

MINUTES
South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board
Board Meeting
January 29, 2026, 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: Jonathan Eversfield, Board Executive; Charlie Gwynne, Advice Counsel; Maurice Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Chris Elliott, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Richardson noted the application hearing for Agenda Item 9a has been canceled due to an application withdraw request per the company applicant, and a continuance has been granted for Agenda Item 9d per request of both parties. These items will be removed from the agenda.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the January 29, 2026 agenda, as modified. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the excused absence for Mr. Daniel Lehman. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Marcum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRMAN REMARKS – Legrand Richardson Jr.

Mr. Richardson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the board members for allowing him to serve as the Board Chair for the past two years and wished the new Board Chair the best.

STAFF REPORTS

Board Executive's Report – Jonathan Eversfield

Mr. Eversfield thanked the board for allowing him the opportunity to serve as the new Board Executive.

Mr. Eversfield informed the board members that the Statement of Economic Interest has to be filed by March 30, 2026. He reminded the board that he sent an e-mail with additional information related to the Statement of Economic Interest to board members and advised the board members to speak to him after the board meeting if they did not receive it.

Mr. Eversfield 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 11,636 licensed general contractors and 8,247 licensed mechanical contractors. There are currently 540 burglar alarm company licenses, 24 burglar alarm branch licenses, 412 fire alarm company licenses, 234 fire sprinkler company licenses, and 30 fire sprinkler branch company licenses.

Mr. Eversfield reminded the Board that the Mechanical Contractor license renewals began in August of 2025. He informed the Board that there are 808 Mechanical Contractors who lapsed on October 31, 2025 and are still pending renewal with the final late renewal deadline of January 31, 2026. The burglar/fire alarm and fire sprinkler renewals will open in May of 2026, and General Contractor renewals will open in August of 2026.

Mr. Eversfield notified everyone that the next Board meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2026.

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

Mr. Smith reported that from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, OIE received 678 total complaints related contractors. In addition, there were 68 active investigations, 512 closed cases, and 98 cases pending other actions. Since January 1, 2026, OIE received 45 total complaints related to contractors; there are currently 5 active investigations, 30 closed cases, and 10 cases pending other actions.

Mr. Smith reported that since January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, OIE received 20 total complaints for burglar alarm and fire alarm. In addition, there were 0 active investigations, 18 closed cases, and 2 cases pending other actions. Since January 1, 2026, OIE received 1 total complaint for burglar alarm and fire alarm; there are currently 0 active investigations, 0 closed cases, and 1 case pending other actions.

Investigative Review Conference Report (IRC) – Maurice Smith

Mr. Smith presented IRC reports from the IRC meetings on November 13, 2025 and January 13, 2026, for the Board's consideration and approval. The IRC recommended 28 cases for dismissal, 10 cases for formal complaints, and 2 cases for formal complaint with a citation for contractors.

For burglar, fire alarm, the IRC recommended 1 case for a letter of caution.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve the November 13, 2025 and January 13, 2026 IRC reports, as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) – Chris Elliott

Mr. Elliott presented the ODC report. There are currently 185 open cases in ODC. Of those cases, 53 cases are pending hearings and agreements. Since the last report on October 1, 2025, 11 cases have been closed, and 0 cases have been closed since January 1, 2026.

Mr. Elliott also noted that Agenda Item 8c-ii will not be presented at this meeting, but will be presented for the Board’s vote at the next meeting.

APPLICATION HEARINGS

Living Water Drain & Plumbing (CLM.) / Christopher Dial (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 Plumbing classification and Pressure and Process Piping classification and Mr. Dial listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Dial’s criminal background report. Mr. Dial was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

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

Lakeside Heating & Air LLC (CLM.) / Thomas Nesta Bradley (CQM. PQ)

The Mechanical Contractor’s initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application for a Group 1 Mechanical Contractor license with the Air Conditioning classification and Mr. Bradley listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Bradley’s criminal background report and concerns over Mr. Bradley’s ability to meet the statutory financial threshold for licensure. Mr. Bradley was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary. This hearing was closed and confidential.

Motion:

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

Motion:

Mr. Lindler made a motion to come out of Executive Session where only legal advice was discussed. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the Mechanical Contractor's initial application and Primary Qualifying Party initial application with the condition that the applicant submits quarterly reports from his Probation Officer throughout the duration of his probation, starting on April 1, 2026, with a ten-day grace period, to be filed with the Board. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion:

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

Southeast Building & Development LLC (CLG.) / Brian Sigler (CQG.22215 PQ) – Initial Application

The General Contractor's initial application and Qualifying Party Revision application for a Group 2 General Contractor's License with the Building classification and Mr. Sigler listed as the primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to Mr. Sigler having multiple outstanding monetary judgements related to construction, failing to disclose those outstanding monetary judgements on the application and financial statement, questions related to his financial statement and whether he meets the statutory financial threshold for the requested licensing group, and concerns over a previous Board Order that disciplined the applicant for failing to disclose outstanding monetary judgements in previous applications. Mr. Sigler was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion:

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

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to come out of Executive Session where only legal advice was discussed. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to deny the General Contractor's initial application and Qualifying Party Revision application. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Approval for NASCLA Mid-Year Meeting – March 3-6, 2026

Mr. Eversfield informed the Board that the NASCLA Board of Directors will have their mid-year meeting from March 3-6, 2026 in Asheville, North Carolina. Mr. Eversfield requesting travel approval for himself to attend the mid-year meeting, as he will be filling the seat as the representative for the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board.

Motion:

Mr. Appleton made a motion to approve Mr. Eversfield's travel request to attend the NASCLA Mid-Year Meeting for March 3-6, 2026. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Eversfield opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Motion:

Ms. Lineberger made a motion to nominate Scott Appleton as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Lindler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Richardson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board.

Motion:

Mr. Lindler made a motion to nominate Courtney Walsh as Vice Chairman of the Board. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lineberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 11:52 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.