

**NC Locksmith Licensing Board
Raleigh, North Carolina
12:00pm, February 5, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Larry Mares, Deanna Brena, Erich Crouch, Mike McCarty, Dianne Riddle
Dovid Burnham, Jon Jeffries, Jack Walder

Members Absent: Garrett Davis

Public Members: Kenneth Wayne, Travis Everhart, Javier Hinojo

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Catherine Lee, Ryan Mitiguy

Call to Order: Chair Larry Mares called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Larry Mares read the NC Ethics Awareness Statement and asked the Board members for any conflicts or potential conflicts. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Hearing: Or Solomon

Following the hearing, Jack Walder motioned for the Board to go into Executive (closed) Session. Jon Jeffries seconded, and the meeting went to closed session to deliberate.

Normal order resumed. Jon motioned to suspend Or Solomon's license until he appears before the Ethics Committee of the Board. Jack seconded and motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Jon motioned to approve the agenda. Mike McCarty seconded, and the agenda was approved.

Election of Officers: Larry asked for nominations for Chair. Jack nominated Larry for Chair. Jon seconded. There were no other nominations and Larry was reelected Chair.

Larry nominated Jon Jeffries for Vice Chair. Jack seconded the motion and Jon was elected Vice Chair.

Mike McCarty was nominated Secretary/Treasurer. Erich seconded, and Mike was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jon motioned to approve. Dianne seconded and the minutes were approved.

Approval of the Financial Report: Barden walked through the recent financials. Mike motioned to approve. Jon seconded and the report was approved.

Periodic Rules Review: Catherine Lee was recognized and described the Periodic Rules Review process.

0202- Jon motioned to accept counsel recommendations. Jack seconded.

0206 – Jack asked if the Rule should be kept as informative. The Board agreed.

0604 – Jack motioned to classify unnecessary. Dovid seconded.

0606 and 0608 – Jon motioned to classify unnecessary, Erich seconded.

0610 – Jon motioned to classify unnecessary, Deanna seconded.

0615 – Jon motioned classify unnecessary, Mike seconded.

The Board then held a vote on the open motions on the table, and they all carried.

Board Chair Report: Larry thanked the Board members for their confidence and support. He liked seeing a full room and members of the public interested in the Board proceedings.

Board Office Report: Barden talked about meeting with Attorney General Jeff Jackson. He is also talking to an NC legislator who is considering filing a law change to institute a business license, and make changes to apprenticeship requirements.

Committee Assignments: Catherine is going to work with Larry to make committee assignments.

Unfinished Business: Jon and Barden recently staffed the booth at the NCLA meeting in January. He reported positive responses from most folks, including discussion on raising the fees.

Jon brought up privacy concerns with mailing lists being distributed.

Larry noted that there was a sea change in perception of the Board's work.

Kenneth Wayne was recognized and apologized for creating confusion with the Board. He noted that the public was not participating in the Board meetings. Further, he hopes to get more engagement by sending out his survey.

Kenneth noted that he has only received emails from the Board four times in the past and appreciated that the Board was communicating more frequently.

He advised that the Board send out more frequent communication.

Larry noted that the Board has limited staff. Barden noted that he was trying to send out more communication.

New Business: Exam waiver request. The Board received a request to waive the examination from Frank D'Anna, a licensed locksmith in New Jersey and New York. Discussion followed. Jon motioned to deny the waiver. Jack seconded, and the motion to deny the request carried.

Adjourn: Jon motioned to adjourn. Jack seconded and the meeting ended.