

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Board Members Present: Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson [7, 1], Ramesh Panchal [7, 1], Mi Hoshino [7, 2], Bruno Portigliatti [7, 2] and Maria G. Turk [7, 2].

Board Members Absent: Charles Hawkins II [7, 2], and Chris Carmody, Vice Chairperson [7, 4]

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

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson called the Certification Board hearing to order at 9:15 a.m.

The minutes from the March 29, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

#### M/WBE RULINGS

**Plumb Line Consulting** - Jill Simms, CEO appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to certify Plumb Line Consulting as a MWBE Consultant offering best-practice HR solutions customized for churches, non-profits, and small-mid-sized companies to achieve greater levels of success.

**Caribbean Ceramic Tile & Marble Corp.** – Miguel Hernando, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Caribbean Ceramic Tile & Marble Corp. as an MBE in the Installation of Ceramic Tile and Marble

**Clifton Tower Service, Inc.** – Joann Ingram, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Maria Turk, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Clifton Tower Service, Inc. as a WBE in Tower and Lightning Protection- Erection, Removal, and Maintenance.

**Air Products & Equipment, Inc.** – Laurie Coppinger, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to table the decision for thirty (30) days pending receipt of additional documentation from the applicant.

**H & H Survey Consultants** – Faun Hoffmeier, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Maria Turk, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to deny WBE status to H & H Survey Consultants based on: The minority or the women owner(s) must possess independent power to direct or cause direction of management and policies of the firm, as characterized by: a) Title and authority commensurate with ownership and control; and b) 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; The minority or the women owner(s) must be independently responsible for the day-to-day management and control of the firm's daily operations, commensurate with ownership, as characterized by: a) Who makes final staffing and personnel related decisions; and b) Who signs checks, bids, and contracts, or authorizes their signature; 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; and b) Possesses equal or greater powers to direct management and day-to-day decisions. The applicant was advised of her right to appeal the Board's decision.

**Aclus Engineering, LLC** – Daniel Magro, Managing Director appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Aclus Engineering, LLC as an MBE Professional Engineer specializing in Environmental / Waste Water and Water.

**Mack Contracting, LLC** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to deny MBE status to Mack Contracting, LLC based on: 1) The business has failed to demonstrate 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; and b) Provides a commercially useful business function according to customs and practices of the industry; 2) The company must: a) Hold all required state/local licenses, permits, etc., required to perform line of business in the City of Orlando; and 3) The minority or the women owner(s) must be independently responsible for the day-to-day management and control of the firm's daily operations, commensurate with ownership, as characterized by: a) Whether substantial time is devoted to the business.

**Sunshine Cleaning of Orlando, Inc** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mari Turk and vote carried unanimously to certify Sunshine Cleaning of Orlando, Inc as an MWBE Janitorial Services firm.

**TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mari Turk and vote carried unanimously to certify TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc. as a WBE Professional Civil/Structural Engineering and Planning Consultant.

### **Re-Certifications**

**Charles J. Hawkins II, P.A.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. (Brikena Tomasic presented Memorandum of Voting Conflicts-Form 8b). Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Charles J. Hawkins, II P.A. as an MBE providing Legal Services.

**Fletcher Painting, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. (Bruno Portigliatti presented Memorandum of Voting Conflicts-Form 8b). Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Fletcher Painting, Inc. as an MBE Painting Contractor- Exterior/Interior; Stucco, and Tile Installation; Drywall/Framing, Wall Covering Installation and Block Work.

**RDI Structural Engineering Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. (Bruno Portigliatti presented Memorandum of Voting Conflicts-Form 8b). Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify RDI Structural Engineering, Inc. as a WBE Structural Engineering Design Consulting firm.

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to re-certify the following companies: A.C.C.I. (Advanced Cable Connection Inc. d/b/a ACCI, Accurate Comfort, Inc., Acoustical Ceilings Level, Inc., ACY Contractors, LLC., Apex Construction Group, LLC, Apolonio Espinoza-Father and Son Concrete Work Inc, Chem Clean, Inc., Chinook Systems, Inc., Cohesive Constructors, LLC, D & A Building Services, Design Interactive, Inc., Designers West Interiors, Inc., EM Paving Corporation, Envy by Design, Inc, Greenery Productions, Inc., Hooah, LLC, Mehta and Associates, Inc., NR Electronics LLC, One Source Roofing, Inc., Onopa Services LLC d/b/a Onopa, Prestige Construction of Florida,

LLC, Professional Real Estate Team, Rugbymar, Inc., Southern Research Laboratories, Inc., Sterling Building Services Inc, and Superior Concrete, LLC

**Terminations/Non-Responsive**

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsive: Annetta Wilson Media Training & Success Coaching, C.T. Hsu + Associates, C.T. Sellers, Inc., Custom Made Carpets, LLC, Food Health & Environmental Safety Corp, Groundtek of Central Florida, Inc., J & P General Janitorial Corp, L.F. Harris & Associates, CPA, P.A., RLH Consulting & Management, Inc., d/b/a RLH Construction, Inc., SKO-Kingston Construction & Restoration, Inc., and Tezlyn Figaro-Turner d/b/a The Allied Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

**Gina Bernard, Certification Officer, III**