

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida, 32802. The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. to review case files

Board Members Present: Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson [6-1]
 Bruno Portigliatti, Vice Chairperson [6-1]
 Khalid Muneer [5-2]
 Ramesh Panchal [5-2]
 Maria G. Turk [5-2]
 Mi Hoshino [5-2]

Board Members Absent: Charles Hawkins II [5-2]

Staff Members Present: Kevin Walsh, MBE Official
 Gina E. Bernard, Certification Officer III
 Grace M. Gyorko, Recording Secretary

Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The minutes from the March 30, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

MWBE RULINGS

PES, LLC. – Joe Perez, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mi Hoshino and vote carried unanimously to recertify PES, LLC as an MBE Professional Civil Engineering and Surveying and Mapping Services.

Premium Trash Services – Courtney Gavin, CIO, appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to certify Premium Trash Services as an MBE in Janitorial Service, Waste Removal, Pressure Washing, Junk Removal, Construction Cleanup, and Event Cleanup.

Plumb Line Consulting – Jill Simms, CEO/Founder appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to recertify Plumb Line Consulting as an MWBE Human Resource Consultant, etc.

Rapid Staffing, Inc. – Lani Harless, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mi Hoshino and vote carried unanimously to recertify Rapid Staffing, Inc. as a WBE Temporary Staffing Agency (Clerical, Hospitality, Drivers, Light Industrial and Skilled Trades).

Suncoast Therapy LLC. – Dawn Wildermuth, CEO, appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mi Hoshino and vote carried unanimously to certify Suncoast Therapy, LLC as a WBE in Pediatric Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy.

Neston Cleaning Service – Admilor Neston, CEO, appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mi Hoshino and vote carried unanimously to certify Neston Cleaning Services, Inc. as an MBE Janitorial Services (Commercial, Residential and Construction Clean Up) company.

MCO Construction & Services, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to certify MCO Construction & Services, Inc. as an MWBE General Contractor (Prime Only) and Construction/Project Management Services.

Skippy Transportation, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to certify Skippy Transportation, Inc. as a MWBE Tourist and Corporate Transportation Service firm.

Polished Perfection Cleaning Services, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to deny re-certification to Polished Perfection Cleaning Services, Inc. as an MWBE based on: 1) The firm has failed to provide sufficient documentation to support that it is a currently functioning business enterprise which: a) Demonstrates the capability (i.e., employees, equipment, facilities, supplies, etc.) to perform a line of business; b) Provides a commercially useful business function according to customs and practices of the industry; 2) A company must provide a commercially useful function within the normal industry practices. Contractors must demonstrate the independent capability to perform line(s) of business, as characterized by: a) Have sufficient labor force and/or the independent capability of obtaining such a force; b) Has sufficient equipment, tools, etc. and/or the independent capability of obtaining such items. And 3) Companies whose regular method of operation is determined to be to secure contracts/subcontracts as M/WBE's and thereafter buy or contract for the commodities or services necessary to fill the contract will not be considered commercially useful and M/WBE status will be denied.

Re-Certifications

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to recertify the following companies in the line(s) of business requested: A & Associates, Inc., Capri Contractors, Inc. , Champion Painting Specialty Services Corp., Collins Survey Consulting, LLC, Constructioneer Corporation, Creative Impact Consulting, LLC, Cruzado Transport, Inc., Devo Seereeram, Ph.D, P.E., LLC, FRASCA & ASSOCIATES LLC, Ghyabi & Associates, Inc. H.W. Fort Construction, Inc., Haynes Building Services, OM Engineering Services, Inc, PKCHEF INC, PlanActive Studio LLC, Prime Electrical Services, Inc., Risk Management Solutions of America, Inc., Sell & Associates, Synergy Software Solutions, Inc., T. Gregory Construction, Inc., and TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Terminations/Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: A.D. Hetzer Architect, PA, Acktel Electric Company, Inc., Chatter Buzz Media LLC, Faller, Davis & Associates, Inc., GMB Engineers and Planners, Inc., Guzman & Company, Impaq Worldwide, LLC, McEwan, Martinez, Dukes & Hall, PA, Modern Industry Services, Inc., Sunshine Cleaning of Orlando, Inc, and Winter Garden Grassing, Inc.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Grace M. Gyorko, Recording Secretary