

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
March 11, 2014
Raleigh, NC

Board Members: Alan Boone, Jimmie Storie, Keith Throckmorton, Steve Stroud, Phil Lanier, Melanie Wade Goodwin, Ralph Fuller, Reid Barbee

Staff: Barden Culbreth and Barry Bloch

Public: Mark Lanwher

Call to Order: Alan called the meeting to order and asked that Ralph read the Ethics Awareness Statement.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Ralph asked for conflicts and hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Public Comment: Mark Lanwher of Car Key Express attended the meeting to speak to the full Board about the nature of his business and concerns over North Carolina's licensing requirement. Mark started the company in 2002 with a box of remotes. In 2008, he expanded and created Car Key Express to copy and create transponder keys. In 2013, they hired two persons in North Carolina to operate for Car Key Express. They do high volume work for used car dealerships. Mark asked that the NCLLA not apply to Car Key Express. Barry followed with a number of questions. Barry asked if CKE could upgrade a non-transponder entry system to a transponder system. Mark stated that this was not performed by CKE. Barry asked if CKE could change one transponder system to another transponder system. Mark stated that they had a zero tolerance policy for CKE drivers operating with customers, and not dealerships.

Mark stated that they had dealt with similar licensing laws in New Jersey and were allowed to operate in NJ after an appearance before their Board.

The Board members then asked a number of technical questions regarding the practices of CKE.

Board Training:

Barry then went over the Administrative Procedures Act, Public Records Law, Open Meetings Law, State Tort Claims Act and Defense of State Employees Law, State Government Ethics Act, and Lobbying. Handouts were distributed and Barry presented on the subject. Barry explained the difference between policy and precedent.

Approval of the Minutes:

Steve Stroud made motion to approve the two meeting minutes, Keith Throckmorton seconded and the meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Ralph presented the latest financial report from the Board office. Barden stated that the audit was being finalized and should be ready to present to the Board at the next meeting. Steve Stroud motioned to approve the financial report. Keith Throckmorton seconded and the financial report was approved.

Ethics:

Steve Stroud motioned that the NCLLA applies to the services that Car Keys Express provides. Ralph Fuller seconded. Keith discussed it would be a slippery slope to allow this service to operate in North Carolina with the NC Locksmith Licensing Act in place. Phil stated that many options were given to CKE. The motion was unanimously approved. Barden and Barry will draft letter to Mark Lanwher and his attorney.

Examination/Continuing Education Committee:

Jimmie reported “the usual” issues from the administration of the exam. Jimmie reported that normally there is a 25 maximum on most test administrations.

Phil noted that the NCLA put on a good show and thanked them for their meeting in February, and should be commended for their work.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Steve Stroud reported that he received a complaint at the Association meeting about the NCLLB grandfathering period of institutional licensing. It was stated that all would have to renew normally.

Steve Stroud asked if we were doing off-site data storage. He also asked that the Board begin pursuing electronic fingerprint submission. Barden confirmed there was off-site back up, and would talk to SBI about beginning electronic fingerprint submission.

Alan asked that the Compliance/Conformity Committee be formed consisting of Keith Throckmorton and Steve Stroud, to work with Barden and Barry Bloch.

Alan asked Phil about bumpersticker ideas. Phil presented several designs that were then sent to the typesetter to be designed and presented back to the Board. Discussion ensued about design.

Meeting Scheduled:

Steve motioned to hold the next meeting on April 22 via conference call at 11am. Phil seconded and the meeting was scheduled.

Board Hearing:

Hearing was then held at 2:45pm. Melanie needed to leave and did not take part in the Hearing. Mr. Padilla was granted a license with conditions upon passage of NCLLB licensing exam.

Steve Stroud motioned to adjourn and Keith seconded the meeting ended.