

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board

Meeting Minutes

6:00pm, April 5, 2023

Zoom

Members Present: Mike McCarty, Larry Mares, Jack Walder, Debbie Atkinson, Garrett Davis, Deanna Brena,

Members Absent: Patrick Armeen (Excused), Henry King

Board Staff: Barden Culbreth, Reed Fountain

Welcome and Call to Order: Mike called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Mike read the Ethics Awareness statement and asked for any conflicts. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Approval of the Agenda: Jack motioned to approve the agenda. Larry seconded. The agenda was approved.

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

Approval of Financial Report: Jack motioned to approve the financial report. Jim seconded and the financial report was approved.

Examination and Continuing Education Committee: Jim presented a report on the exam, including one recently in Asheville. There are tests coming up in Burlington, Asheville, Greenville, and later in Wilmington.

Jim asked the Board to consider allowing a foreign language dictionary on the test, specifically looking at a Hebrew-English Language Dictionary. Discussion followed.

Reed reported that there was some discussion about Spanish translated materials at the NC General Assembly, but no direction for Boards had been settled.

Larry reported on his experience proctoring.

Chairman's Report: Mike noted that he was going to discuss the ESL issue and that had already been addressed. He noted that the budget would be presented at the next meeting.

Mike then asked the Board members to introduce themselves to new member Garrett Davis.

Board Office Report: Barden reported on the Rules that were amended, and the rule that was rejected by the RRC. Barden further reported that he had not republished the fee increase rule and hoped that the Board would help develop the conversation over the fees. This included conversation about involving the profession.

Barden reported that he was resolving the email issues that were plaguing the office.

Discussion followed on the budget and how revenues and expenses were measured. Mike asked that the Board continue this dialogue. Larry reported that he has heard support for a 1-year license at \$100/year.

Legal Update: Reed gave an update on rule changes and statute changes and how those processes would move forward. He advised on several bills that were under consideration at the legislature.

He also provided some updates on court cases that were in progress.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Schedule: 1pm, May 31, 2023

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