

A meeting of the City of Orlando Chapter 57 Review Board was held on Thursday, August, 21 2014 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Veterans Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32802. The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Acting Chairman Bassem Chaaban to hear the appeals from the Certification Board meeting. The minutes from the April 17, 2014 Chapter 57 Review Board was approved as written.

Members Present: Bassem Chaabam, Acting Chairman, Ginger Malcom, Alfreda Forshee, Nathaniel Friends and Louis Preston, Jr.

Members Absent: Ron Nesbitt

Others Present: Brikena Tomasic, Vice Chairman of the Certification Board, Chris Carmody, Member of the Certification Board, Byron Raysor, Contract Compliance Investigator III, Gina E. Bernard, Certification Officer III and Susana Black, Recording Secretary

HEARING

1. Appellant: Thorburn Associates, Inc.

Lisa Thorburn, President (WBE) appeared before the Board. Lisa Thorburn gave testimony as to why she felt the Certification Board erred in its decision to deny Thorburn Associates, Inc., WBE certification. Discussion ensued. Brikena Tomasic, Member of the Certification Board, gave an overview and details of the reasons why the Certification Board denied the request for women owned business enterprise status submitted on behalf of Thorburn Associates, Inc., based on the following Certification Board Rules: 116.1 – subparagraphs (c) & (e), 119.1 – subparagraph (a) item 2, 3, 4 & 6 and 119.2. Discussion ensued. Lisa Thorburn, appellant, was given 5 minutes for rebuttal. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bassem Chaabam, seconded by Ginger Malcom, and vote carried unanimously to uphold the decision rendered by the Certification Board to deny WBE certification to Thorburn Associates, Inc.

2. Appellant: BMG Conveyor Service

Stephanie Davis, President/CEO of BMG Conveyor Service (WBE) appeared before the Board. Stephanie Davis gave testimony as to why she felt the Certification Board erred in its decision to deny BMG Conveyor Services WBE certification. Discussion ensued. Chris Carmody, Member of the Certification Board, gave an overview and details of the reasons why the Certification Board denied the request for women owned business enterprise status submitted on behalf of BMG Conveyor Service, based on the following Certification Board Rules: 119.1 – subparagraph (a) item 4 & 5 and 119.2. Discussion ensued. Stephanie Davis, appellant, was given 5 minutes for rebuttal. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Alfreda Forshee, seconded by Nathaniel Friends, and vote carried unanimously to uphold the decision rendered by the Certification Board to deny WBE certification to BMG Conveyor Services.

3. Appellant: Abatement Central, Inc.

Jennifer Sweeney, President of Abatement Central, Inc. (WBE) appeared before the Board. Jennifer Sweeney gave testimony as to why she felt the Certification Board erred in its decision to deny Abatement Central, Inc., WBE certification. Discussion ensued. Brikena Tomasic, Member of the Certification Board, gave an overview and details of the reasons why the Certification Board denied the request for women owned business enterprise status submitted on behalf of Abatement Central, Inc., based on the following Certification Board Rules: 114.1 – subparagraph (e), 116.1 – subparagraph (b) and 117.1 – subparagraph (b). Discussion ensued. Jennifer Sweeney, appellant, was given 5 minutes for rebuttal. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Nathaniel Friends, seconded by Ginger Malcom, and vote carried unanimously to uphold the decision rendered by the Certification Board to deny WBE certification to Abatement Central, Inc.

Bassem Chaaban moved to recess for five (5) minutes.

Board reconvened at 10:11 am

4. Appellant: Transcrete Services, Inc.

Johanna Lixey, President of Transcrete Services, Inc. (WBE) appeared before the Board. Johanna Lixey gave testimony as to why she felt the Certification Board erred in its decision to deny Transcrete Services, Inc., WBE certification. Discussion ensued. Brikena Tomasic, Member of the Certification Board, gave an overview and details of the reasons why the Certification Board denied the request for women owned business enterprise status submitted on behalf of Transcrete Services, Inc., based on the following Certification Board Rules: 112.1 item 1. 115.1 – subparagraphs (b), (c) & (e), 116.1 – subparagraphs (c), (d) & (g), 118.1 – subparagraphs (a) items 2 & 3, 118.2 and 119.1 – subparagraph (a) items 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8. Discussion ensued. Johanna Lixey, appellant, was given 5 minutes for rebuttal. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Alfreda Forshee, seconded by Louis Preston Jr., and vote carried unanimously to uphold the decision rendered by the Certification Board to deny WBE certification to Transcrete Services, Inc.

5. Appellant: Webster Law

Appellant officially withdrew the appeal for Webster Law on August 20, 2014 at 4:37pm through email to Gina Bernard, Certification Officer III.

6. Appellant: Muto Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Star Scenic Supply

Paul Muto, Vice President of Muto Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a/ Star Scenic Supply (WBE) appeared before the Board. Paul Muto gave testimony as to why he felt the Certification Board erred in its decision to deny Muto Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a/ Star Scenic Supply, WBE certification. Discussion

ensued. Brikena Tomasic, Member of the Certification Board, gave an overview and details of the reasons why the Certification Board denied the request for women owned business enterprise status submitted on behalf of Muto Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a/ Star Scenic Supply, based on the following Certification Board Rules: 114.1 – subparagraph (d), 115.1 – subparagraphs (b) & (c), 116.1 – subparagraphs (c) & (d) and 119.1 – subparagraph (a) items 3, 6 & 8. Discussion ensued. Paul Muto, appellant, was given 5 minutes for rebuttal. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Nathaniel Friends, seconded by Louis Preston Jr., and vote carried unanimously to uphold the decision rendered by the Certification Board to deny WBE certification to Muto Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a/ Star Scenic Supply.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

S. Black

Susana Black, Recording Secretary