

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 1st Floor North & South Collaborations Room, Orlando, Florida 32802. The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. to review case files.

Board Members Present: Anass Kabbaj, [4-2]
Arlene Guffin, [6-0]
Khalid Muneer, Vice Chairperson [3-3]

Board Members Absent: Bruno Portigliati, Chairperson [4-2]
Julio Rocha, [4-2]
Sarah Ristorcelli, [3-3]

Staff Members Present: Marya Collier, MBE and BLUEPRINT Program Manager
Kimberly Wyche, Recording Secretary

Khalid Muneer, Vice Chairperson called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Khalid Muneer noted that since the meeting is short of a quorum, then all official voting will be moved to the next Board meeting on April 25, 2018. The minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting were recommended for approval as written and will be voted on at the next meeting.

MWBE RULINGS

PSA Constructors, Inc. – AZ Thomas, Operations & Marketing Manager appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Anass Kabbaj, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recommend recertification of PSA Constructors, Inc. as an MBE in Design/ Planning, Construction Management, Program Management and MBE Training. Official vote will be moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

First American Steel Erectors Corp. - Wendy Doxtater, Secretary appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Anass Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to recommend recertification of First American Steel Erectors Corp. as an MBE in Structural Steel Erection Metal Deck, Shear Studs, Welding and Ornamental Iron (Stairs and Rails). Official vote will be moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Votum Construction, LLC. – Vernice Atkins Bradley, President appeared before the Board. Khalid Muneer, Board Member, presented a memorandum of voting conflict-Form 8B (attached) and recused himself from voting. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Khalid Muneer, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recommend recertification of Votum Construction, LLC as an MWBE for General Contractor (Prime Only); Construction Management, Design-Build and Preconstruction Services; M/WBE Program Management and Government Relations. Official vote will be moved to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Torres Total Flooring Inc. – Neftali Lorente, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Anass Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to recommend certification of Torres Total Flooring Inc. as an MBE for Flooring-Tile, Carpet, VCT and Wood Floors. Official vote will be moved to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

BlackRain Partners, LLC- Cynthia Blackwell, CEO appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Anass Kabbaj, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recommend certification of BlackRain Partners as a WBE for Full Service business consulting

including HR, Recruiting, Community Relations, Marketing, Growth; Strategies, Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, Organizational Development. Official vote will be moved to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

AL LEDESMA TRANSPORT LLC - The applicant did not appear before the Board. It was moved by Anass Kabbaj, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recommend certification of AL LEDESMA TRANSPORT LLC as an MBE in Trucking of Road Construction Materials. Official vote will be moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

VEI Solutions, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. It was moved by Anass Kabbaj, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recommend certification of VEI Solutions as an MBE in Commercial Glass & Metal Contractor; Curtain Wall, Window Wall, Storefront, Skylights, Atria, Enclosure Systems, Fire-Rated Frames, Metal Panels, Miscellaneous Metal, Hand Rails and Ornamental Iron Work. Official vote will be moved to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Re-Certifications

The applicants did not appear before the Board. It was moved by Arlene Guffin, seconded by Anass Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to recommend re-certification to the following companies: Ambient Technologies, Inc.; Baker Barrios Architects, Inc.; Base Consultants, Inc.; Baslee Engineering Solutions (BES), Inc.; Breaking Ground Contracting Company; Corbel Design, Inc.; DS Transportation, Inc.; EAC Consulting, Inc.; G.W. Trucking, Inc.; Gartek Engineering Corporation; M2 Management, Inc.; MULE Engineering, Inc.; S R Plumbing; Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc.; Sancho Trucking Inc.; SkyBuilders USA, LLC; Triangle Construction, Inc.; Trijay Systems, Inc.; Yvonne I. Froscher . Official vote will be moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Terminations/ Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. It was moved by Anass Kabbaj, seconded by Arlene Guffin and vote carried unanimously to recommend termination of the following companies for non-responsiveness: Antillian Engineering Associates, Inc.; Bithgroup Technologies, Inc.; Done Today Beautiful Tomorrow; Integrity Protective Services, LLC; Mega Solutions, LLC; Miracle Touch Cleaning Services, LLC; On French LLC; Sandy Hope Inc. Official vote will be moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

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