adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as set forth in the Administrative complaint. Licensee was found guilty of violating NRS 624.3017(1) substandard workmanship; NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NRS 624.700(3)(a) failure to comply with the Board's Notice to Correct; NRS 624.302(5) failure to cooperate in an investigation; NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NRS 624.520(1) failure to provide Residential Recovery Fund Notice to owner; NRS 624.3013(5) as set forth in NAC 624.640(5) each licensee shall include in all bids he submits or contracts he enters into for construction work within this State, the number of his license

and any monetary limit placed upon his license; as set forth in NAC 624.640(3) if any change occurs in a licensee's address or personnel which affects the accuracy of statements in the application upon which his license is based, he shall report the change in writing to the Board within 30 days after the change occurs; NRS 624.3013(3) failure to establish financial responsibility. License number 57490 is Revoked. Respondent shall pay full restitution to the homeowner in the amount of \$4,592.50 and reimburse the Board for investigative costs of \$2,146.00 and any claims and associated expenses that may be paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

**5. CONTINUED DISCIPLINARY HEARING (Continued from June 7, 2006)**

**SILVER TREE CONSTRUCTION, LICENSE NO. 42607**

Licensee was present with John Ohlson, Esq.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Hearing File

Exhibit 2 – DIR Agreement

Hearing Officer Higgins rescinded his decision from the June 6, 2006 hearing and found Respondent Velda J. Warren, Owner dba Silver Tree Construction, license number 42607 guilty of violating NRS 624.3013(4) failure to keep in full force the bond or cash deposit pursuant to NRS 624.270 for the full period required by the Board. Ms. Warren was ordered to pay a fine of \$100.00 for the Second Cause of Action; assessed investigative costs in the amount of \$1,914.50. The First Cause of Action was dismissed. Licensee must comply with the conditions of the Department of Industrial Relations agreement, pay fines and investigative costs prior to applying for relicensure.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Hearing Officer Higgins at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Diederich, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

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Margi A. Grein, Executive Officer

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Jerry Higgins, Hearing Officer