

LRB 12-19-19

Minutes - Case LRB-2019-00008

(Family) Leadership Services (Inc.) - 6988 New Dale Rd, Rex, GA

Chairman Braddy: Motion to amend the agenda – Change case A to B and case B to A- all in favor

Chairman: Motion to table minutes from 10.24.19 hearing to next mtg for time to review – all in favor

Chairman: Motion to adopt the agenda with changes – all in favor

Atty Ken Green: Case LRB-2019-00008 presented– read violations 290.4.C5 and 290.4.C6 – motion to revoke license due to violations (stemming) from various calls to the facility

Owners of Leadership Svcs – represented self: Brent Underwood – Owner #1: Darryl Steele – Director: Ahmad Blinkly – Owner #2

Witness Christopher Willis Sr: Captain of CCPD testified to all allegations

Atty Green: Copies of exhibits provided to Leadership Services

Brent Underwood: Questioned Captain Willis

Darryl Steele: Questioned Captain Willis for info explaining the reasons for the calls referencing Leadership Svcs.

Atty Ken Green: Swore in Major Tina Daniels who testified to the complaints received and violations

Brent Underwood: Testified to changes to procedures and documentation onsite for residents

LRB member Valerie Williams: Asked for a list of the types of changes in writing and if Leadership svcs realize they were categorized as a nuisance to the community

Chairman: Why are the exhibits just being shared today to Leadership Svcs?

Major Daniel: The facility has been reported on multiple occasions and all case reports were available for pick up after each incident.

Brent Underwood: The reports were made by themselves once a child/resident is missing. He stated when he LRB notice was received they just appeared in court and had performed no due diligence as to why/what violations were issued.

Major Daniel: Testified and stated in her position she received complaints from the HOA and residents about Leadership Svcs but Captain Willis determined there was an issue.

Brent Underwood: Stated if they had known they were being a nuisance, they would have worked with the police to target and rectify all issues. He asked if it was appropriate to call the police themselves?

Major Daniel: Confirmed the residents have continued to complain about the excessive issues and case reports are provided to the business.

Brent Underwood: Could you explain excessive?

Major Daniel: "More than others" in violations.

Brent Underwood: Asked Major Daniel if she was aware of the extreme levels of behavior they deal with daily, which directly cause an increased amount of police issues.

Atty Ken Green: Presented witness Annette Boyer – swore her in. She confirmed her position as a Comm Mgr of 911 emergency operations services. She confirmed in 6 months 49 calls have been received regarding issues at Leadership Services.

Atty Ken Green: Swore in Lela Henry- Officer for CCPD who testified to exhibits reported regarding a domestic dispute. A youth resident was upset due to the punishment given and threw bleach on the staff member and fought the staff member and threatened the staff.

Brent Underwood: Explained the incident and then stated he had no questions for Officer Henry.

Atty Ken Green: Officer Darnell Brown was sworn in.

Atty Ken Green: Displayed exhibit D and Officer Brown stated the events leading up to exhibit D. The officer testified to no documentation was on file nor provided to the youth listed in the incident.

Darryl Steele: Questioned Officer Darnell regarding the descriptions provided during the 911 call of the missing person.

Darryl Steele: Closed by stating the group homes are needed for the Special youth who are residents.

Atty Ken Green: Presented exhibit C5 – multiple violations

Board Deliberated – Returned at 4:15pm

Chairman Braddy: Recused himself (to avoid a potential conflict of interest) and turned the hearing over to the vice chairman.

Vice chair Rosanette Kirby: Stated based on section 290.4- violations are excessive. The board will fine and ask that additional security measures be put in place.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Rosanette Kirby and second by Chair Member Valerie Williams to:

- Fine \$1000.00 for each violation for a total of \$2000.00.
- Move all residents within 30 days
- 6 months suspended license
- Adequately secure the premises
- Maintain proper identification on youth residents immediately and during transition

VOTE - 3 members voted to approve and the Chairman abstained.

Director of Family Leadership Service Darryl Steele stated they will appeal the decision.

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TireMax – 6262 Old Dixie

Atty Charles Reed – Provided context of fines and proposed resolution per the defendant to the board. TireMax cited 3 violations (Fence/Tire Storage/Signage) – Unpaid Fines – Party proposed lights and sign to be taken down within 20 days, fenced repaired up to county code.

Atty Chuck Reed: Provided pictures of code violations to the defendants

Chairman Braddy: Stated he was confused about the presentation because he thought this was to be another case.

Atty Chuck Reed: Asked the board on behalf of the defendant to review the presented resolution. If any conditions are not met immediately, license will be revoked.

Tire Max store manager Antonio Acevedo was present along with owner Pedro Ramirez.

Antonio Acevedo: We agree with the stipulations but would like the fine reduced – We feel as though we are being harassed.

Pedro Ramirez: We are willing to pay 5k in fines.

Chairman Braddy: The board wants a full hearing.

Atty Chuck Reed: Presented the evidence and recommended revocation.

Pedro Ramirez: Spoke on the business history and reputation. He spoke on the harassment by Officer Gerod Green due to the repeat violations.

Atty Reed: Swore in Officer Green

Officer Green: Answered questions about himself and the multiple complaints/violations at TireMax and testified to the evidence presented by Atty Reed.

Atty Chuck Reed: Swore Olivia Johnson in to witness to the code violations- Presented – information from OneSolution, pics of violations and fines that have not been paid.

Store Mgr Antonio Acevedo: Shared his letter to Chairman Turner

Atty Reed: Objected the admissibility not authenticity

Owner Pedro Ramirez stated and testified his tires are considered for outside storage and lights are LED.

Olivia Johnson: Testified and stated the fines are 4K not 5K

Atty Reed: Section 2.90-4 County code suggested revocation due to multiple violations. Reed stated he believes there is sufficient evidence of violations to C2 and the following should occur as follows: Immediately remove lights – 180 to pay fines – 45 days to make tire not visible – fix fence. If there is a failure to comply with any conditions – Revocation.

Store Mgr Antonio Acevedo: Asked for extended period to pay fines(More than the 180 days) due to the added costs of all repairs and corrections to become compliant with County codes.

Chairman Braddy: Motion to deliberate for an executive session

Hearing resumes: Sec 290.4 C2 licensee failed to pay any payments in full. Order of the board amend the agreement recommendation to include the following: Lights removed, Fence repairing in 20 days, Tires affixed in 30 days, Signage immediately removed, Fines 4k to be paid in 180 days, Additional 2k for unpaid fines.

Motion to agree with all stipulations be accepted – 4 approved – 1 opposed

(2 approved--Chairman Braddy and Valarie Williams/Alysha Harvey Opposed)

(Roseannette Kirby left meeting prior to final vote of Board)