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MINUTES OF THE MEETING June 12, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Richard Scotti, Esq.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Margi Grein, Executive Officer Terry Wike, Director of Investigations Damien Bilyeu, Compliance Supervisor Eric Spratley, Investigations Supervisor Jason Johnston, Compliance Investigator Josue Barrera, Compliance Investigator

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT Jack Juan, Esq.

Executive Officer, Margi Grein, stated the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meeting law at both offices of the Board, on the Board's Internet Website, the Nevada Public Notice Website, and e-mailed electronically to persons who have expressed interest in being kept informed of the Board's meetings.

1. **DISCIPLINARY HEARING – (Summary Suspension)**

*Patio Covers for Less, LLC, License No. 85240

Case No.: 30062118, 30063148, 30064401, 30064543, 30065174, 30065283, 30065337, 30065359, 30065391, 30065513, 30065542, 30065543, 30065545, 30065546, 30065547, 30065559, 30065560, 30065561, 30065569, 30065578, 30065571, 30065599, 30065600, 30065601, 30065602, 30065609, 30065610 Ryan Bradley Vozzola - Managing Member, CMS and Trade

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Respondent does not appear in person or through counsel; Homeowners present and sworn in to testify are Burton Katz; Robert Enriley, Cary Marshall, John Taboada, Richard Pribble, and Pura Usam for Lorenzo Usam; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; and Terry Wike, Director of Investigations; Damien Bilyeu, Compliance Supervisor. The Board states that Respondent has not Answered the Complaint and therefore asks for a Default and affirmation of the suspended license status. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) swears in the parties participating in testimony. After hearing sworn testimony from homeowners, the ALJ finds there is sufficient evidence for suspension due to 27 complaints and thereafter ORDERS that the Respondent is in Default with summary suspension affirmed. The Board will schedule a disciplinary hearing.

2. **DISCIPLINARY HEARING -**

*AJ Construction, LLC, License No. 87343

Case No.: 30064539, 30064654, 30063355, 30064899, 30064872 Joshua Quinton Carradine - Manager, CMS and Trade

Admit ALL Exhibits -

Respondent does not appear in person or through counsel; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; Terry Wike, Director of Investigations; and Eric Spratley, Investigations Supervisor. The Board states that Respondent has not Answered the Complaint and therefore asks for a Default with a change from suspended due to disciplinary hearing, to a revoked license status. The Board recommends fines of \$1,000 per allegation. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) **ORDERS that License No. 87343 will remain suspended** and if fines, fees and costs are not paid within 30 days of the Decision and Order, will be immediately revoked. The ALJ finds Respondent to be in violation of Allegation #1 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #2 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #4 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #5 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #6 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #7 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #8 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #9 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #10 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #11 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #12 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #13 with a fine of \$1,000 for a total of \$13,000, plus fees and costs to be determined by the Board. If all fines, fees and costs are not paid within 30 days of the Decision and Order, the license will be revoked immediately.

3. <u>DISCIPLINARY HEARING</u> –

*Building Tectonics, Inc., License No. 71214

Case No.: 30063938

Ron Alan Cohen - President, CMS and Trade

Admit ALL Exhibits - 1-34 Photo Exhibits 35-48

Respondent does not appear in person or through counsel; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; Terry Wike, Director of Investigations; and Jason Johnston, Compliance Investigator. The Board indicates that the Respondent did not reply with an Answer and therefore recommends Respondent be found in Default. The Board further recommends that Allegation #1 be dismissed and to be found in violation of Allegations #2, #3 and #4. The ALJ therefore **ORDERS** that Allegation #1 is dismissed, and that Respondent is in violation of Allegation #2 with a fine of \$5,000; in violation of Allegation #3 with a fine of \$1000; in violation of Allegation #4 with a fine of \$1,000 for a total in fines of \$7,000. Respondent's license will be revoked permanently if total fines of \$7,000 and Board fees and costs are not paid in full within 30 days. The ALJ further **ORDERS** that Respondent is to reimburse the Board for any Residential Recovery Fund claims that may be granted.

4. <u>Disciplinary Hearing: (Summary Suspension) Continued from June 5, 2024</u> *1864 Concrete, LLC, License No. 88386

Case No.: 30063642, 30063645, 30063869, 30063994 Andrew Dean Ansotequi- Member, CMS and Trade

Admit ALL Exhibits -

Respondent does not appear in person or through counsel; Homeowners Tom Casha; and Job Hall; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; Terry Wike, Director of Investigations; and Jason Johnston, Compliance Investigator. The Board recommends Respondent be found in Default for Failure to Answer and Failure to Appear. The Board further recommends that their license be revoked and maximum fines with a minimum of \$1,000. Restitution, fines fees to be paid. The ALJ therefore ORDERS that the matter be proved up for default; Respondent is found to be in violation of Allegation #1 with a fine of \$2,000; in violation of Allegation #2 with a fine of \$5,000; in violation of Allegation #3 with a fine of \$1000; in violation of Allegation #4 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #5 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #6 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #7 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #8 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #9 with a fine of \$5,000; in violation of Allegation #10 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #11; with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #12 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #13 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #14 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #15 with a fine of \$5,000; in violation of Allegation #16 with a fine of #1,000; in violation of Allegation #17 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #18 with a fine of \$1,000, in violation of #19, with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #20 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #21 with a fine of \$5,000; in violation of Allegation #22 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #23 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of #24 with a fine of \$1,000; in violation of Allegation #25 with a fine of \$1,000, in

violation of Allegation #26 with a fine of \$1,000, for a total in fines of \$43,000. The ALJ further **ORDERS that license 88386 is revoked immediately,** and that Respondent is to pay restitution to each homeowner; that amount is to be determined and in the Decision and Order. The restitution, fines, fees and costs are to be paid within 30 days of the Decision and Order. Any monies paid by the Respondent shall go to Homeowner's first, then the Board's fines/fees/costs associated with the disciplinary hearing.

5. <u>Disciplinary Hearing:</u>

*Solarize LLC, dba Get Solarize, License No. 86002

Case No.: 30060210, 30063174, 30061669, 30064535, 30063546, 30064113, 30061219, 30063664, 30064400, 30963448, 30063626, 30064113, 30064466 Frances Kim Le – Manager, CMS Michael Sean Hogan – Manager, President, CMS and Trade

Admit ALL Exhibits -

Respondent does not appear in person or through counsel; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; Terry Wike, Director of Investigations; and Josue Barrera, Compliance Investigator. The Board recommends Respondent be found in Default for Failure to Answer and Failure to Appear. The Board further recommends the maximum fines for ALL 46 Allegations due to Respondent's failure to heed the Board's warnings, and multiple violations that led to extensive harm to homeowners with continued danger to health and safety of the homeowners. The Board further recommends that Frances Kim Le and Michael Sean Hogan be permanently banned from serving as an officer, director or partner that would require a license in the State of Nevada. The ALJ therefore ORDERS that the matter be proved up for default; Thereafter, the ALJ finds that license #86002 is immediately revoked and that Respondent is found to be in violation of Allegations #1 through #46 with the maximum fine of \$10,000 per each allegation, for a total of \$460,000 in fines. The ALJ further ORDERS that Frances Kim Le and Michael Sean Hogan are found jointly and severally liable for ALL fines, fees and costs and that they are permanently banned and prohibited from serving as an officer, director or partner for any licensed company in the State of Nevada.

6. <u>Disciplinary Hearing:</u>

*Murphy Bros Construction Co., Inc., License No. 07821

Case No.: 30060738

Cornelious Martin Murphy - Other, CMS and Trade

Michael Sean Hogan - Manager, President, CMS and Trade

Admit ALL Exhibits – 1-113

Appearances are made by Homeowner, Kenneth Wright; Respondent appears in person through his children, Brian Murphy, Sterling Murphy, and Sean Murphy; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; Terry Wike, Director of Investigations; Eric Spratley, Investigations Supervisor and Jason Johnston, Compliance Investigator. After sworn testimony by Respondent's children and homeowner Kenneth Wright, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) gives a partial ruling and takes Allegations #1 and #2 under advisement; in violation of Allegation #3 with a \$500 fine. The ALJ ORDERS the matter is taken under advisement with a Decision and Order to be completed within 2 weeks or June 26, 2024.

7. <u>Disciplinary Hearing:</u>

*Vintage Inc. dba Vintage Pools, License No. 82346

Case No.: 30061975, 30062800, 30062801, 30062802, 30062803, 30062804, 30062805, 30062807, 30062808 30062809, 30062835, 30062986, 30063087, 30063234, 30063235, 30063316, 30063317, 30063565, 30063584, 30063622, 30063770, 30064274, 30064379, 30064381, 30064382, 30064383, 30064518

Gary Louis Verbano – President, CMS and Trade

Admit ALL Exhibits -

Appearances are Respondent in person through Sarah Jackson, President, Gary Verbano, President, CMS

and Trade and through counsel, John Wright, Esq.; Prosecutor Jack Juan, Esq.; Terry Wike, Director of Investigations. The Board and Respondent's counsel have come up with the following plan: #1 – 60 days to reply with Answer and set a hearing, tentatively set for 9/23-27/24; #2 – Temporary Lifting of Summary Suspension; #3 – Cease and Desist doing work outside of scope of license; #4 – Respondent's counsel is to email the prosecutor the names of deponents for subpoenas; #5 – Discovery cut off is August 9, 2024 with deadline to Answer of August 16, 2024. ALJ INTERIM ORDERS that the suspension is lifted and no new work outside of scope of A -10 license.

8. <u>Financial Hearing:</u>

*Commercial Solar Energy, Inc., License No. 86002
Chaye Nola Schnize Besherse – Secretary
Gaylon David Morris – Chief Executive Officer
Jason Lee Bonfigt – Chief Financial Officer
Donald Wayne Peek – CMS and Trade

Socius LLC, License No. 83183 Jason Scott Knapp – President

Sunworks United, Inc., dba Sunworks, License No.: 79778
Gaylon David Morris – President
Chaye Nola Schulze Besherse – Secretary
Jason Lee Bonfigt – Treasurer
Donald Wayne Peek – CMS and Trade

Appearances are Respondent Gaylon David Morris via Zoom and in person through counsel, John Pictum, Esq.; Susan Broili-Kamesch, Licensing Administrator. After a report and testimony of the licensing administrator, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) **ORDERS all licenses revoked with costs awarded to the Board.**

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ADJOURNMENT

The disciplinary hearing was adjourned by Administrative Law Judge Richard Scotti at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

APPROVED

Margi A. Grein, Executive Officer