

Meeting Minutes
1046 Washington Street, Raleigh
In-person and Conference Call
February 13, 2017

9:00AM

Members Present: Phil Lanier - Chairman, Jennifer Richards – Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Throckmorton, Rafe Rountree

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Director

Members of the Public – Fred Baggett

Call to Order: Phil called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

The Board convened to receive public comment.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Phil read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for any conflicts or potential conflicts.

Phil asked that Barden read aloud the Rules being considered today. The following rules were being considered for re-adoption: **21 NCAC 29 .0204, .0205, .0206, .0401, .0402, .0404, .0502, .0503, .0504, .0601, .0802, .0803, .0804, .0805, .0806.**

The following Rules were being considered for substantive changes: **21 NCAC 29 .0102, .0702, .0703, and .0201.**

The following Rule was being considered for amendment: **21 NCAC 29 .0201.**

No written comments were received.

Phil asked when these Rules were approved by the Board. *[The substantive changes and amendments were approved on June 6th, 2016, and October 18th, 2016 respectively as part of a larger draft presented by then-chairman Steve Stroud and approved by vote of the Board.]*

Discussion followed about the Rules.

Discussion followed about forming an Ideas Committee for the Board. Keith asked that the Board consider developing a practical exam in addition and in place of a written exam for some applicants who have trouble with written tests.

Barden introduced Fred Baggett to the Board with potential for hire as private counsel. Phil asked Barden to prepare a proposal for the Board and Fred to review.

No comments were received from the public.

Phil called the meeting into recess at 10:45 until 5:15pm, February 13th.

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5:15pm

Members Present: Phil Lanier- Chairman, Jon Jeffries – Vice Chair, Jennifer Richards – Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Throckmorton, Steve Bright, Dennis Berwyn, Bill Harrell, Mike Williams, Rafe Rountree

Board Staff: Barden Culbreth, Director; Anne Brown – Assistant Attorney General

Phil resumed the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Phil welcomed Anne Brown to the call.

Phil asked that Barden distribute a list of all the Board member's phone numbers and to develop a regular meeting schedule for the year.

Mike Williams expressed his opposition to the Proposed Rule changes. He stated the Board was punishing legal locksmiths.

Phil Lanier asked that the Board consider the Rules individually.

21 NCAC 29 .0102 (Substantive Change)

Jon Jeffries motioned to approve the substantive change. Steve Bright seconded. No Discussion. The motion carried.

21 NCAC 29 .0702 (Substantive Change)

Mike Williams made motion to withdraw this substantive change and to restore original rule.

Steve Bright seconded.

Discussion followed. Bill Harrell asked the original intent about fee increases in .0702 and .0703. He did not support Mike's view that these locksmiths were not without fault.

The question was called and roll call vote on motion to withdraw substantive change:

6 – Aye; 2 – Nay (Berwyn, Harrell).

Motion carried.

21 NCAC 29 .0703 (Substantive Change)

Mike motioned to withdraw this proposed change.

Steve seconded.

Discussion followed.

Motioned carried by acclamation. No roll call vote.

21 NCAC 29 .0201 (Amendment)

Steve Bright motioned to approve this amendment. Mike Williams seconded. No discussion. Motioned carried by acclamation.

Re-adoption: The following rules were being considered for re-adoption: 21 NCAC 29 .0204, .0205, .0206, .0401, .0402, .0404, .0502, .0503, .0504, .0601, .0802, .0803, .0804, .0805, .0806.

Jon Jeffries motioned to approve the re-adoption of these rules. Steve Bright seconded. Discussion followed, Jennifer Richards briefly described some of the rules where the Board recommended no changes. Motion carried by acclamation.

Steve Bright motioned to adjourn. Mike Williams seconded. The meeting ended at 5:50pm.