

RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive Kingtree Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motion and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting.

Called to Order:

Timothy W. Roberts, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Residential Builders Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Hal Dillard, Christy Rhyne, Bryan Dowd, Earl McLeod, and Al Bailey.

Timothy W. Roberts, Chairman, announced that public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingtree Building and by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with § 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mrs. Rhyne made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 Residential Builders Commission Meeting Agenda. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the September 8, 2021 minutes:

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes. Mrs. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval /Disapproval of Absent Members:

All Commissioners were present.

Chairman's Remarks:

Timothy W. Roberts

Mr. Roberts will be leaving the meeting at 11:00 A.M. for an LCI meeting at the State House.

Initial Applications:

Steven Moser

The Commission held an application review regarding Steven Moser. Mr. Moser appeared before the Commission, and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION: Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve Mr. Moser to sit for the exam. Mrs. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Christopher Brown Jr.

The Commission held an application review regarding Christopher Brown. Mr. Brown appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve Mr. Brown to sit for the exam. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Derrick Kimbrell

The Commission held an application review regarding Derrick Kimbrell. Mr. Kimbrell appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to allow Mr. Kimbrell to sit for the exam. Mrs. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Benjamin Hromyak

Mr. Hromyak did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

William Willis

The Commission held an application review regarding William Willis. Mr. Willis appeared before the Commission, waived his right to counsel, and presented a witness, Tony Wiggers, for testimony.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to deny Mr. Willis due to lack of hands on experience. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Michael Ritchie

Mr. Ritchie did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

Samiullan Malik

The Commission held an application review regarding Samiullan Malik. Mr. Malik appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to deny Mr. Malik for lack of construction experience in the United States. Mr. Bailey seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Heath Strawn

The Commission held an application review regarding Heath Strawn. Mr. Strawn appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to deny Mr. Strawn for lack of experience. Mr. McLeod seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kevin Robinson Jr.

The Commission held an application review regarding Kevin Robinson. Mr. Robinson appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to allow Mr. Robinson to sit for the exam. Mr. McLeod seconded the motion, which did not carry unanimously. Mr. Dillard opposed.

Roberto Gutierrez Hill

The Commission held an application review regarding Roberto Gutierrez. Mr. Gutierrez appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to allow Mr. Gutierrez to sit for the exam. Mrs. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Derrick Chambers

The Commission held an application review regarding Mr. Derrick Chambers. Ms. Chambers appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to deny Mr. Chambers for insufficient proof of experience. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Riley LeClair

The Commission held an application review regarding Riley LeClair. Mr. LeClair appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. McLeod made a motion to allow Mr. LeClair to sit for the exam. Mrs. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Samuel Lee

Mr. Lee did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

Eric Hoffman

The Commission held an application review regarding Eric Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mrs. Rhyne made a motion to allow Mr. Hoffman to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Antwain Evans

The Commission held an application review regarding Antwain Evans. Ms. Evans appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to deny Mr. Evans due to lack of experience in entire process of new home plumbing. Mr. McLeod seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Nicholas Moses

Mr. Moses cancelled his appearance prior to the meeting. No action was taken by the Commission.

Gary Gaulin Jr.

The Commission held an application review regarding Gary Gaulin Jr. Mr. Gaulin appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to deny Mr. Gaulin due to lack of experience in all aspects of new home construction. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Randal Crosby

The Commission held an application review regarding Mr. Crosby. Mr. Crosby appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve Mr. Crosby to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Anthony D'Antonio

The Commission held an application review regarding Anthony D'Antonio. Mr. D'Antonio appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mrs. Rhyne made a motion to approve Mr. D'Antonio to sit for the exam. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Leon Felder

The Commission held an application review regarding Leon Felder. Mr. Felder appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to deny Mr. Felder for lack of hands-on experience. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Michael Miller

Mr. Miller did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

Matthew Champion

Mr. Champion did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

Dawud Khalid

The Commission held an application review regarding Dawud Khalid. Mr. Khalid appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve Mr. Khalid contingent upon verification that he is currently compliant with probation and must maintain compliance with probation. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Robert Johnson

The Commission held an application review regarding Robert Johnson. Mr. Johnson appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. McLeod made a motion to approve Mr. Johnson to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which did not carry unanimously. Mr. Dowd opposed.

Brian Anderson

The Commission held an application review regarding Brian Anderson. Mr. Anderson appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to deny Mr. Anderson for insufficient documentation of experience. Mrs. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mark Ray

The Commission held an application review regarding Mark Ray. Mr. Ray appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to allow Mr. Ray to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hearing Officer Recommendations:

1. *Timothy Michael Hogan Case Nos. 2019-761 & 2020-30*
Mr. Bailey, who served as the hearing officer, recused himself.
Mr. Dowd made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer Recommendation. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. *David J. Simmons Case No. 2018-13*
Mr. Bailey, who served as the hearing officer, recused himself.
Mr. Dowd made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer Recommendation. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. *Freddie L. Brown, Jr. Case No. 2018-403*
Mr. Bailey, who served as the hearing officer, recused himself.
Mr. Dowd made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer Recommendation. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

Janet Baumberger, Administrator for the Residential Builders Commission
Ms. Baumberger had no remarks.

OIE Report – Mr. Todd Bond:

Todd Bond, Chief Investigator of OIE

Janet Baumberger presented the OIE report. He reported the number of investigations as of October 13, 2021

As of October 13, 2021:

Complaints Received –777 Active Investigations – 202 Closed Cases –848

New Business:

MOTION

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the Recommendations of the IRC. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the Resolution Guidelines. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Residential Builders Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Adjournment:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to adjourn the Residential Builders Commission Meeting. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Residential Builders Commission Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.

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