

NC Locksmith Licensing Board
Meeting Minutes
Zoom / Raleigh
6:00pm, May 18, 2022

Members Present: Larry Mares, Deanna Brena, Jon Jeffries, Hunt Willis, Mike McCarty, Jim Storie, Debbie Atkinson, Patrick Armeen

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Reed Fountain

Public: None

Call to Order: Jon called the meeting to order and asked Vice Chair Mike McCarty to run the meeting while attended the meeting remotely and responded to customers.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Mike read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for any potential conflicts or appearances of conflicts. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda: Larry motioned to approve, Jim seconded, and the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Larry motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, Jim seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Financial Report: Jim motioned to approve the financial report, and Larry seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Testing and Education Committee: Jim reported he had proctored two exams since the last meeting. Jim and Larry proctored the last exam in Greenville and Larry is ready to take the reins of proctoring in the eastern part of the state.

Training and Standards: The committee met in March and reviewed 3 matters before the Board, which involved meeting with applicants and licensees to resolve complaints.

Board Chairs Report: Jon thanked Reed and Barden for preparing two rule drafts for consideration by the Board today.

Jon has asked that the Board to explore vendors to create “kids” stickers to promote locksmithing as a profession. Larry agreed that the Board should promote locksmithing to younger folks.

Board Office Report: Barden reported he has sent out yellow renewal cards to licensees for 2022.

Board Counsel: Reed reported that the legislature had reconvened for the short session. He also reported that the legislative committee that oversees occupational licensing boards has begun to look at consolidation and elimination of boards.

New Business: Two draft rules were considered (see attached).

.501 – Employee Definition- Larry asked for clarification about this rule and how would it affect reporting requirements to the Board. Discussion followed. Barden reported that some respondents to complaints later denied that persons were working under their employ, specifically apprentices that were being contracted for locksmith work.

Hunt asked for several changes in language proposed. The proposed language was changed. Hunt motioned to approve this amended rule and Jim seconded and the motion passed. Staff will refer this Rule to Rules Review Commission.

.705 – Inactive Status – The Board considered a draft rule which would allow licensees to place their license on inactive status during employment. Discussion followed. Hunt recommended several changes because “deployment” was often varied in its usage. Reed asked that language be included that would prevent an inactive licensee from providing locksmith services or supervising a locksmith apprentice. Mike asked for a motion. Larry motioned to approve the amended draft. Jim seconded the motion and the draft rule was approved.

Old Business: None.

Schedule Next Meeting: 6:00pm June 23rd (Zoom meeting will be limited to the 22-23 Budget)

Adjourn: Larry motioned to adjourn. Jim seconded and the meeting ended.