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Meeting Schedule for 2025:

February 5
April 2
June 4
August 6
October 1
December 3

NORTH CAROLINA



2025 Update



Board Transitions Continue

The photo above is from the Board's last in-person meeting of 2024. During the year, the Board welcomed new members Dianne Riddle and Erich Crouch. Board members Jim Storie and Debbie Atkinson came off the Board and their seats replaced by Jon Jeffries and David Burnham.

Business Name Required

It is now a requirement that each licensed locksmith shall notify the Board of the business name(s) they use to engage with locksmith services.

Further, all advertising for locksmith services shall be in the registered name of the business(es).

21 NCAC 29 .0502 (f) Fair Business Practices

Enforcement Update

In 2024, the Board received 31 unique complaints.

In 2024, the Board issued 7 injunctions for unlicensed practice, and two orders of discipline.

Check out the list of all civil actions filed by the Board on our website under the Complaints tab.

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board

2025 Update

Making Changes

Over the years, the Board has worked to modernize its processes.

In recent years, we have removed the requirement for notary seals on renewals.

We have also started doing background checks on renewals in the office, no longer requiring you to obtain copies from the local authorities. This saves you time and money.

We accept online payment with debit and credit cards.

The Board strongly requests emailed facial photographs for renewals. Please don't spend money on professional "passport" photos, or sending in dime-sized printed photographs.

Also please do not send the same photograph year after year. Facial photos must be within three (3) months of your renewal submittal.

Just get a friend to take a clear facial photograph of you with a smart phone, then email that to the Board office including your name.

The Board accepts scanned and emailed applications and renewals. It is no longer necessary to travel to the post office and spend extra money expediting it to the Board. Just scan and email.

Thank you Jim Storie!

The Board thanks Jim Storie for his years of service proctoring the NC Locksmith Licensing Board Exam. Jim chaired the Exam and Education Committee and was instrumental in writing the latest versions of the licensing exam and study guide.

Come to a meeting!

Please note all meetings are open to the public in accordance with the NC Open Meetings Law. If you are interested in attending, even remotely, please contact the Board office for a Zoom link.