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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING May 18, 2020 REPLY TO:

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CALL TO ORDER:

Noah Allison, Esq. called the meeting of the State Contractors Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 18, 2020, State Contractors Board, Henderson and Reno, Nevada.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Mr. Noah Allison, Esq.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Mr. Paul Rozario, Director of Investigations

Mr. Tim Geswein, General Counsel

Mr. Julio Sabates, Investigations Supervisor

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

Mr. Jack Juan, Esq.

Ms. Grein stated the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meeting law and Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 on the Board's Internet Website, the Nevada Public Notice Website, and emailed electronically to persons who have expressed interest in being kept informed of the Board's meetings.

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE</u>: NOAH ALLISON, ESQ.

1. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from March 18, 2020) Haus Corporation dba Thor Industries, License No. 80186

Haus Corporation dba Thor Industries, License No. 79867 Troy William Gines, President and Treasurer

Licensee was present and represented by John Wright, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Exhibits were admitted:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File

Exhibit A - Respondent's Answer and Supplemental Documents

ALJ Allison found good cause to accept the parties' stipulated resolution. Pursuant to the stipulation, ALJ found Respondent Haus Corporation dba Thor Industries guilty of violating NRS 624.3015(1) by acting beyond the scope of the license, NRS 624.3017(1) by performing workmanship which is not commensurate with standards of the trade in general, NRS 624.302(1)(a) by contracting when the license is suspended or revoked, and NRS 624.3018(2) for an act cause for discipline against licensee who is member, officer, director, associate. The Third and Fourth alleged violations were dismissed. Respondent Haus Corporation dba Thor Industries was assessed a fine of \$250 for the

First alleged violation, a fine of \$500 for the Second alleged violation, and a fine of \$1,000 for the Fifth alleged violation for a total fine of \$1,750, and assessed investigative costs of \$1,250. Fines and costs are to be paid within one-hundred twenty (120) days of the date of the Decision & Order.

2. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from March 18, 2020)
Marc Thomas Pipitone dba Landmarc, License No. 35262

Marc Thomas Pipitone dba Acacia Landscape, License No. 71902

Licensee was present and represented by John Wright, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Exhibits were admitted:

Exhibit 1 - Board Hearing File

Exhibit A - Respondent's Answer and Supplemental Documents

ALJ Allison found the Respondent violated NRS 624.302(5) for failure or refusal to respond to request to cooperate in investigation of complaint, NRS 624.3013(5) pursuant to NRS 624.520 for failing to provide a notice to owner regarding residential recovery fund, NRS 624.3014(1)(a) by acting in the capacity of a contractor except in the name on the license, NRS 624.3013(5) pursuant to NAC 624.640(5) for failing to include license number and limit on bids and contracts, NRS 624.3013(3) for failure to establish financial responsibility, and NRS 624.3018(2) for an act cause for discipline against licensee who is member officer director associate. The First and Second alleged violations were dismissed. Respondent was assessed a fine of \$250.00 for the Third alleged violation, a fine of \$50 for the Fourth alleged violation, no fine for the Fifth alleged violation, a fine of \$50.00 for the Sixth alleged violation, a fine of \$500 for the Seventh alleged violation, and no fine for the Eighth alleged violation, for total fines of \$850 and assessed investigative costs of \$2,567. Fines and investigative costs are to be paid within sixty (60) days of the date of the Decision and Order. Respondent was ordered to pay restitution to Claimant James Nun in the amount of \$1,464. Respondents license numbers 35262 and 70912 shall remain suspended until a compliant financial statement is submitted to the Board. Respondent has thirty (30) days to provide a compliant financial statement to the Board or licenses will be revoked.

3. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from March 18, 2020) T & L Stone, LLC, License Nos. 81734, 81735, and 81736

Licensee was not present but was represented by Kurt Faux, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Exhibits were admitted:

Exhibit 1 - Board Hearing File

ALJ Allison found good cause to accept the parties' stipulated resolution. Pursuant to the stipulation, ALJ found Respondent T & L Stone, LLC violated NRS 3015(1) acting beyond the scope of the license, NRS 624.3015(2) by bidding or contracting for a sum for one construction contract or project in excess of the limit placed on the license by the Board, NRS 624.3013(5) by failing to include the monetary license limit on Respondent's contract as required by NAC 624.640(5), NRS 624.3014(1)(a) by acting in the capacity of a contractor except in the name on the license, and NRS 624.3018(2) for an act cause for discipline against licensee who is member, officer, director, associate. The Second, Third and Fifth alleged violations were dismissed. Respondent T & L Stone, LLC was assessed a fine of \$250 for the First alleged violation, a fine of \$500 for the Fourth alleged violation, a fine of \$500 for the Fourth alleged violation, and no fine was assessed for the Eighth alleged violation, for total fines of \$900 and assessed investigative costs of \$6,314. Fines and costs are to be paid within ninety (90) days of the May 18, 2020 hearing or all licenses will be suspended. Respondent T & L Stone, LLC license numbers 81734, 81735, and 81736 shall be reduced to a monetary license limit of \$40,000.

4. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from March 18, 2020)
Construction MD, LLC, License No. 78772

Licensee was present at the hearing.

The following Exhibits were admitted:

Exhibit 1 - Board Hearing File

ALJ Allison found good cause to accept the parties' stipulated resolution. Pursuant to the stipulation, ALJ found Respondent Construction MD, LLC violated NRS 624.302(6) failure to comply with a \$250 fine; violation of NRS 624.3013(5) as set forth in NRS 624.165(3)(e)(2) constructional fraud occurs if a person engaged in construction knowingly acts as a contractor without possessing any other license required by the State or a political subdivision of this State with a \$50 fine; violation of NRS 624.3013(4) failure to maintain bond with a \$250 fine; and, violation of NRS 624.3013(5) failing to notify the Board of any change which occurs in a licensee's address or personnel affecting the accuracy of the statements in the application upon which his license is based, and reporting the change in writing to the Board within 30 days after the change occurs as required by NAC 624.640(3) with a \$50 fine. The First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Eleventh alleged violations were dismissed. Respondent shall pay the full fine of \$600 and investigative costs of \$2,900 within thirty (30) days of the date of the Decision & Order. Respondents license shall be surrendered upon payment of the administrative fines and investigative costs. Upon full payment of the fines and costs, license number 78772 may be placed on inactive status.

5. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from March 18, 2020)

JCS Landscaping & Custom Lawn Care, Inc., License No. 80584

Licensee was not present at the hearing.

The following Exhibits were admitted:

Exhibit 1 - Board Hearing File

ALJ Allison dismissed the Board's complaint against the Respondent.

6. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from March 18, 2020) Eclipse Landscape Services, Inc., License Nos. 78482 and 78483

Turner Landscaping, LLC dba Scapes and Stone, License No. 67928A

Turner Landscaping Corp., License Nos. 80586, 80587

Licensee was present and was represented by Brian Morris, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Exhibits were admitted:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File

Exhibit A – Respondent's Answer and Supplemental Documents

ALJ Allison took this matter under advisement.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by ALJ Allison at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Diederich, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Margi A Grein Executive Officer