

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32802. The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. to review case files.

Board Members Present: Annas Kabbaj, [2-0]  
Arlene Guffin, [2-0]  
Bruno Portigliatti, Chairperson [2-0]  
Julio Rocha, [2-0]  
Sarah Ristorcelli, [1-1]

Board Members Absent: Khalid Muneer, Vice Chairperson [0-2]

Staff Members Present: Janeiro Coulter, MBE/BLEUPRINT Division Manager  
Dafina Doctor, Executive Assistant Information Tech. Dept.  
Kimberly Wyche, Recording Secretary

Annas Kabbaj, Board Member called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Arlene Guffin entered the meeting at 9:16 a.m. The minutes from the October 25, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Bruno Portigliatti entered the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

#### MWBE RULINGS

**VMG Construction Inc.** – Victor Galvan, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Sarah Ristorcelli, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to recertify VMG Construction Inc. as an MBE in Concrete Construction, Driveways, Pads, Curbs, Parking Lots and Foundations.

At this point Bruno Portigliatti, Chairperson took over the Chair.

**Sensys America, Inc.** – Carlos Lofstedt, CEO appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Julio Rocha, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to certify Sensys America, Inc. as a MBE in High-Tech Traffic Enforcement Solutions.

**Phil Ray's Cleaning Services** – Shemayah Yisrael, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Annas Kabbaj, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to certify Phil Ray's Cleaning Services as an MBE in Commercial Janitorial Services, Carpet Care, Hard Floor Care & Windows.

**Sunrise Hauling & Excavating, Inc.** – Davenand Persaud, Vice President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Sarah Ristorcelli and vote carried unanimously to recertify Sunrise Hauling & Excavating, Inc. as an MBE in Trucking and Hauling.

**AC Signs, LLC** – Alvaro Chica and Armando Chica, Co-Owners appeared before the board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Julio Rocha, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recertify AC Signs, LLC as an MBE in Business Signs of All Types (Service, Installation and Shelter Fabrication).

**JAY-C TRUCKING LLC** – Jaison Cruz, President appeared before the board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Sarah Ristorcelli, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recertify JAY-C Trucking as an MBE in Trucking and Hauling Road Construction Material.

**TransPremier, LLC** – Sergio Guarnizo, President appeared before the board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Sarah Ristorcelli and vote carried unanimously to recertify and grant motion for company to add additional line of work under new expansion lines of business.

**Cold Wall, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Julio Rocha and vote carried unanimously to certify Cold Wall, Inc. as an MBE in Services for Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

**Pellot Construction Services Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Julio Rocha and vote carried unanimously to certify Pellot Construction Services Inc. as an MBE General Contractor and Construction Management Services.

**Prestige Ford, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Julio Rocha and vote carried unanimously to certify Prestige Ford, Inc. as an MBE in Ford Dealership.

**Smith Broomfield & Howard Construction and Restoration** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Julio Rocha and vote carried unanimously to certify Smith Broomfield & Howard Construction and Restoration as an MBE in Building Contractor and Construction Management.

**Stern Brothers & Co.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Julio Rocha and vote carried unanimously to certify Stern Brothers & Co. as an WBE in Investment Banking.

**Stokes Creative Group, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Julio Rocha and vote carried unanimously to certify Stokes Creative Group, Inc. as an WBE in Creative Solutions and Strategic Communications in Public Outreach, Video Production and Documentation, Photography, Website Design and Development, Graphic Design and Interactive Media.

### **Re-Certifications**

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Sarah Ristorcelli and vote carried unanimously to recertify the following companies: Arora Engineers, Inc.; AWK Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Buchheit Associates, Inc. Surveyors & Mappers; Colamco, Inc.; Competitive Edge Partners & Consulting LLC; Corporate Care Partners, LLC; D. Seaton and Associates, P.A.; Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc.; Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design Inc.; HZ Construction, Inc.; Java Express, LLC; Master Consulting

Engineers, Inc.; Productivity Apex, Inc.; Reality Marketing Group; South East Business Services, Inc.; Superior Mechanical Systems, Inc.; VTM Professional Services

### **Terminations/ Non-Responsive**

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Sarah Ristorcelli, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: EAC Cleaning Services, LLC; JS-1 CONSTRUCTION CO; Lansirlart Studios; The Mediation Associates

### **Old Business**

A discussion ensued regarding a rule change to allow an MWBE to expand its business lines into areas where the owner of the enterprise does not hold the license when the company has been doing business in the area for which it is requesting such an expansion for a minimum of two years before the request. Discussion ensued. Brian Butler, President of JCB Construction; Derek Burke, President of WBQ Design & Engineering; Vernice Atkins Bradley, President of Votum Construction; Veronica Anderson, President of Anderson & Associates all spoke in favor of new rule. It was moved by Sarah Ristorcelli to amend the rule of the expansion of business for a minimum of six months instead of two years. It was seconded by Julio Rocha and motion passes unanimously. It was moved by Julio Rocha to approve the expansion of business line rule, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to approve the expansion of line business rule change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

*Kimberly Wyche*

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Kimberly Wyche, Recording Secretary