



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD
560 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 100
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02886**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Jonathan Enright
d/b/a JE Builders**

RESPONDENT.

**Nonregistered
Complaint Nos. 24-139, 24-194,
and 24-281**

**EMERGENCY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY RESPONDENT SHOULD NOT
BE ORDERED TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST;
NOTICE OF HEARING AND APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-14-16.1, 5-65-10(b) and 42-35-1 *et seq.*, the Director (“Director”) of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) issues this Emergency Order to Jonathan Enright, individually, and d/b/a JE Builders, and any other alias’s (“Respondent”) ordering Respondent to appear and show cause why Respondent should not be ordered to immediately cease and desist from engaging in activities requiring a contractor registration under R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-1 *et seq.* (the “CRLB Act”), including, without limitation, undertaking, offering to undertake, performing, arranging to perform and/or submitting a bid to do work as a contractor¹ and from any other actions or omissions in violation of the CRLB Act. This Order is issued pursuant to the Director’s authority found in R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-14-16.1, having determined that the public health, safety, and welfare of the general public imperatively requires such action, § 5-65-10(b) and the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”), R.I.

¹ See the definition of “contractor” in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-1(7).



Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 *et seq.* **This Order requires that Respondent appear at an Administrative Hearing before a Hearing Officer to be held no sooner than ten (10) days nor later than twenty (20) days after issuance of this Order to show cause why an order to immediately cease and desist from violations of the CRLB Act should not issue to Respondent. The Hearing will be held on October 2, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Business Regulation, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room 68-1, Cranston, Rhode Island, 02920.**

The Director issues this Order based on the following:

APPLICABLE LAW

1. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-14-16.1(a), if the Director, or his or her designee, has reason to believe that any person is conducting any activities requiring a license² under any provisions of the general laws within the Department's jurisdiction without obtaining a license, or who after the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license conducts any activities requiring such licensure, the Department may issue its order to that person commanding them to appear before the Department at a hearing to be held no sooner than ten (10) days nor later than twenty (20) days after issuance of the order to show cause why the Department should not issue an order to that person to cease and desist from the violation of the provisions of applicable law.

2. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(b), subject to providing notice to a respondent and an opportunity for a hearing, in addition to other remedies, when it has reason to believe that a person has engaged in or is engaging in any act, practice or transaction that violates the CRLB Act or the regulations, the Department through its State

² For purposes of the Department's administrative proceedings under the APA, the term "license" includes any agency registration or similar form of permission required by law. See § R.I. Gen. Laws 42-35-1(11).



Building Office (“SBO” or “Office”)³ may order such person to cease and desist from such violation.

3. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-14-16.1(c), any hearing on an order to cease and desist shall be governed by the APA.

4. According to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-1(7)(i), a “Contractor” is someone who,

in the pursuit of an independent business, undertakes or offers to undertake or submits a bid, or for compensation and with or without the intent to sell the structure constructs, alters, repairs, improves, moves over public highways, roads, or streets, or demolishes a structure or to perform any work in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, moving over public highways, roads, or streets, or demolition of a structure, and the appurtenances thereto. For the purposes of this chapter, “appurtenances” includes, but is not limited to, the installation, alteration, or repair of wells connected to a structure consistent with chapter 13.2 of title 46, garage, carport, port, patio, decks, docks, sheds, tents, gazebos, walkways, fencing, driveways, retaining walls, swimming pools, sidewalks, stone/masonry walls, and parking lots.

5. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(a), “[a] person shall not undertake, offer to undertake, or submit a bid to do work as a contractor on a structure unless that person has a current, valid certificate of registration for all construction work issued by the board.”

6. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(c), subject to providing notice to a respondent and an opportunity for a hearing, if a contractor violates any provision of § 5-65-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws or the Regulations, the Board may impose a fine of up to \$5,000, for a first violation and a fine of up to \$10,000, for each subsequent violation.

³ See R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-84-3.1 establishing the State Building Office within the Department of Business Regulation, which Office includes the Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board (the “Board”).



7. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(h), “[a]ny person or contractor, registered or not, who or that uses another contractor’s registration or allows another person to use their contractor’s registration fraudulently in any way, will be subject to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).”

8. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-65-3(o) and 5-65-18, all written contracts entered into between a contractor and a property owner must contain a statement that the contractor, subcontractors, or material persons may file a lien in accordance with the Rhode Island mechanics’ lien law, R.I. Gen. Laws § 34-28-4.1.

9. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-22 all contractors must include their registration number on all contracts and invoices.

10. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(m), a “contractor must see that permits required by the state building code are secured on behalf of the owner prior to commencing the work involved.”

11. R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(k) provides, “[w]hen upon investigation a complaint reveals: serious code infractions; unsatisfied mechanic’s liens; abandonment of a job for a substantial period of time without apparent cause; *or any other conduct detrimental to the public*, the board can double the fines.” [Emphasis added].

FACTS AND FINDINGS

12. Based upon the facts below, the Director finds that Respondent presents a threat to the public welfare were he to continue to engage in activities requiring a contractor registration without a valid registration.

13. This Emergency Order is being issued because the Office has received numerous recent complaints about Respondent regarding work that requires a contractor



registration, including Complaint Numbers 24-139 (“C-24-139”), 24-194 (“C-24-194”), and 24-281 (“C-24-281”).

14. The Respondent, Jonathan Enright, does not currently nor has he ever held a contractor’s registration with the CRLB.

Complaint Number 24-139

15. On or about May 3, 2024, the CRLB received C-24-139 wherein the complainant stated that she entered a contract with Jonathan Enright on or about January 17, 2024, for the repair of the roof of the property located at [REDACTED], Cranston, Rhode Island.

16. According to the C-24-139 and the documents submitted therewith, on or about January 16, 2024, the Respondent emailed the complainant a proposal from Nadales Renovations⁴ to replace roof at [REDACTED] Cranston, Rhode Island.

17. According to C-24-139, the complainant called Nadales Renovations LLC and was told they had no business relationship with Jonathan Enright.

18. According to C-24-139 Jonathan Enright thereafter sent a new proposal from Juniors Construction (also referenced as Jhuniors Construction in the document).⁵

19. According to C-24-139, on or about January 19, 2024, the complainant paid the Respondent \$6,600 as a deposit for the replacement of the roof at [REDACTED], Cranston, Rhode Island.

⁴ Nadales Renovations LLC is owned and/or operated by Sebastian Nadales, with contractor registration GC-39858.

⁵ Jhuniors Construction Inc. is owned and/or operated by Luis Lema with contractor registration GC-47811.



20. According to C-24-139, sometime thereafter, the complainant learned that insurance would cover part of the roof replacement and Respondent Jonathan Enright agreed to refund the complainant's deposit.

21. An investigator for the CRLB confirmed with the complainant that the Respondent failed to perform any of the agreed upon roof work that the complainant paid a deposit for, and the deposit was only refunded after two bounced checks and assistance from Cranston Police Department.

22. On or about August 30, 2024, an investigator for the CRLB confirmed with Luis Lema of Jhuniors Construction Inc. that he does not work with Mr. Enright nor did he work on the complainant's property.

23. On or about August 30, 2024, an investigator for the CRLB spoke with Sebastian Nadales of Nadales Renovations LLC who stated that he worked on a previous project with the Respondent and worked on the proposal for this property, but decided not to take the job and the Respondent used the proposal without the consent of Mr. Nadales.

Complaint Number 24-194

24. On or about June 20, 2024, the CRLB received C-24-194 wherein the complainant provided that she entered a contract with the Respondent on or about February 27, 2024, to build a deck/front porch at the property located at [REDACTED], Cranston, Rhode Island.

25. According to documentation submitted with C-24-194, the Respondent sent the complainant an invoice on February 27, 2024, which described the work to be performed including building a "13x8 front porch", for the total cost of \$6,750.



26. According to C-24-194, thereafter, the complainant paid the Respondent and William Spinner a total of \$7,100.

27. According to C-24-194 and documentation submitted with the complaint, the Respondent stated that he was a partner and/or subsidiary for Timothy Hidalgo—a registered contractor with the registration GC-49504.

28. According to documentation submitted with C-24-194, on or about March 29, 2024, a building permit was issued to William Spinner, contractor registration number GC-45999, to demo the existing front porch and build a new front porch at [REDACTED] Cranston, Rhode Island.

29. According to complaint C-24-194, Respondent performed the work but it was deficient in the following respects: railings falling off or very loose, no waterproofing against the house, the stairs are not straight, floorboards are warped, and other issues.

30. On or about September 3, 2024, after the SBO notified Respondent of the complaint, the Respondent went to the SBO in person to request a copy of C-24-194, and showed his phone to CRLB staff to show that he received all notices of the complaint via email.

31. On or about September 4, 2024, an investigator for the CRLB called William Spinner who stated that he was hired as a subcontractor to perform electrical work and pulled the building permit in his name, but that he did not perform any work other than electrical work on the property.

32. On or about September 4, 2024, an investigator for the CRLB called Timothy Hidalgo and he stated that he has no affiliation with the Respondent and has asked the Respondent to stop using his name in any reference.



Complaint Number 24-281

33. On or about August 27, 2024, the CRLB received C-24-281 wherein the complainant stated that the Respondent provided a quote on or about July 11, 2024, for \$24,550 to finish a basement at the property located at [REDACTED] East Providence, Rhode Island.

34. According to C-24-281 and an investigation by a CRLB investigator, on or about July 26, 2024, the Respondent applied for a building permit from the city of East Providence for work described as “finish basement”, wherein he stated he was the owner of the property.

35. According to C-24-281 and an investigation by a CRLB investigator, on or about August 7, 2024, the Respondent applied for a building permit from the city of East Providence for work described as “sump pump/sprinkler heads”, wherein he stated he was the owner of the property.

36. According to C-24-281, the Respondent represented to the complainant that he works with Robert Fayerweather, a registered contractor with the registration GC-47290.

37. According to C-24-281, the complainant paid the Respondent \$25,150.

38. According to C-24-281, after the complainant learned that the Respondent stated that he was the property owner in the building permits, on or about August 27, 2024, the complainant filed charges with the East Provident Police Department against the Respondent for giving false documents to a government official.

39. On or about August 29, 2024, an investigator for the CRLB did a field investigation with the building official for the city of East Provident of the work at [REDACTED]



██████████ East Providence, Rhode Island, and determined that “there were no supporting wall studs constructed and unsecured in some locations” and that the work was not completed.

40. On or about September 3, 2024, after the SBO notified Respondent of the complaint, the Respondent went to the SBO in person to request a copy of C-24-281, and showed his phone to CRLB staff to show that he received all notices of the complaint via email.

Additional Complaints

41. Since August 27, 2024, the Department has received three more complaints that the Respondent has undertaken and/or performed work that requires a contractor’s registration without such registration; while the Department’s SBO is continuing its investigations of those three additional complaints, the Department has sufficient cause to believe that Respondent is continuing to engage in work as a contractor without a valid registration in violation of the CRLB Act.

Violations of Law

42. Based upon the foregoing, it is the position of the Department that Respondents have committed the following violations of the CRLB Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-1 *et seq.*:

- a. At least three occasions of arranging to do work without a valid registration in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(a);
- b. At least three occasions of using another contractor’s registration fraudulently in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(h);



- c. At least three occasions of fraudulent advertising to entice an individual to hire an unregistered contractor in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws §5-65-3(i);
- d. At least seven occasions of dishonest or fraudulent conduct that the Office finds injurious to the welfare of the public in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(a)(3);
- e. At least two occasions of performing work without a valid registration in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(a)(10);
- f. At least three occasions of misrepresenting registration status as valid when unregistered in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(a)(15);
- g. At least three occasions of failing to provide a mechanic's lien notice in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-65-3(o) and 5-65-18; and
- h. At least three occasions where Respondent did not include a registration number on advertising proposals, contracts, and invoices in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-65-22 and 5-65-3(l); and
- i. At least one occasion of failing to secure permits prior to commencing work in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(m).

CONCLUSION AND BASIS FOR EMERGENCY ACTION

43. In light of the many complaints against Respondent alleging repeated violations of the CRLB Act, and the Respondent's demonstrated awareness of the SBO and CRLB, it is clear that Respondent has no intention of discontinuing his pattern of flagrant disregard for the law.



44. The totality of the information and circumstances described herein demonstrates that Respondent is acting to the detriment of the welfare and safety of the public making it imperative that a cease and desist order be issued to prevent further harm to the public welfare.

THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the Director hereby **ORDERS**:

- I. Respondent is ordered to appear before a Hearing Officer at the Department for an **Administrative Hearing on October 2, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Business Regulation, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room 68-1, Cranston, Rhode Island, 02920.** The Hearing will be held pursuant to the APA and 440-RICR-10-00-1.15 to determine why a Department order should not issue ordering Respondent to cease and desist from undertaking, offering to undertake, performing, arranging to perform and/or submitting a bid to do work as a contractor or otherwise engaging in any actions or omissions in violation of the CRLB Act in the State of Rhode Island.
- II. The Director hereby appoints Catherine R. Warren, Esq. as Hearing Officer for the purpose of conducting the hearing and rendering a decision in this matter. The proceedings shall be conducted in conformity with the APA and 440-RICR-10-00-1.15. It shall be the responsibility of the Respondent or Respondent's representative, to present Respondent's case to the Hearing Officer.
- III. Pursuant to 440-RICR-10-00-1.15.2, Respondent may be represented by legal counsel admitted in the State of Rhode Island. If Respondent fails to appear at the hearing and has not otherwise notified the Department of Respondent's inability to



attend, the Hearing Officer may enter a default judgment against Respondent pursuant to 440-RICR-10-00-1.17.

If you have any questions regarding the subject matter of the hearing, please contact Attorney Kallie Longval, Esq., via email at Kallie.longval@dbr.ri.gov or by phone at (401) 632-7008 and reference the case name and number.

Dated: September 17, 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer".

Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer, Director

All are welcome at the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (“DBR”). If any reasonable accommodation is needed to ensure equal access, service or participation, please contact DBR at (401) 462-9500, RI Relay at 7-1-1, or email DBR.dirofficeinq@dbr.ri.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing. To request sign language and/or CART services for the deaf and hard of hearing, please contact the Department via email at DBR.dirofficeinq@dbr.ri.gov or via telephone at (401) 462-9500. We strongly encourage you to do this at least five (5) business days before the date of the scheduled hearing to allow adequate time to process your request.



CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of September, 2024, a copy of this Emergency Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing and Appointment of Hearing Officer was sent by first class mail postage prepaid and certified mail to:

Jonathan Enright
151 Grand Avenue
Cranston, RI
02905

And by email to:

1. Catherine Warren, Esq., Hearing Officer (catherine.warren@doa.ri.gov);
2. James P. Cambio, Building Commissioner (james.cambio@dbr.ri.gov);
3. Kallie Longval, Esq. (Kallie.longval@dbr.ri.gov);
4. Anthony Whitfield, CRLB Chief (Anthony.whitfield@dbr.ri.gov); and
5. Jonathan Enright, Respondent (jenright2771@icloud.com)

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