

NC Locksmith Licensing Board
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2025

Members: Larry Mares, Jon Jeffries, Dovid Burnham, Erich Crouch, Diane Riddle, Deanna Brena, Jack Walder, Mike McCarty

Staff: Catherine Lee, Ryan Mitiguy, Barden Culbreth

Public: Kenneth Wayne

Welcome and Call to Order: Chair Larry Mares called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

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

Public Comment: Licensed Locksmith Kenneth Wayne was recognized for public comment. He spoke about recent Google Searches he has done and that he estimates ~27.93% compliance with the licensing law. He complained that license numbers were not searchable in the Certemy portal.

Barden noted that concerns about the search capabilities had been taken to Certemy several times, but he would take those concerns to the vendor again.

Barden also noted that Mr. Wayne's calculation did not account for institutional locksmiths, apprentices, and multiple license holders at one business.

Kenneth responded that compliance with the locksmith licensing law is required and that he's doing this as a service to the public. He noted that he has asked in the past what the Board was doing to enforce the posting of license numbers on all advertising.

The Board's legal counsel, Catherine Lee, asked Kenneth Wayne to submit the names of the 111 companies he alleged were out of compliance with the statute. Vice Chair Jon Jeffries reiterated that request.

Kenneth then asked if there was recourse if he submitted a report of these out of compliance.

Kenneth also noted he requested all the Board minutes and was still waiting for approximately three to four years of meeting minutes.

David Burnham said that the Board only had authority over its licensees. The Board has no legal authority over Google, which makes enforcement over advertising difficult.

Approval of the Agenda: Larry asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Jon motioned to approve. Deanna Brena seconded, and the motion carried.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Jack Walder motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. David Burnham and Diane Riddle both seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Approval of the Financial Report: Mike McCarty motioned to approve the financial report. Jon seconded and the motion carried.

Legal Report: Catherine Lee was recognized and shared that the Regulatory Reform Act will pass without the Governor's signature. One of the requirements of the new law will be that the Board must verify the SSN of all new applicants.

Also in that bill, Boards will be required to grant 30 days' notice of hearings for disciplinary hearings.

Ryan Mitiguy, legal counsel for the Board, noted that two injunctions are underway for two unlicensed companies in Wilmington, NC.

Board Chair Report: Larry thanked the Board members for their work and the Board office for their administrative functions.

Board Report: Barden provided a report on the license issuance and renewal activity since the last meeting (Available at the bottom of the minutes).

Jack asked if the Board was monitoring the Youtube views. Barden reported that we were and the videos were averaging around 100 views per video.

Mike asked about granting CE credit for viewing the Youtube content. Jon asked if it could be done via Rule Changes. Discussion followed.

Education/Exam Committee: David reported that he proctored the exam for 1 person. Diane and Erich noted they were available for future dates. Barden would be proctoring an exam this weekend.

Unfinished: None.

New Business:

Proposed Rule Changes / Adoption

Catherine Lee was recognized with proposed Rule Changes for .0201, .0202, .0204, .0205, .0206, and .0501.

.0201 – Makes examination fee a standing \$200

.0202 – Codifies the existing application form

.0204 – Cleans up the exam procedure.

.0206 – Cleans up the ADA requirements

Jack asked about the timing of scoring and if that could be included in the rule. Catherine agreed. Mike asked if the rule could be amended to deny translation of the exam. Dovid noted that it is awkward for the proctors who are asked to translate questions. Discussion followed.

Jon motioned to approve these proposed rules with the amendments provided today. Dovid seconded the motion. The motion to approve the proposed rules passed unanimously.

Catherine described the rules process.

.0501 – Several additions to the Obligations of Licensed Locksmiths that would clarify the regulation of supervision between a licensed locksmith and an apprentice.

Jon proposed removing the phrase “under a contract of hire”. David motioned to approve the proposed rule. Jack seconded and the motioned carried unanimously.

Petitions for Rule Making

Catherine presented the petitions for rule changes from Mr. Wayne.

Jon asked if all the Board members had time to review the petitioned rule changes. The Board members confirmed they had read the petitions. Jon then motioned to approve the petitions. Jack seconded and the motion carried.

Jon asked reminded the members that the Board would hold elections at the next Board meeting. He asked members to consider serving as an officer in 2026.

Larry thanked everyone for their time and commitment.

Kenneth Wayne asked if the Youtube link could be more prominent on the page. Barden agreed he would work with the web team to make the logo larger.

Adjourn: Jack motioned to adjourn. Jon seconded, and the meeting ended.

Addendum

New Licenses:

14	Harris	Or	3043A	8/12/2025
15	Araujo	Paulo Henrique	3044A	
16	Cheatham III	John	3045A	
17	Orunbekov	Nurtilek	3046A	
18	Secosky	Eli	3047A	
19	Forrest	Christian	3048A	8/14/2025
20	Fournier	Kevin	3049A	
21	Safra	Dov	3050A	
22	Afik	Gal	3051	8/18/2025
23	Gilbert	Zane	3052	
24	Harris	Tommy	3053	
25	Judson	John	3054	
26	Miftahi	Youssef	3055	
27	Lugmao	Alexander	2835	
28	Chaudhry	Tayyab	2612	
29	Baker	Michael	2910	
30	Gadd	Barry	2656	
31	Korotkikh	Denis	3056A	8/19/2025
32	Hayon	Orr	3057	8/20/2025
33	Babichev	Igor	3058A	8/26/2025
34	Basan	Nadav	3059A	
35	Redfearn	Aaron	3060A	

36	Jneidi	Obeida	3061A	9/2/2025
37	Herron III	Benjamin	3062A	9/18/2025
38	Higgs	Jacobe	3063A	9/19/2025
39	Reitz	Nicholas	3064A	9/23/2025
40	REMOVED	REMOVED	3065A	
41	Blockside	Brian	3066A	9/18/2025
42	Hart	Nicholas	3067A	9/25/2025

Renewals:

14	Caira	Christopher	1011	8/25/2025
15	Gallian	Steven	495	
16	Hulon, Jr	William	1376	
17	McGee	David	1156	
18	McIntosh	Jordan	1331	
19	Riddle	Diane	2290	
20	Scott	Caleb	1955	
21	Smith	Toby	2231	
22	Sowder	Michael	2633	
23	Stallings	Jeremy	1453	
24	Tolbert	John	2308	
25	Trimble	David	350	
26	Turner	David	2004	
27	Watkins	Kevin	2638	
28	Avetisyan	Gevorg	2012	9/23/2025
29	Daniels	Timothy	2299	

30	Earp	Roy	1186	
31	Haddock	Daniel	1355	
32	Jones	Ronald	1379	
33	Lee	Solomon	2311	
34	Levi	Beniamen	2314	
35	Long	Mitchell	1514	
36	Marshall	Greyson	2011	
37	Martinez	Nathan	2669	
38	McGuire	Meredith	1446	
39	McLaurin	John	1407	
40	Murphy	Ervin	760	
41	Seddon	Tyler	2630	
42	Trotta	Robert	1361	
43	Walder	Jack	1032	