

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board**  
**Board Meeting**  
**October 16, 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.

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: Maggie Smith, Board Executive; Jonathan Eversfield, Administrative Coordinator; Carolyn Sutherland, Advice Counsel; Maurice Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Chris Elliott, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel.

The Court Reporter was Sean Cary with Creel Court Reporting, Inc.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Richardson noted a continuance has been granted for Agenda Item 9b, per request of both parties. This item will be removed from the agenda.

**Motion:**

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025 agenda, as modified. Ms. Lineberger 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, John Williams, Courtney Walsh, William Edward Gibbs, and J. Keith Lindler.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**Motion:**

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the excused absence for Mr. Terry Marcum. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:**

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the July 17, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN REMARKS – Legrand Richardson Jr.**

The Board recognized the tragic passing of former Board Executive, Meronica Fulton. Mr. Richardson offered a moment of silence in her memory.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Board Executive's Report – Maggie Smith**

Ms. Smith introduced herself to the Board and thanked them for allowing her to attend the meeting in place of the Program Director, Molly Price. She also made a note to thank Jonathan Eversfield for all of his work to make this a successful meeting.

Ms. Smith directed the Board members to the PSI report, cash report, and licensure statistics provided in the meeting materials. The licensure examination report was provided to Board members in their meeting materials packet. There are currently 11,411 licensed general contractors and 8,107 licensed mechanical contractors. There are currently 537 burglar alarm company licenses, 24 burglar alarm branch licenses, 402 fire alarm company licenses, 229 fire sprinkler company licenses, and 30 fire sprinkler branch company licenses.

Ms. Smith reminded the Board that the Mechanical Contractor license renewals began in August of 2025. She informed the Board that as of October 13, 2025, 4,159 Mechanical Contractors have renewed their licenses through October 31, 2027, and there are 3,938 Mechanical Contractors who still need to renew their licenses by October 31, 2025. Late renewals will run through January 31, 2026, but all licenses not renewed by October 31, 2025, will be lapsed.

Ms. Smith notified everyone that the next Board meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2026.

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

Mr. Smith reported that since January 1, 2025, OIE received 522 total complaints related to contractors; there are currently 45 active investigations, 387 closed cases, and 90 cases pending other actions.

Mr. Smith reported that since January 1, 2025, OIE received 20 total complaints for burglar alarm and fire alarm. There are currently 0 active investigation, 16 closed cases, and 4 cases pending other actions.

### **Investigative Review Conference Report (IRC) – Maurice Smith**

Mr. Smith presented IRC reports from the IRC meetings on August 14, 2025 and October 2, 2025, for the Board's consideration and approval. The IRC recommended 24 cases for dismissal, 6 cases for formal complaints, 1 case for formal complaint with a citation, 1 case for a letter of caution, and 1 case for licensure relinquishment for contractors.

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

#### **Motion:**

Mr. Lindler made a motion to approve the August 14, 2025 and October 2, 2025 IRC reports, as presented. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) – Chris Elliott**

Mr. Elliott presented the ODC report. There are currently 188 open cases in ODC. Of those cases, 56 cases are pending hearings and agreements. Since the last report on June 25, 2025, 11 cases have been closed, and 40 cases have been closed since January 1, 2025.

**DISCIPLINARY HEARING – Memorandum of Agreement Hearing**

**Case No(s): 2024-883, 2024-925, 2024-1018, 2024-1024, 2024-1056, 2024-1059, 2024-1089, & 2025-87**

Chris Elliott, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent appeared virtually via WebEx. In accordance with Board confidentiality statutes, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Lehman recused himself from this hearing. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

**Motion:**

Mr. Appleton made a motion to accept the August 22, 2025 Memorandum of Agreement, as written, and revoke the Respondent’s license. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lehman rejoined the meeting.

**APPLICATION HEARINGS**

**ACP Electric LLC (CLM.) / Chancellor Christian Price (CQM. PQ) – Initial Application**

The Mechanical Contractor’s initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application for a Group 2 Mechanical Contractor license with the Electrical classification and Mr. Price listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to concerns with a lack of documented work experience. Mr. Price was present. 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 Mechanical Contractor’s initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**AGC Ventures, Inc. DBA: LA Construction Services (CLG.127121) / Vincent Carilli, Jr. (CQG.34573 PQ)**

The Limited Building classification could not be added at staff level to the Group 3 General Contractor’s License with the Nonstructural Renovation classification and Mr. Carilli, Jr. listed as the President/CEO and Primary Qualifying Party due to concerns board staff had with the documented work experience. Mr. Carilli, Jr. was present, and represented by Tracy Perlman, Esq. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:**

Mr. Gibbs made a motion to approve the Limited Building classification to be added to the license. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Murrells Inlet Pipe Dream, Plumbing and Drain Services, LLC (CLM.114598) / Albert Phillips (CQM.28078 PQ) – Renewal Application**

The Mechanical Contractor’s renewal application for their Group 2 Mechanical Contractor’s License with the Plumbing Classification and Mr. Phillips listed as the Owner and primary

qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Phillips' criminal background report. Mr. Phillips was present. 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 Mechanical Contractor's renewal application. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Heritage Construction Consulting Inspection & Mitigation SVCS LLC (CLG.121302) / Damon McDuffie (CQG.31653) – Reinstatement Application**

The General Contractor's reinstatement application for a Group 3 General Contractor's License with the Building Classification and Mr. McDuffie listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to having unresolved pending complaints, outstanding monetary judgments related to construction, as well as a previous Board Order that denied dual licensure in June of 2024. Mr. McDuffie was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:**

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

**Motion:**

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

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

During Executive Session, Mr. Lindler recused himself out of an abundance of caution. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

**Motion:**

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

Mr. Lindler rejoined the meeting.

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

The General Contractor's initial application for a Group 5 General Contractor's License with the Building Classification and Mr. Smith as the owner and dual Primary Qualifying Party could not be approved at staff level due to outstanding monetary judgments related to construction. Mr. Smith was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:**

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the General Contractor's initial application with Mr. Smith as the dual Primary Qualifying Party. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion. The Board expressed

concern that there is no payment plan in place to satisfy or resolve the outstanding judgement. The motion to approve the application carried.

Mr. Williams left the meeting. A quorum of the board remains present.

**Norsec Smart Systems LLC (BAC.13310) / Zachary Blake Helms – Registered Employee Application**

The initial Burglar Alarm Registered Employee Application with Mr. Helms listed as the Registered Employee applicant could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Helms' criminal background report. Mr. Helms was present. The company's current Owner and Primary Qualifying Party, Randall Lee Norton, signed the Waiver of Attorney and Designation of Non-Attorney Representative on behalf of his company and was present for the hearing. 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 Burglar Alarm Registered Employee Application initial application. Mr. Appleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Berenyi Consulting, LLC (CLG.) / Antoine Andrew Berenyi (CQG.22467 PQ) – Initial Application**

The General Contractor's initial application for a Group 2 General Contractor license with the Building Classification and himself listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Berenyi's criminal background report. Mr. Berenyi was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:**

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

**Motion:**

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

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

**Motion:**

Mr. Gibbs made a motion to approve the General Contractor's initial application. Ms. Lineberger 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 1:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2026, 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):

Memorandum of Agreement Hearing (10/16/2025): Case Nos.: 2024-883, 2024-925, 2024-1018,  
2024-1024, 2024-1056, 2024-1059, 2024-1089, & 2025-87.

REASON(S) FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Previously served as Hearing Officer in an evidentiary hearing in a related matter.

Daniel Lehman  
 Print Name

  
 Signature

October 16, 2025  
 Date



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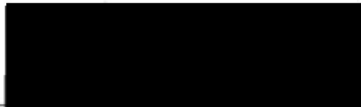
Application Hearing (10/16/2025): Heritage Construction Consulting Inspection & Mitigation

SVCS LLC (CLG.121302) / Damon McDuffie (CQG.31653) – Reinstatement Application

REASON(S) FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Conflict of interest

J. Keith Lindler  
Print Name

  
Signature

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