

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Low Country Conference Room
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Called to Order:

Tim 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: Christy Rhyne, James Graves, Bryan Dowd, Hal Dillard & Earl McLeod.

Tim Roberts, Chairman, announced that public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree 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 for the 10/8/2025 Meeting:

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the 10/8/2025 Residential Builders Commission Meeting Agenda. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval /Disapproval of Absent Members:

Al Bailey was absent.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve Mr. Bailey's absence. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the 9/10/2025 Meeting:

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the 9/10/2025 minutes. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

Tim Roberts explained how the Application Hearings would go, instructed the applicants on how to proceed during the Meeting and to speak clearly into the microphones.

Application Hearings:

Brandon Wright

The Commission held an application review regarding Brandon Wright. Brandon Wright appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

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

Joshua Thigpen

The Commission held an application review regarding Joshua Thigpen.
Joshua Thigpen appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to deny the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Robert Hall

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

MOTION:

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

James Jeffcoat

The Commission held an application review regarding James Jeffcoat.
James Jeffcoat appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Laquonda Kelly

The Commission held an application review regarding Laquonda Kelly.
Laquonda Kelly appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

Mr. Dillard recused himself from the hearing.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to deny the applicant to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dillon Smith

The Commission held an application review regarding Dillon Smith.
Dillon Smith appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Mcleod seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Trent Green

The Commission held an application review regarding Trent Green.
Trent Green appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Andrew Finsand

The Commission held an application review regarding Andrew Finsand.
Andrew Finsand appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Thomas Heffner

The Commission held an application review regarding Thomas Heffner.
Thomas Heffner appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Aaron Tracy

The Commission held an application review regarding Aaron Tracy.
Aaron Tracy appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hunter Spivey

The Commission held an application review regarding Hunter Spivey.
Hunter Spivey appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Tucker Trask

The Commission held an application review regarding Tucker Trask.
Tucker Trask appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Larry Langdale

The Commission held an application review regarding Larry Langdale.
Larry Langdale appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried, but not unanimously. Mr. Dowd opposed.

Tyler Bolick

The Commission held an application review regarding Tyler Bolick.

Tyler Bolick appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried, but not unanimously; Mr. Mcleod opposed.

Demetrius Winters

The Commission held an application review regarding Demetrius Winters.

Demetrius Winters appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

William Leamond

The Commission held an application review regarding William Leamond.

William Leamond appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Brian Black [CLOSED]

The Commission held an application review regarding Brian Black in closed session due to confidentiality and privacy laws.

Brian Black appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve for renewal, but must provide probation status update at renewal(s). Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Christopher Campbell

The Commission held an application review regarding Christopher Campbell.

Christopher Campbell appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Eric Dry

The Commission held an application review regarding Eric Dry.

Eric Dry appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Noah Owenby

The Commission held an application review regarding Noah Owenby.
Noah Owenby appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to deny the applicant to sit for the exam. Mr. Mcleod seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Final Order Hearings:

**The Commission held Final Order Hearings for the following cases:
(2022-461, 2022-599, & 2024-657)**

John A. Cooper #2022-461

Alston Rowland, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent did not appear.

MOTION:

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Donna B. Reeves #2022-599

Alston Rowland, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent did not appear.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Case No. 2023-477 was continued.

Kenneth L. Pace #2024-657

Alston Rowland, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent did not appear.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports:

Rowland Alston, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, presented the following report to the Commission:

Final Order Hearings Report on Accepted Hearing Officer Recommendations

#2019-658

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the Accepted Hearing Officer Recommendation.
Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ODC report

As of 9/24/2025

Open Cases – 141, Pending Hearings & Agreements – 57, Pending Closure – 2, Closed* – 41, Appeals – 0, *Closed since last report – 41, Closed Cases 2025 – 119

Chris Cudd, Lead OIE Investigator, presented the following reports to the Commission:

OIE Status Report

Mr. Cudd reported the number of Investigations as of **10/8/2025**

As of 10/8/2025

**Complaints Received – 688; Active Investigations – 79;
Closed Cases – 851**

IRC Report

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the Recommendation of the IRC Report. Ms. Rhyne seconded this motion, which carried unanimously.

Resolution Guidelines

MOTION:

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Recommendation of the IRC Resolution Guidelines. Ms. Rhyne seconded this motion, which carried unanimously.

Commission Executive's Report – Janet Baumberger

None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to adjourn the Residential Builders Commission Meeting. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Residential Builders Commission Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

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

STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

Commission Member Recused: Hal Dillard

Matter(s) recused from at the October 8, 2025 South Carolina Residential Builders Commission Meeting:

Application Hearing: Laquonda Kelly

Reason for recusal: business relationship

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Hal Dillard.

Hal Dillard