

MINUTES
South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board
Board Meeting
July 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Legrand Richardson, Board Chairman, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Richardson announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the Agency's website, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media per Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Staff members in attendance: Meronica Fulton, Board Executive; Jonathan Eversfield, Administrative Coordinator; Carolyn Sutherland, Advice Counsel; Maurice Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Chris Elliott, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel; Katherine Barroll, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel.

The Court Reporter was Katherine Boone with Creel Court Reporting, Inc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the July 17, 2025 agenda. Mr. Lehman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Richardson introduced himself and the following Board members: Kimberly Lineberger, Daniel Lehman, Scott Appleton, Terry Marcum, John Williams, Courtney Walsh, and J. Keith Lindler.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to approve the excused absence for Mr. Edward Gibbs due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the April 17, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRMAN REMARKS – Legrand Richardson Jr.

Mr. Richardson welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and informed everyone that this may be a long meeting due to the number of Agenda items.

STAFF REPORTS

Board Executive's Report – Meronica Fulton

Ms. Fulton welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and directed the Board members to the PSI report, cash report, and licensure statistics provided in the meeting materials. The licensure examination report and current balance of school donations were provided to Board members in their meeting materials packet. There are currently 11,193 licensed general contractors and 8,012 licensed mechanical contractors. There are currently 532 burglar alarm company licenses, 24 burglar alarm branch licenses, 400 fire alarm company licenses, 225 fire sprinkler company licenses, and 28 fire sprinkler branch company licenses.

Ms. Fulton informed the Board that the mechanical contractor license renewals will open in August of 2025. To assist staff and licensees with expediting this process, Board staff has begun obtaining and processing financial documents submitted by the mechanical contractors.

Ms. Fulton notified everyone that the next Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025.

Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) Report – Maurice Smith

Mr. Smith reported that OIE received 367 total complaints related to contractors since January 1, 2025. There are currently 36 active investigations, 253 closed cases, and 78 cases pending other actions.

Mr. Smith reported that since January 1, 2025, OIE received 17 total complaints for burglar alarm and fire alarm. There is currently 1 active investigation, 16 closed cases, and 0 cases pending other actions.

Investigative Review Conference Report (IRC) – Maurice Smith

Mr. Smith presented IRC reports from the IRC meeting on June 26, 2025, for the Board's approval. The IRC recommended 30 cases for dismissal, 15 cases for formal complaints, 2 cases for formal complaints with citations, and 3 cases for a letter of caution for contractors.

For burglar, fire alarm, the IRC had 0 cases to review.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025 IRC report, as presented. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) – Chris Elliott

Mr. Elliott presented the ODC report for informational purposes only. There are currently 179 open cases in ODC. Of those cases, 79 cases are pending hearings and agreements. Since the last report on April 04, 2025, 14 cases have been closed, and 29 cases have been closed since January 1, 2025.

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – Final Order Hearings

Case No(s): 2024-952 and 2024-1057

Chris Elliott, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent was not present at the hearing. In accordance with Board confidentiality statutes, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Lehman recused himself from this hearing due to serving as the hearing officer in this case. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

Mr. Elliott stated that the Qualifier in this matter has accepted the Hearing Officer's Recommendation, as written, and did not wish to make an appearance before the Board to challenge the Recommendation. The Waiver of Final Order Hearing was signed by the Qualifier, and a copy was introduced into evidence and provided to the Board members.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation, as written. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Case No: 2023-191

Chris Elliott, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent was not present at the hearing. In accordance with Board confidentiality statutes, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Lehman recused himself from this hearing due to serving as the hearing officer in this case. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

Motion:

Mr. Lindler made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation, as written. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lehman rejoined the meeting.

Case No(s): 2018-348, 2018-383, and 2021-393

Katherine Barroll, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent was present at the hearing and was represented by Charles Krawczyk, Esq. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. In accordance with Board confidentiality statutes, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Appleton recused himself from this hearing due to serving as the hearing officer in this case. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

Mr. Richardson recused himself from this hearing due to a conflict of interest in this case. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Marcum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was noted for the record no votes were taken during executive session.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation for 2018-348, with the modification to add a Private Reprimand. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to reject the Hearing Officer's Recommendation for 2018-383, as written, and instead issue a Letter of Caution for failing to obtain a permit prior to beginning work. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation for 2021-393, with the modification to add a Private Reprimand. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Richardson rejoined the meeting.

Case No: 2021-305

Katherine Barroll, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent was not present at the hearing. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. In accordance with Board confidentiality statutes, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Appleton recused himself from this hearing due to serving as the hearing officer in this case. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

Motion:

Mr. Lehman made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation, as written. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Appleton rejoined the meeting.

The meeting returned to open session.

APPLICATION HEARINGS

JM Mechanical (CLM.114940) / Jason McFadden (CQM.27992 PQ) – Reinstatement Application

The Mechanical Contractor's reinstatement application for their Group 2 Mechanical Contractor's License with the Air Conditioning classification and Mr. McFadden listed as the Owner and Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to having outstanding monetary judgments related to construction, questions related to his financial statement and whether he meets the statutory financial thresholds for the requested licensing group, and concerns over a previous Board Order, which denied licensure renewal. Mr. McFadden was present and was represented by Tracey Perlman, Esq. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was noted for the record no votes were taken during executive session.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to deny the Mechanical Contractor's reinstatement application based on the number of judgements and the lack of evidence indicating that Applicant has made progress towards resolving the outstanding judgements. Additionally, Applicant failed to disclose the outstanding monetary judgements as current liabilities in his owner prepared financial statements. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Jimmy L Davis Inc (CLG.12086) / Jimmy L. Davis (CQG.3136 PQ) – Renewal Application

The General Contractor's renewal application for their Group 5 General Contractor's License with the Building classification and Mr. Davis listed as the Owner and Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to having outstanding monetary judgments related to construction. Furthermore, staff also had questions as to whether he meets the statutory financial thresholds for the requested licensing group. Mr. Davis was present and was represented by Townes B. Johnson, III, Esq. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the General Contractor's renewal application. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Rescinded Motion:

Mr. Lehman made a motion to rescind his previous motion to approve the General Contractor's renewal application with no conditions. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the General Contractor's renewal application with the condition that the applicant provide an appropriate financial statement or a surety bond. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gloss Painting Solutions LLC (CLG.) / Christopher Gloss (CQG.) – Initial Application

The General Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application for a Group 1 General Contractor license with the Nonstructural Renovation classification and Mr. Gloss listed as the primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Gloss's criminal background report. Mr. Gloss was present and was not

represented by counsel. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to go into closed session due to federal and state privacy laws. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lindler made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was noted for the record no votes were taken during executive session.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to come out of closed session. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting returned to open session.

Motion:

Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the General Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vivint, Inc. (BAC.5569) / Asa Dahud Keaire Collins – Registered Employee Application

This hearing has been canceled due to an application withdraw request per the applicant and company.

Christopher Douglas Williams (CLG.) / Christopher Douglas Williams (CQG. PQ) – Initial Application

The General Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application for a Group 2 General Contractor's License with the Building classification and Mr. Williams listed as the Owner and Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Williams's criminal background report. Mr. Williams was present and was represented by Dayne Phillips, Esq. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the General Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application with the condition that the applicant resubmit an updated and appropriate financial statement or provide a surety bond. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Smart Electric Company Inc (CLM.106027) / Christopher Ray McDaniel (CQM. PQ) – Primary Qualifying Party Application

The Mechanical Contractor's Primary Qualifying Party initial application to add himself as an additional Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. McDaniel's criminal background report. The company currently has a Group 5 Mechanical Contractor's License with the Electrical classification with Stephyn Smart listed as the Primary Qualifying Party. Mr. McDaniel was present and was not represented by counsel. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. The company's current Primary Qualifying Party, Stephyn Smart, testified as a witness in this application hearing. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to go into closed session due to federal and state privacy laws. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to come out of closed session. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting returned to open session.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the Mechanical Contractor's Qualifying Party initial application. Mr. Marcum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

May Unlimited, LLC (CLM.) / Michael May (CQM. PQ) – Initial Application

The Mechanical Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application for a Group 3 Mechanical Contractor's License with the Air Conditioning and Packaged Equipment classifications and Mr. May listed as the Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. May's criminal background report, as well as concerns with conflicting experience documentation. Mr. May was present and was not represented by counsel. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to go into closed session due to federal and state privacy laws. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lindler made a motion to come out of closed session. Mr. Marcum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting returned to open session.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the Mechanical Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

L.B. Smith Companies, LLC (CLG.) / Larry E. Smith II (CQG.21178 PQ) – Initial Application

This hearing has been continued to a future meeting, per request of the applicant.

Worthy Wizard Solar & Electric LLC (CLM.) / John Francis LaValley III (CQM.30371 PQ) – Initial Application

The Mechanical Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party revision application for a Group 2 Mechanical Contractor's License with the Electrical classification and Mr. LaValley listed as the Owner and Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to Mr. LaValley having his North Carolina license suspended and concerns with the fulfillment of the conditions imposed within that Order. Mr. LaValley was present and was not represented by counsel. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the Mechanical Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party revision application. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ASH Contracting LLC (CLG.113438) / Scott Thrane (CQG.15564 PQ) – Reinstatement Application

The General Contractor's reinstatement application for a Group 2 General Contractor's License with the Building Classification and Mr. Thrane listed as the Owner and Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to outstanding monetary judgments related to construction, having inaccurate or insufficient financial statement, and previous licensure discipline which resulted in suspension. Mr. Thrane was present and was not represented by counsel. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Mr. Walsh recused himself from this application hearing due to a potential conflict of interest. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to deny the General Contractor's reinstatement application. Mr. Marcum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Walsh rejoined the meeting.

J. Callahan Construction Inc. DBA: J. Callahan Concrete (CLG.) / Jacob Elijah Callahan (CQG. PQ) – Initial Application (Virtual Hearing)

The General Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application for a Group 1 General Contractor's License with the Building classification and Concrete Specialty subclassification and Mr. Callahan listed as the Owner and Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to Mr. Callahan having a previous license or certification disciplined in South Carolina. Mr. Callahan appeared virtually via WebEx per his request due to being out of

the country and was not represented by counsel. A quorum of the Board was present. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the General Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Seal Coating Licensure Requirements

Per request of the Board at its last meeting, the Board engaged in further discussion regarding the seal coating licensure requirements. The Board opted to make no alterations or votes on this matter; the 2019 Board interpretation on this matter stands.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Approval for NASCLA Annual Conference (Sept 16–19) – Orange County, CA

Ms. Fulton informed the Board of the upcoming 2025 NASCLA Annual Conference which will held from September 16-19, 2025 in Orange County, California. Ms. Fulton is requesting travel approval to attend the Annual Conference as a representative for the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board. In addition to herself, Ms. Fulton is also requesting travel approval for two additional staff members and two Board members to attend the conference, with those individuals specified at a later date.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to approve the travel request for three staff members and two Board members to attend the 2025 NASCLA Annual Conference from September 16-19, 2025 in Orange County, California. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lehman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.



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STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

In accordance with Section 8-13-700 (B), I hereby abstain from all votes, deliberations, and other action on the following matter(s):

Final Order Hearings (7/17/2025): Case Nos.: 2024-952 & 2024-1057; 2023-191

REASON(S) FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Hearing Officer

Daniel Lehman
Print Name


Signature

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REASON(S) FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Hearing Officer

Scott Appleton
Print Name

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REASON(S) FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Conflict of interest – Personal acquaintance

Legrand Richardson

Print Name

Signature

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Application Hearing (7/17/2025): ASH Contracting LLC (CLG.113438) / Scott Thrane (CQG.15564 PQ) – Reinstatement Application

REASON(S) FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Conflict of interest

Courtney Walsh

Print Name

Signature

July 17, 2025

Date