

NC Locksmith Licensing Board
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022

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

Members Absent: Henry King (excused)

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Reed Fountain

Call to Order: Chair Jon Jeffries called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

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

Approval of Agenda: Mike McCarty motioned to approve the agenda. Larry Mares seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Mike motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Hunt seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Report: Larry motioned to approve. Mike seconded, and the Financial Report was approved.

Chairman's Report: Jon reminded the Board members that his second term on the Board would end in December. He reported that elections would be at the next meeting. He reported that Mike and Debbie had performed well in their officer roles, and that he would recommend Larry for consideration for an officer position as well.

He recommended that the Board consider raising the renewal fee to \$300. He reported that the Board previously compromised by lowering the required continuing education from 24 hours to 16 hours when it last raised the fee.

Board Office Report: Barden asked the Board to schedule dates for Hearing and Final Approval of draft rules the Board would consider.

Discussion returned to the Chair's recommendation to raise the renewal fee. Jon asked the Board to consider raising the fees to the \$300 cap and this would be through rules.

Debbie motioned to approve a rule to raise the renewal fee to \$300. Mike seconded. Barden recommended delaying the effective date of the renewal fee in case there were statutory changes in the upcoming legislative session. Debbie accepted this change. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Update: Reed reported that a disciplinary hearing before the Board has been continued twice. The hearing will now be scheduled for December 14.

Reed reported on a contempt case will be scheduled for next month.

The Board then discussed potential lobbying the legislature to transition to an annual license instead of a three-year fee.

Discussion then followed on how to work in concert with the NC Locksmith Association, but still maintain clear delineation between the Board and the Association.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Jim Storie advised the Board that Larry was proctoring the exam in Greenville this weekend. Jim praised Asheville Buncombe Technical College and Alamance Burlington Community College for their campuses opening their doors for testing.

Schedule Next meeting: December 14, 10am; with disciplinary hearing to follow at 12pm.

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