

## **SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Midlands 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 1/14/2026 Meeting:**

##### ***MOTION:***

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the 1/14/2026 Residential Builders Commission Meeting Agenda. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Approval /Disapproval of Absent Members:**

All members were present.

#### **Approval of Minutes for the 12/10/2025 Meeting:**

##### ***MOTION:***

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the 12/10/2025 minutes. Mr. Bailey 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.

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#### **Application Hearings:**

##### **Richard Hewitt**

Richard Hewitt did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

##### **Vincente Caprio**

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

##### **MOTION:**

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

**Brittney Welch**

The Commission held an application review regarding Brittney Welch. Brittney Welch 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.

**Joshua Chopas**

Joshua Chopas did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

**Aldo Lozada Meza**

The Commission held an application review regarding Aldo Lozada Meza. Aldo Lozada Meza appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

**MOTION:**

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

**Michael Tompkins**

The Commission held an application review regarding Michael Tompkins. Michael Tompkins 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. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chris Johnstone**

Chris Johnstone did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

**Demon Pringle**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Vladimir Prikhodko**

Vladimir Prikhodko did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

**Alex Alderman**

The Commission held an application review regarding Alex Alderman. Alex Alderman 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, but not unanimously. Mr. Dowd opposed.

**Taras Fedorchuk**

The Commission held an application review regarding Taras Fedorchuk.  
Taras Fedorchuk 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, but not unanimously. Mr. Mcleod opposed.

**David Hayes**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Joel Jameson**

The Commission held an application review regarding Joel Jameson.  
Joel Jameson 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.

**Nathan Geiger**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Glynn Webster**

The Commission held an application review regarding Glynn Webster.  
Glynn Webster 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. Mcleod seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Matthew Johnson**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Anthony Triant**

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

**MOTION:**

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the RBS application. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried, but not unanimously. Mr. Bailey opposed.

**Thomas Davis**

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

**MOTION:**

Mr. Dillard made a motion for executive session to seek legal advice. Mr. Mcleod seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve for reinstatement of RBP and RBS. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Benjamin Vazquez**

Benjamin Vazquez did not appear. The Commission did not take any action.

**Dean Sinatra**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Richard Bader**

The Commission held an application review regarding Richard Bader. Richard Bader 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. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**James Mahaffey**

The Commission held an application review regarding James Mahaffey. James Mahaffey 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.

**Robert Lapoint**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Shaun Dennehy**

The Commission held an application review regarding Shaun Dennehy. Shaun Dennehy 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.

**Kevin Johnston**

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

**MOTION:**

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the RBS renewal subject to compliance with his payment obligations. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**Final Order Hearings:**

**The Commission held Final Order Hearings for the following cases:**

- a. 2020-316, 2022-952, 2023-577, 2024-28, 2024-427 & 2024-971
- b. 2021-518 & 2022-546
- c. 2023-121, 2023-690, 2024-333, 2024-357 & 2024-658

*Mr. Bailey, who served as the hearing officer for cases 2021-518 & 2022-546; and 2023-121, 2023-690, 2024-333, 2024-357 & 2024-658, recused himself for those cases.*

*Mr. Roberts, who served as the hearing officer for cases 2020-316, 2022-952, 2023-577, 2024-28, 2024-427 & 2024-971, recused himself for those cases.*

**Eric J. Coffey #2020-316, 2022-952, 2023-577, 2024-28, 2024-427 & 2024-971**

**Alston Rowland, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel**, represented the State. Neither Respondent nor Respondent's counsel appeared.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to move forward with the cases. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which did not carry. Mr. Graves, Mr. Dowd and Mr. Mcleod opposed.

***MOTION:***

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to continue the cases to the March board meeting. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried, but not unanimously. Ms. Rhyne and Mr. Dillard opposed.

**Alejandra Adame #2021-518 & 2022-546**

**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. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**John J. Powell #2023-121, 2023-690, 2024-333, 2024-357 & 2024-658**

**Alston Rowland, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel**, represented the State. The Respondent appeared before the Commission and waived the right to counsel.

***MOTION:***

Mr. Dillard made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation for case numbers 2023-121, 2023-690, 2024-357, and 2024-658. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried, but not unanimously. Mr. Graves and Mr. Mcleod opposed.

***MOTION:***

Mr. Mcleod made a motion to approve the Hearing Officer Recommendation for case number 2024-333. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**Reports:**

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

**ODC report**

**As of 1/5/2026**

**Open Cases – 145, Pending Hearings & Agreements – 65, Pending Closure – 5, Closed\* – 20, Appeals – 0, \*Closed since last report (9/24/25) – 20, Closed Cases 2025 – 138**

**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 12/31/2025**

**Complaints Received – 935; Active Investigations – 89;**

**Closed Cases – 1079**

**As of 1/14/2026**

**Complaints Received – 7; Active Investigations – 89;  
Closed Cases – 3**

### **IRC Report**

***MOTION:***

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

### **Resolution Guidelines**

***MOTION:***

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

### **Commission Executive's Report – Janet Baumberger**

None.

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### **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 3:16 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: Alpha T. Bailey

Matter(s) recused from at the January 14, 2026 South Carolina Residential Builders Commission Meeting:

Final Order Hearings: Case Nos. 2021-518 & 2022-546; 2023-121, 2023-690, 2024-333, 2024-357 & 2024-658

Reason for recusal: hearing officer below

  
Alpha T. Bailey

## **STATEMENT OF RECUSAL**

Commission Member Recused: Timothy W. Roberts

Matter(s) recused from at the January 14, 2026 South Carolina Residential Builders Commission Meeting:

Final Order Hearings: Case Nos. 2020-316, 2022-952, 2023-577, 2024-28, 2024-427 & 2024-971

Reason for recusal: hearing officer below



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Timothy W. Roberts