

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 30, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Scott Appleton, 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; Kristina Dudley, Administrative Coordinator; Molly Price, Program Director; Charlie Gwynne, Advice Counsel; Maurice Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Alexis Bell, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel; Chris Elliott, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:**

Ms. Lineberger-Thomas made a motion to approve the April 30, 2026 agenda, as modified. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Appleton introduced himself and the following Board members: Courtney Walsh, J. Keith Lindler, Daniel Lehman, William Edward Gibbs, Legrand Richardson Jr, Kimberly Lineberger-Thomas, and Terry Marcum.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**Motion:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:**

Ms. Lineberger-Thomas made a motion to approve the January 29, 2026 Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Lehman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN REMARKS – Scott Appleton**

Mr. Appleton welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the previous Board Chairman, Mr. Richardson, for all of his years of hard work.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Board Executive's Report – Jonathan Eversfield**

Mr. Eversfield welcomed and introduced Ms. Kristina Dudley, who was recently promoted to Administrative Coordinator for the Board.

Mr. Eversfield directed the Board members to the PSI exam report, cash report, and licensure statistics provided in the meeting materials. There are currently 11,851 licensed general contractors and 7,684 licensed mechanical contractors. There are currently 547 burglar alarm company licenses, 414 fire alarm company licenses, 240 fire sprinkler company licenses.

Mr. Eversfield reminded the Board that the burglar/fire alarm and fire sprinkler contractor 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 July 30, 2026.

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

Mr. Smith reported that since January 1, 2026, OIE received 215 total complaints related to contractors; there are currently 43 active investigations, 104 closed cases, and 68 cases pending other actions.

Mr. Smith reported that since January 1, 2026, OIE received 7 total complaints for burglar alarm and fire alarm; there are currently 0 active investigations, 2 closed cases, and 5 cases pending other actions.

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

Mr. Smith presented IRC reports from the IRC meetings on March 5, 2026 and April 16, 2026, for the Board's consideration and approval. The IRC recommended 26 cases for dismissal, 6 cases for formal complaints, 6 cases for formal complaint with a citation, and 1 case for a letter of caution.

#### **Motion:**

Mr. Lindler made a motion to approve the March 5, 2026 and April 16, 2026 IRC reports, as presented. Ms. Lineberger-Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Elliott presented the ODC report. There are currently 180 open cases in ODC. Of those cases, 59 cases are pending hearings and agreements. Since the last report on January 14, 2026, 16 cases have been closed, and 16 cases have been closed since January 1, 2026.

### **Final Order Hearings Report on Accepted Hearing Officer Recommendations – Chris Elliott**

#### **Motion:**

Ms. Lineberger-Thomas made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Lehman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lindler, who served as the hearing officer for Case No.: 2020-382, recused himself for this case.

**Case No.: 2020-382**

**Motion:**

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation, as written. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lindler returned to the meeting.

Mr. Appleton, who served as the hearing officer for Case No.: 2020-106, recused himself for this case.

**Case No.: 2020-106**

**Motion:**

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation, as written. Ms. Lineberger-Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – Final Order Hearings**

**Case No.: 2022-200**

Alexis Bell, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent was present at the hearing. 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. Lindler recused himself from this hearing due to a personal conflict. The recusal form was signed, and a copy was provided to the court reporter.

**Motion:**

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

**Motion:**

Ms. Lineberger-Thomas made a motion to come out of Executive Session where only legal advice was discussed. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

For the record, the Respondent left the premises during executive session and did not return.

**Motion:**

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

Mr. Lindler rejoined the meeting.

**Case No.: 2022-305**

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. 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-Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Case No.: 2023-38**

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

**Motion:**

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

Mr. Appleton rejoined the meeting.

**APPLICATION HEARINGS**

Mr. Appleton noted the application hearings for Agenda Items 10a and 10b have been continued, per request of the applicants.

**Faith Mountain Plumbing Services Inc (CLM.115560) / Adam Ray Murray (CQM.30175 PQ) – Renewal Application**

The Mechanical Contractor's renewal application for their Group 3 Mechanical Contractor license with the Plumbing classification and Mr. Murray listed as the primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to having a NC Consent Order dated February 15, 2024, that imposed a suspension and supervised probation period on Respondent's license or certification, and concerns with the fulfilment of those conditions imposed by the order. Mr. Murray was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:**

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Mechanical Contractor's renewal application. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion, which carried.

**Edwards Electrical LLC (CLM.115966) / Harley Edwards (CQM.30567) – Renewal Application**

The Mechanical Contractor's renewal application for their Group 2 Mechanical Contractor's license with the Electrical classification and Mr. Edwards listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Edwards' criminal background report, and concerns with the failure to disclose the criminal convictions on prior applications with the Board. Mr. Edwards was present. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:**

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Mechanical Contractor's renewal application. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Sine Wave Electrical Services (CLM.116695) / Ian J Baxter (CQM.31216 PQ) – Renewal Application**

The Mechanical Contractor's renewal application for their Group 2 Mechanical Contractor's license with the Electrical classification and Mr. Baxter listed as the owner and primary qualifying party could not be approved at staff level due to items appearing on Mr. Baxter's criminal background report. Specifically, Mr. Baxter was convicted of second-degree assault misdemeanor in 2017. Mr. Baxter 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 Mechanical Contractor's renewal application. Ms. Lineberger-Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Terminated Exam Waiver Agreement with Georgia**

Board Staff was notified on February 23, 2026, that the Georgia Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Electrical Contractors, requested to terminate their exam waiver/reciprocity agreement with South Carolina for Electrical Contractors, effective May 25, 2026. This termination request was sent to all states that Georgia had an exam waiver/reciprocity agreement with, and was not a South Carolina specific termination. Ms. Price received additional information from the Georgia Licensing Board on February 24, 2026, that explained the termination request was ahead of expected legislation in Georgia that would modify aspects of the Construction Industry Licensing Board structure. Georgia further explained that they would know more about their statute amendments would like look in May, and will then be able to look at getting a new agreement in place.

Ms. Price explained to the Board that this was a very similar termination request South Carolina received from Georgia in 2022 regarding the Air Conditioning and Heating agreement between the two states. At the October 13, 2022 Board Meeting, the Board voted to continue accepting the Georgia Unrestricted Conditioned Air and Heating Exam for the purposes of our Air Condition (AC) and Heating (HT) Classification, in spite of the fact that Georgia has withdrawn reciprocity with South Carolina.

**Motion:**

Mr. Richardson made a motion to continue accepting the technical examination waiver from Georgia applicants who are applying for South Carolina Electrical licenses, despite of the fact that Georgia has withdrawn its agreement with South Carolina. Ms. Lineberger-Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Travel Approval for NASCLA Annual Conference (September 13-17, 2026) – Grand Rapids, MI**

Mr. Eversfield informed the Board that NASCLA will be holding their Annual Conference from September 13-17, 2026 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Eversfield requested travel approval for five staff members and up to two board members to attend the conference.

**Motion:**

Mr. Lindler made a motion to approve Mr. Eversfield's travel request for five staff members and up to two board members to attend the NASCLA Annual Conference for September 13-17, 2026. Mr. Lehman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lineberger-Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 12:17.

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

## **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 Hearing – Brokers Choice Services LLC / Marc Romanelli – 2020-382

### **REASONS FOR RECUSAL:**

Knowledge of Allegations – Served as Hearing Officer

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J. Keith Lindler

4-30-26

Date

## **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 Hearing – Bethel Construction of SC / Rody Egister Jr. – 2020-106

### **REASONS FOR RECUSAL:**

Knowledge of Allegations – Served as Hearing Officer

  
Scott Appleton

4-30-26

Date

## **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 Hearing – Atlanta Wall Street Company, LLC / Irwin D. Wilson – 2022-200

### **REASONS FOR RECUSAL:**

Knowledge of Allegations – Served as Hearing Officer



Board Member: Scott Appleton

4-30-26

Date

## 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):

Case / Applicant: Atlanta Wall / Irwin Wilson

### REASONS FOR RECUSAL:

☐ Economic Conflict/Relationship

☒ Personal Conflict/Relationship

☐ Knowledge of Allegations

☐ Requested by Applicant/Respondent

  
Board Member: J. Keith Lindler

4-30-06  
Date

## **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 Hearing – S K Heating and Air / Samuel Kirton – 2022-305

### **REASONS FOR RECUSAL:**

Knowledge of Allegations – Served as Hearing Officer



Board Member: Scott Appleton

4-30-26

Date

## **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 Hearing – Ravenel Legare Construction LLC / Henry S. Ravenel – 2023-38

### **REASONS FOR RECUSAL:**

Knowledge of Allegations – Served as Hearing Officer

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Board Member: Scott Appleton

4-30-26

Date