

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board  
June 8, 2015  
Burlington, NC

Members Present: Phil Lanier, Jimmie Storie, Steve Bright, Reid Barbee, Keith Throckmorton

Public: Drew Robertson, Rafe Rountree, Juan Avalos

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Director, and Barry Bloch, Counsel

Call to Order:

Phil called the meeting to order. Steve Stroud previously reported that he would be unable to attend this meeting.

Ethics Awareness Statement:

Phil read the Ethics Awareness Statement and requested any conflicts or appearances of conflict to identify and refrain in undue participation. Hearing none the meeting continued.

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Bright motioned to approve the minutes, Keith seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Steve Bright motioned to approve the Financial Report, Jimmie seconded and motion passed. Barden reported that he, Jimmie, and Steve Stroud were working on the next budget.

Phil said he wanted the Board to look at monies to put in a line item for education and outreach. He stated he would talk more about his ideas under New Business.

Education Report:

Jimmie reported that the ILA would be hosting another testing opportunity in October 10th at 10:00am. Steve and Rafe reported that the August administration would be in July 31 in Hickory, due to the NC Cattleman's Association meeting having already booked the regular hotel during the regular August testing time. Barden would update this on the website.

Jimmie reported that he's proctored approximately 270 exams since the Board developed its own testing. This totaled about \$13,850 in savings for the Board.

Steve Bright is preparing to proctor the exam once Jimmie rolls off the Board at the end of the year.

New Business:

Barden provided a report of the investigations underway by the Board.

Steve Bright spoke about the need for public information campaigns. Keith spoke about the need to get information to the NC Sheriff's Association through a Newsletter (not a mailed letter). Rafe spoke about realtors in his area pocketing money that should go to hiring a licensed locksmith. He stated city officials were also guilty. Reid spoke about taxi services operating in coastal areas.

Phil spoke about the NCLLB doing a billboard campaign. He spoke about DMV.net. This is a closed circuit video that displays in DMV office waiting rooms. The Board talked about the language that would be displayed. Keith suggested that the term "security" should be used rather than "scamming." Steve Bright asked for a set of figures for the Board. Barden asked for a set of figures to put in the FY15-16 budget.

Jimmie motioned for \$4,000 in the next budget for PR purposes. Keith seconded and motion passed.

## HEARING

Schedule Next Meeting: August 10, 2015, Steve Bright motioned, Reid seconded and the meeting was scheduled.

Adjourn:

Steve Bright motioned to adjourn, Keith seconded and the meeting ended.