

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD
560 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 100
WARWICK, RI 02889

IN THE MATTER OF:	:	
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	:	GC No. 49166
MICHELLE RICHARDSON,	:	
MICHAEL BRESSETTE, and	:	
FELIX ACEVEDO,	:	Complaint No. 25-92
d/b/a CHELLIES	:	
SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS LLC.	:	
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**STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER FOR MICHELLE RICHARDSON, CHELLIES
SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, LLC AND FELIX ACEVEDO, AND CONDITIONAL
REGISTRATION AGREEMENT FOR FELIX ACEVEDO**

On or about May 16, 2025, Respondents were provided a Notice of Hearing (“NOH”) by the Department of Business Regulation (“Department”). The NOH provided Respondents with written notice of the appointment of a Hearing Officer to conduct an Administrative Hearing to determine whether Respondent has violated any part of Chapter 5-65 of the Rhode Island General Laws (“Chapter 5-65”) and whether fines and/or relief should be ordered.

Prior to a hearing being scheduled in this matter, Respondents Michelle Richardson, Chellies Specialty Contractors, LLC and Felix Acevedo have reached an agreement to settle this matter but only as it relates to them and not with respect to Respondent Michael Bressette. This Stipulation and Consent Order and Conditional Registration Agreement for Felix Acevedo (“Stipulation and Consent Order”) confirms the stipulated facts in this matter and the agreed upon terms of said agreement, which are as follows:

STATEMENT OF LAW

1. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-7(a)-(b), “[t]hroughout the period of registration, the contractor shall have in effect public liability and property damage insurance . . . In

addition, all contractors shall have in effect workers' compensation insurance as required under chapter 29 of title 28."

2. According to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-7(c), "[f]ailure to maintain insurance shall invalidate [the] registration and may result in a fine to the registrant and/or suspension or revocation of the registration."
3. According 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."
4. R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(a), subsections (1), (3), (4), (5), (10), (11), (14), and (16), authorize the Department's State Building Office ("Office"), which includes the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue, reinstate, or reissue a contractor's certificate of registration if it determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing:
 - a. That the registrant or applicant has violated § 5-65-3 or any other provision of this chapter or the regulations promulgated thereunder.
 - b. That the registrant, licensee, or applicant has engaged in conduct as a contractor that is dishonest or fraudulent that the board or office finds injurious to the welfare of the public.
 - c. Has violated a rule or order of the board.
 - d. That the registrant has knowingly assisted an unregistered person to act in violation of this chapter or the regulations promulgated thereunder.
 - e. The board or office may take disciplinary action against a contractor who performed work, or arranged to perform work, while the registration was suspended,

invalidated, or revoked. Deposits received by a contractor and ordered returned are not considered a monetary award when no services or supplies have been received.

- f. That the registrant breached a contract.
 - g. That the registrant has failed to complete a project(s) for construction or willfully failed to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty.
 - h. That the registrant has failed to pay a fine or comply with any order issued by the board or office.
5. R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(a)(18) provides, “[w]hen a violation for . . . not maintaining the insurance required is issued, the board or office may suspend the registration until the violation is resolved to the satisfaction of the board or office or otherwise through the administrative hearing process.”
6. According to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(j), “[a] contractor, including but not limited to, a general contractor, shall not hire any subcontractor or other contractor to work on a structure unless the contractor is registered under this chapter or exempt from registration under the provisions of § 5-65-2.”

STATEMENT OF FACTS

7. According to the Board’s registration records, Respondent Michelle Richardson d/b/a Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors LLC first became registered as a contractor on or about September 5, 2023, GC-49166.
8. On or about April 18, 2025, the Board received complaint number 25-92 alleging that on or about January 27, 2025, Respondents Felix Acevedo and Michael Bressette, doing business under the name of Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors LLC, agreed to perform contractor services for the complainant at his residence in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

THE BOARD'S INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

9. An investigation into complaint number C-25-92, conducted by an investigator for the Board between April 18, 2025, and April 30, 2025, confirmed the following:
- a. Respondent Michelle Richardson held a valid registration to be a contractor under the business name of Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors, LLC, GC-49166 at the time Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors LLC offered to perform contractor services for the complainant.
 - b. Respondent Acevedo has never previously held a Rhode Island contractor registration.
 - c. In January 2025, Respondents Felix Acevedo and Michael A. Bresette under the business name of Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors, LLC offered to perform contractor services for the Complainant, which require registration under the CRLB Act.
 - d. In January 2025, when Respondents Felix Acevedo and Michael Bressette offered to perform and then accepted payment for construction work from the complainant, Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors did not have valid workers' compensation insurance.
 - e. Respondents Michelle Richardson and Chellies Specialty Contractors, LLC failed to maintain the necessary general liability insurance coverage.
 - f. Respondents Michael Bressette and Felix Acevedo acted as unregistered contractors when they offered to perform contractor work for complainant and when they accepted a deposit from the complainant for said work.
 - g. No work was performed by the Respondents for the complainant.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

10. In order to amicably resolve this matter without an administrative hearing, the Parties enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order solely for the purpose of avoiding the burdens and expenses of litigation. The Parties agree to resolve this matter based upon the following:

- a. Respondent Michelle Richardson d/b/a Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors LLC admits to failure to maintain insurance as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-7.
- b. Respondent Michelle Richardson d/b/a Respondent Chellies Specialty Contractors LLC and Respondent Felix Acevedo agree to reimburse the complainant involved in C-25-92 in the amount of \$ 2,345.11.
 - i. Reimbursement to the complainant shall be made in accordance with the appended payment schedule (Exhibit A).
 - ii. The Reimbursement payment shall be made payable to the complainant and shall be delivered in the form of a money order, cashier's check, or banker's check.
- c. Upon the first payment installment in accordance with the above and the payment schedule contained in Exhibit A, and submission of a full and satisfactory registration application¹ from Respondent Felix Acevedo, the Board agrees to issue a conditional contractor registration to Respondent Felix Acevedo which shall be conditioned upon the following:
 - i. Ongoing compliance with the attached payment schedule contained in Exhibit A, until the full amount of \$2,345.11 is reimbursed to the complainant for C-25-92.
 - ii. Respondent Felix Acevedo shall complete ten (10) continuing education course credits within six (6) months of being issued a conditional contractor registration.
 - iii. Respondent Felix Acevedo agrees and acknowledges that failure to either complete the above-mentioned continuing education course credits within the time agreed-upon timeframe or comply with the payment schedule contained in Exhibit A shall result in an immediate invalidation and suspension of the conditional registration issued pursuant to this Stipulation and Consent Order.
- d. Upon Respondents' complete re-payment to the complainant and Respondent Felix Acevedo's completion of ten (10) continuing education course credits within six

¹ A full and satisfactory application shall include all the requirements for registration outlined under R.I. Gen. Laws 5-65-5, including but not limited to Respondent Acevedo's completion of the 5-hour pre-registration course and payment of the \$150 registration fee.

(6) months of being issued a conditional contractor registration, the Board shall consider this matter resolved and there shall be no further conditions or limitations placed upon Respondent Felix Acevedo's contractor registration.

- e. The Parties agree that failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions contained within this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be grounds for the Board to take additional administrative action against the Respondents.

11. Respondents agree that, in addition to the above, going forward he shall abide by all other statutory and regulatory requirements as set forth in the laws governing contractors in the State of Rhode Island, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-65, as well as the CRLB's General Rules and Regulations for Applications, Registration, Licensing, Claims, Violations, and Administrative Hearings, 440-RICR-10-00-1, and the Rules and Regulations for Contractors, 440-RICR-10-00-2.

12. *Completeness.* The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order represents the final determination of this matter.

13. *Waiver of Hearing and Appeal.* By agreeing to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order, each of the Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waives any right to an administrative hearing and waives any right to any further appeals to the Board and the Superior Court under R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-65 and the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

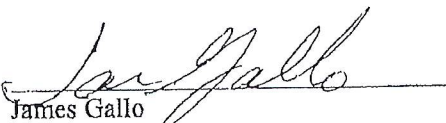
14. *Opportunity to Obtain Counsel.* Each of Respondents agree that she/he has had an opportunity to retain legal counsel to represent them in connection with this matter, and that they fully understand and acknowledge all the terms contained within this Stipulation and Consent Order, and that they have signed this Stipulation and Consent Order knowingly and voluntarily.

15. *Public Record.* Once executed, this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a public record under the Access to Public Records Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 38-2, and § 1.5(C) of 440-

RICR-10-00-1, and it shall be published on the Department's website under "Enforcement Actions."

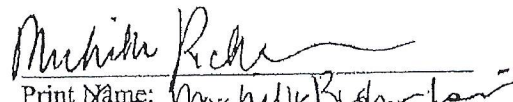
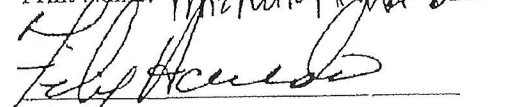
16. *Compliance.* Compliance with the terms of this Stipulation and Consent Order does not relieve the Respondents of any obligations to comply with other applicable laws or regulations administered by or through the Department, including the Division, the SBO and the Board, or any other governmental agency.

For the Department:


James Gallo
CRLB Chief

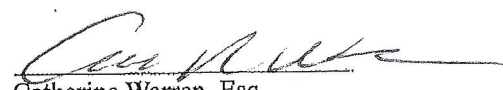
7/9/26
Date

For the Respondents:


Print Name: Michelle Riche

Print Name: Felix Acevedo
SO ORDERED:

7/9/26
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Catherine Warren, Esq.
Hearing Officer

July 10, 2026
Date