

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023

Members Present: Larry Mares, Jim Storie, Debbie Atkinson, Mike McCarty, Patrick Armeen, Garrett Davis, and Deanna Brena

Members Absent (Excused): Henry King and Jack Walder

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Carolyn Duhon, and Grant Simpkins

Public: Leroy Everhart and Diane Riddle (onboarding Board member)

Call to Order: Vice Chair Larry Mares called the meeting to order.

Ethics Awareness Act: Barden read the NC Ethics Awareness Statement. There were no conflicts or appearances of conflict and the meeting continued.

Approval of Agenda: Debbie Atkinson motioned to approve the agenda. Patrick seconded and the meeting agenda was approved.

Legal Update: Carrie gave an update on the Board's position with Roy Abudram.

The Board is looking at two more cases of unlicensed practice.

Grant introduced an investigation report prepared in the complaint filed by Frank Zykan against Eric Snider and Specialty Moving Solutions, Inc. Private Investigator Leroy Everhart was recognized, and he spoke about the case and interviews he conducted.

Larry Mares motioned to dismiss the case. Debbie Atkinson seconded the motion and the complaint against Snider was dismissed.

Public Comment: None.

Nomination and Election of 2024 Officers:

Chair and Vice Chair: Mike nominated Larry Mares for Chair and Debbie Atkinson for Vice Chair. Jim seconded and the officers were unanimously elected.

Secretary/Treasurer: Debbie nominated Mike McCarty as Secretary/Treasurer. Larry seconded, and Mike was elected to this position unanimously.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Debbie motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Larry seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Barden was recognized to present the reconciled statements for September and October. Larry motioned to approve the Financial Report. Debbie seconded and the report was approved.

Examination Committee Report: Larry reported that he would be proctoring the exam this Saturday in Greenville.

Jim recently developed a new version 5 study guide. It is for sale on the Board's website. It now includes a practice exam.

Garrett Davis joined the meeting.

Chair Report: Larry thanked Mike for all his work as Chair during the year.

Board Office Report: Barden asked that the Board develop a regular meeting schedule for 2024. The Board determined that it would meet every other month, on the first Tuesday of the month. The Meeting Schedule is February 7, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, and December 4 at noon (unless otherwise noted).

Debbie motioned to approve the schedule. Larry seconded and the schedule was approved.

Unfinished Business: There was general discussion about investigations that Leroy and team was working. Leroy offered to speak at the next NCLA meeting about how to investigate or respond to unlicensed locksmithing.

New Business: Barden reported the new website was live.

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