



North Carolina
Licensing Board for General Contractors

June 21, 2024

Joint Legislative Admin. Procedure Oversight Committee
545 Legislative Office Building
300 N. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Annual Report of Activities for 2023

Dear Committee Members:

The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors pursuant to N.C.G.S. §93B-2 is pleased to present to you this report of its activities for 2023.

The Licensing Board is comprised of nine members, serving 5-year staggered terms. The Board currently employs twenty full-time employees. As charged by our governing legislation at Chapter §87 Article 1 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the purpose of the Board is to regulate the practice of general contracting in North Carolina by evaluating licensure applications for specific criteria by granting licenses to qualified contractors. The Board also imposes disciplinary action in appropriate cases by suspending or revoking the licenses of general contractors who violate provisions of the Board's disciplinary statute. The Board receives no state funding to conduct its operations. Rather, the Board is receipt-supported, being funded entirely by application, licensing and education fees charged to contractors located in North Carolina as well as in other states, US Territories, and foreign countries.

Applicants must pass an examination before being licensed unless they are admitted by reciprocity. Once an examination has been passed, reexamination is not required unless a license has lapsed for a period of four or more years (N.C.G.S. §87-10(f)). All failing candidates are entitled to a review of their exam, thereby allowing the candidate an opportunity to determine which examination questions were answered incorrectly.

As of December 31, 2023, there were 28,860 general contractors licensed to operate in North Carolina. North Carolina's general contractor licensing laws provide that persons, firms or corporations who bid upon or who construct projects costing \$40,000 or more shall be licensed to practice general contracting.

In 2023, a total of 9873 persons, firms or corporations applied to the Board for licensure and 3,852 examinations were administered. There were 19 applicants who were refused to sit for the examination. The overall pass rate for examinations given in 2023 was 52%. The Board granted 1,988 general contractors licenses to persons, firms, or corporations in 2023. There were 19 applications

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submitted in 2023 that included a felony conviction record, resulting in, 14 applications with felony convictions being granted and 5 applications with felony convictions being denied. There were no applications received in 2023 from applicants with military training or military spouses.

For the year 2023, the Board received 674 sworn complaints regarding contractors of which 347 were filed against unlicensed general contractors and 327 were filed against licensed general contractors. In 2023, the Board revoked or suspended 60 licenses, issued 95 formal reprimands, obtained 159 injunctions in Superior Court against unlicensed contractors engaged in the unlicensed practice of general contracting.

The Homeowners Recovery Fund is administered by the Board to reimburse homeowners in North Carolina who have suffered a reimbursable loss in the construction or alteration of a single-family dwelling in this state. There were 15 Homeowners Recovery Fund Hearings conducted in 2023 allowing eligible claimants to present claims before the Board for reimbursement. A total of \$781,908 was awarded to eligible claimants.

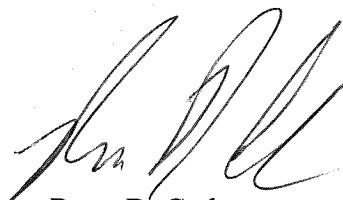
In 2023 there were amendments to Chapter 87 of the General Statutes. The chapters amended included §§87-1(a) and 87-14(a) & (a1). The Board's current Laws & Rules can be found on the Board website at www.nclbgc.org.

On or before June 30, 2024, pursuant to §93B-2(b) financial statements for fiscal year(s) ended December 31, 2022, and 2023 will be sent to all required agencies and authorities. By our signatures below we affirm that we are authorized to respond on behalf of the Board. We further affirm that all information provided is truthful and correct. We hope that you have found this description of the Board's activities helpful.



Sincerely,

Eric Reichard
Board Chair



Ryan D. Cody
Secretary-Treasurer

2023 Members of the Licensing Board

Eric Reichard, Chair	Leon Meyers
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