

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Board Members Present: Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson [5, 1], Chris Carmody, Vice Chairperson [5, 2], Charles Hawkins II [5, 1], Mi Hoshino [5, 2], Maria G. Turk [5, 2] and Ramesh Panchal [5, 0].

Board Members Absent: Bruno Portigliatti [5, 2].

Staff Members Present: Kevin Walsh, MBE Official, Gina Bernard, Certification Officer III and Susana Black, Recording Secretary.

Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

The minutes from the January 28, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Abdullah Tharoo, Nominating Board Representative presented the members of the Certification Board with lapel pins on behalf of the City of Orlando in recognition of their volunteer service.

M/WBE RULINGS

KLPNstudio – Kelly Leppin, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify KLPNstudio as a WBE in Architectural Design Services.

BRS Group, Inc. (The) – Warrnon Bell, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to re-certify BRS Group, Inc. (The), as an MBE in Consulting and Installation – Audio, CCTV, MATV Equipment and Sound Systems.

WBQ Design & Engineering, Inc. – Derek Burke, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify WBQ Design & Engineering, Inc., as an MBE in Professional Civil Engineering Services.

Briones Consulting & Engineering, LTD – Rolando Briones, Jr., President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Briones Consulting & Engineering, LTD as an MBE in Professional Civil Engineering Services.

Flamingo Kitchen Corp. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Flamingo Kitchen Corp., as an MBE Commercial and Residential Cabinet, Countertop Manufacturing and Installation; Furniture Repair; Custom Cabinets; and Trim Carpenter.

Haynes Building Services – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Haynes Building Services as an MBE in Drywall Finishing, Painting, and Flooring.

Milan Construction, LLC/Milan Companies – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Milan Construction, LLC/Milan Companies as an MBE in Parking Management and Valet Parking Services.

Re-Certifications

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify the following companies: Advanced Engineering Design, Inc., d/b/a AED, Inc., Air Products & Equipment, Inc., AMCON, Inc., Asha Planning Consultancy, Inc., Axios Construction Services, LLC, Central Florida Construction Walls, Inc., CONFINIOTIS Design Group, Creative Resources Enhancing Workable Sustainability, LLC d/b/a CREWS, LLC, Datawise, Inc., Educational & Leadership Training, Inc., Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc., Florida Investments Unlimited, Inc., d/b/a Team Staffing Services, Hoke Design, Inc., Horticultural Consulting Services, Inc., d/b/a HCS, Inc., Hyatt Survey Services, Inc., Infinite Imagination Services d/b/a On Point Media Group, JMD Global Developers, LLC, L & S Diversified, LLC, Orange County Painting Company, Ruel Nicole, LLC d/b/a Ruel Nicole, LLC, Ruth Hamberg Landscape Architecture & Urban Design, Sky High Gourmet, LLC, Vision Consultancy, Inc., and Wyche & Associates, Inc.

Terminations/Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chris Carmody seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: Alonso & Associates, LLC, Comm Tech Engineering, LLC, DML Financial Services, Inc., Liberty Steel Erectors, Inc., Pita Hut Enterprises, Inc., and Soleilmoon Cleaning Service, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

S. Black

Susana Black, Recording Secretary