

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Board Members Present: Brikena Tomasic, Vice-Chairperson [3, 1], Bruno Portigliatti [3, 1], Charles Hawkins II [3, 1], Mi Hoshino [3, 2], Maria G. Turk [3, 2] and Ramesh Panchal [3, 0].

Board Members Absent: Chris Carmody, Acting Chairperson [3, 1].

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

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

The minutes from the November 19, 2014 minutes were approved as written with the following corrections: remove Clara Herrera Realty and O'Malley Tree Service, LLC from the Terminations/Non-Responsive list.

M/WBE RULINGS

Wynndalco Enterprises, LLC – Isabel Serrano, Director of Business Development appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to certify Wynndalco Enterprises, LLC as an MBE in IT Deployment, System Integration, IT Training, IT Warehousing and Logistics, IT Wireless Networks, IT Project Management and Database Development.

Impress Ink, LLC d/b/a Impress Ink – Michael Cho, Manager appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Impress Ink, LLC d/b/a Impress Ink as an MBE in Graphic Design, Clothing and Apparel Screen Printing, Embroidery and Promotional Products.

C.A.G., LLC – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic to certify C.A.G., LLC as a WBE in Trucking/Hauling of Aggregate Materials to Construction Sites, motioned failed for lack of second. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to deny WBE status to C.A.G., LLC based on:

- 1) The business concern must be at least 51% owned by minority group members or at least 51% owned by women group members, as characterized by:
 - a) Independent contribution of capital by the minority or the women group members commensurate with percent of ownership claimed. Ownership gifted to minority or women owners, equipment or other assets gifted, and/or funds gifted to purchase ownership or to establish a new business will not be considered independent contributions of capital. Inherited capital or assets will not be considered as gifted for purposes of these rules.

- b) Independent risk of loss and share of profits commensurate with the proportional ownership.
- 2) The minority or the women owner(s) must possess independent power to direct or cause direction of management and policies of the firm for which minority and/or women-owned business status is requested, as characterized by:
- a) Not controlled by Board of Directors or other management entities comprised of an equal or greater number of non-minority or of non-women group members.
- 3) A company must provide a commercially useful function within the normal industry practice, as characterized by:
- a) Transportation/Trucking companies must be in the business of providing transportation or trucking services to the general public and/or contractors. Company must own and maintain available vehicles or trucks suitable for performing the line(s) of business and the number of trucks or vehicles must be proportionate to the firm's general volume of business. Operators must be employed by or subcontracted by the minority or women owners, on an as needed basis. Any leased owner/operator vehicles must enter into contract with the minority or the women owners in accordance with normal industry practices and must be under the control of the minority or the women owners.
- 4) The company is not considered an independent women-owned enterprise because the husband and/or other male principal:
- a) Receives equal or greater compensation than the woman-owner, not commensurate with ownership.
 - b) Possesses equal or greater powers to direct management and day-to-day decisions.
- 5) When the husband or other male family members contribute to the above characteristics, the firm may be considered a family-owned firm rather than a Women-Owned Business Enterprise, as defined in Rule 111.1 and WBE status may be denied.

SUPRA Office Solutions, Inc. - The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to certify SUPRA Office Solutions, Inc., as an MBE in Office Equipment Merchant Wholesalers; and Paper (e.g., Fine, Printing, Writing), Bulk, Merchant Wholesalers; Office and Stationery Supplies.

Re-Certifications

Clara Herrera Realty – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to recertify Clara Herrera Realty as an M/WBE Real Estate Broker. Bruno Portigliatti, Board Member presented a Memorandum of Voting Conflict – Form 8b (attached) and recused himself from voting.

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to re-certify the following companies: Archis, Inc., Borrelli + Partners, Inc., Closed Caption Latina Corp. d/b/a Dicapta, Deaf Talk, LLC, Deep Electric, Inc., Four Star Plumbing, Inc., Hommes Masonry, Inc. d/b/a TOLTEC CONSTRUCTION, JCM Panco Corporation d/b/a Tropical Smoothie Café, JCR Consulting, Le-Huu Partners, P.A., Michael Galura Engineering Consultants, LLC, Milan Engineering, Inc., O'Malley Tree Service, LLC and TCJ Enterprise, LLC.

Terminations/Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: Diamond 'C' Transport, Inc., Dosmen LLC d/b/a Carribbean's Best, HW & Associates, CPA PLLC, Integrity Security Protection, JMD Global Developers, LLC, Reed Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc., Roza Latina Cleaning Service, LLC and We Tutor You, Inc.

New Business

Discussion ensued. It was moved by Charles Hawkins II, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to elect Brikena Tomasic as Chairperson for the term of December 2014 through November 2015.

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Other Business

Kevin Walsh, MBE Official addressed the Board to inform them about a Public Hearing in January 2015 regarding an ongoing Disparity Study. Mr. Walsh encouraged the Board to notify other companies of the upcoming Public Hearing. Information on the Public Hearing will be sent to the Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

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Susana Black, Recording Secretary