

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Board Members Present: Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson [2, 1], Charles Hawkins II [2, 1], Mi Hoshino [2, 0], Khalid Muneer [2, 1], and Bruno Portigliatti [2, 0].

Members Absent: Ramesh Panchal [2, 2], and Maria G. Turk [2, 1].

Staff Members Present: Gina Bernard Certification Officer III.

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 October 28, 2015 Board meeting were approved as written.

M/WBE RULINGS

Superior Mechanical Systems, Inc. - Clinton Dulin, Vice President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Superior Mechanical Systems, Inc. as an MBE Mechanical Contractor Specializing in Installation of Commercial HVAC Systems.

VMG Construction Inc. - Victor MGalvan, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to re-certify VMG Construction, Inc. as an MBE in Concrete Construction; Driveways, Pads, Curbs, Parking Lots and Foundations.

TransPremier, LLC - Sergio Quarnto, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to re-certify TransPremier, LLC as an MBE in Trucking/Hauling.

The following applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Charles Hawkins and vote carried unanimously to re-certify the following companies: A C Signs, LLC, Arora Engineers, Inc., AWK Consulting Engineers, Inc., Colamco, Inc., EAC Cleaning Services, LLC, EPS Contractor Group Corp., Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc., HZ Construction, Inc., JS-1 Construction Company, Master Consulting Engineers, Inc., Productivity Apex, Inc., South East Business Services Inc., and VTM Professional Services.

D. Seaton and Associates, P.A. - The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried to re-certify D. Seaton and Associates, P.A. Charles Hawkins declared a conflict and abstained from voting on the motion. (Form 8B-Attached).

Competitive Edge Partners & Consulting, LLC - The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote

carried to re-certify Competitive Edge Partners & Consulting, LLC. Brikena Tomasic declared a conflict and abstained from voting on the motion. (Form 8B-Attached).

Broussard & Cullen, P.A. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried to table the decision regarding Broussard & Cullen, P.A. pending a quorum of voting members present. Charles Hawkins and Brikena Tomasic declared conflicts and abstained from voting on the motion. (Form 8B-Attached).

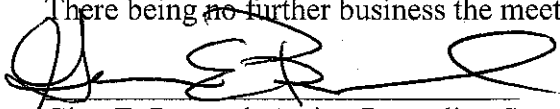
The following applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to approve the following applicants in the lines of business requested: Arconial Architecture, LLC, EPS Contractor Group Corp., MJ Tax & Consulting, Inc., novelEsolutions, Inc. and Wholesale Electric Caribe, Inc.

The following applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to deny certification to the following firms: MelDon Commercial Products, Inc., Morse Communications, Inc. and Workscapes, Inc. for the following reasons: 1) Failure to provide sufficient information to the Certification Board on which a determination of eligibility can be based; and 2) Refusal to comply with a reasonable City request for information, data, or access to records pertinent to the application for certification or recognition within the time period specified by either the Certification Board or City MBE staff.

Yes Hotel Services, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to deny status to Yes Hotel Services, Inc. based upon the following: 1) Failure to provide sufficient information to the Certification Board on which a determination of eligibility can be based; 2) 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; and 3) The firm must not be affiliated or associated with another non-minority or non-women owned firm to a degree which could prevent or inhibit an independent status, as characterized by: a) Relationship between owners, directors, officers, or key employees or their relatives and non-minority/non-women owned firms in a similar line of business.

The following applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried to terminate the following firms for non-responsiveness: Andre's & Bobby's Janitorial Service, Commercial Fabricators, Inc., DAO Consultants, Inc., Mangali, Inc., Quantum Mechanical, LLC, and Weatherspoon Realty, Inc.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.


Gina E. Bernard, Acting Recording Secretary