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# **Code Revision Update**

# What is the current status of the building code revision process?

The North Carolina State Building Code Council adopted a six-year revision schedule beginning with the 2012 edition of the codes, which became effective in January, 2013. The 2018 edition of the codes became effective in January, 2019, and are currently in effect.

The 2024 edition of the code is scheduled to become effective in January, 2025.

The Office of State Fire Marshal published the <u>Engineering Newsletter</u> in June, and included an article titled <u>Tentative 2024 NC Code Development Calendar beginning</u> on page 10 of that document. Also included is a chart that provides the current status of each code (plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, etc.). You may view the newsletter by visiting www.ncosfm.gov and clicking on the NEWS button on the top menu bar, then clicking on the newsletter link on the News page.

Although no further information is available on the specific dates that the revised codes will be effective, there has traditionally been a six-month period during which contractors could permit jobs under one code or the other.

## How do the code updates affect the Board's licensing exams?

The Board is responsible for the creation, accuracy, and security of the questions that are used for all contractor and technician licensing examinations. With 4 trades (plumbing, HVAC, fuel gas piping, and fire sprinklers) and 28 available licenses, there are literally thousands of questions in the Board's exam banks.

Board staff members must obtain a copy of the 6 new codes (administration, plumbing, fuel gas, mechanical, energy conservation, and residential) and review all exam questions, comparing them with the code revisions to ensure that the questions and answers accurately reflect the content of the code.

In addition, these codes have 9 referenced publications (ACCA Manuals CS, D, J, N, Q, N and NFPA Standards 13, 13D, 25). If the updated code lists new editions of the reference materials, then the Board staff must also obtain these materials and conduct a comprehensive review of those questions.

When our staff has completed the comprehensive review of all exam questions, the information must be shared with our third-party testing provider, PSI. They, in turn, must update the information in their databases which are used nationwide at all of their testing centers.

Once the update process is completed, the Board will set an effective date after which the new examination questions will be used and the new codes and related references will be required for individuals who are taking the exams.

If all codes become effective on January I, 2025 as anticipated by OSFM, the changeover date for exam questions and reference materials would be July I, 2025. As we move forward in this process, we will keep you updated on the Exam Information page of our website and in our newsletters which are published every two months.

We respectfully request that you do not call our office about the status of the code updates. We will post updates to the Exam Information page as soon as it is available to us.

North Carolina State Agencies					
NC Department of Insurance	919-647-0000 800-634-7854	NC Department of Labor	919-807-2796		
<ul> <li>Plumbing Code Interpretations Maggie Bowers maggie.bowers@ncdoi.gov</li> </ul>	919-647-0062	https://www.labor.nc.gov/ NC Department of Revenue https://www.ncdor.gov/	919-252-3052		
Mechanical & Gas Interpretations     Kate Whalen	919-647-0033	NC Electrical Licensing Board https://www.ncbeec.org/	919-733-9042		
kathryn.whalen@ncdoi.gov • Energy Interpretations Dan Dittman dan.dittman@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0012	NC General Contractor Licensing Board https://ncclic.org/ NC Irrigation Contractors Licensing Board	919-571-4183 919-872-2229		
<ul> <li>Fire Code Interpretations Charlie Johnson charlie.johnson@ncdoi.gov</li> </ul>	919-647-0094	https://www.nciclb.org/ NC Refrigeration Licensing Board https://refrigerationboard.org/	919-779-4711		
Residential Interpretations (non-struct	tural) 919-647-0056	NC Secretary of State https://www.sosnc.gov/	919-807-2225		
Jim Rodgers jim.rodgers@ncdoi.gov		NC Well Commission https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health	919-707-5882 /		
<ul> <li>Accessibility Interpretations Tara Barthelmess tara.barthelmess@ncdoi.ogv</li> </ul>	919-647-0014	north-carolina-well-contractors-certification			

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# Website Information: www.nclicensing.org (Forms)

Online license renewal is available for licensees who wish to use it and pay the renewal fee with a MasterCard or Visa. The online renewal link can be found on the home page of our website. If you do not have your username and password, or have any other questions regarding online renewal, please contact DeJaya "DJ" Soltys at 984-884-5789.

#### **Compliant Form**

- Complaint against licensed or unlicensed contractors

#### Forms Requiring Payment (check, money order or online)

- I. Trade Name Change (licensee or firm name)
- 2. Add Sub-licensee
- 3. Delete Sub-licensee
- 4. License Activation (for examinees who have passed examination)
- 5. Request for Copy of License
- 6. Class II Plumbing or Heating Exam

#### Forms Requiring No Payment

- I. Address Change: Licensee (may be changed online)
- 2. Address Change: Sub-licensee (may be changed online)

### **Renewal Forms**

- I. 2024
- 2. 2024 and Previous Year(s)

#### **New Applicant Forms**

### **NEW—** Online Application Available

- I. Plumbing, Heating, and Fuel Piping Contractor Examination Application
- 2. Fire Sprinkler Installation & Inspection Contractor Examination Application
- 3. Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor
- 4. Plumbing, Heating & Fuel Piping Technician
- 5. Fire Sprinkler Inspection Technician Examination Application (with or without NICET)
- 6. Fire Sprinkler Maintenance Technician
- 7. Book Reference List for All Applicants
- 8. Request for Exam Review (for examinees who have failed a recent exam)
- 9. Re-examination Application (for examinees who wish to retake an exam)
- 10. Customer Affidavit

#### Military & Military Spouse Applicant Forms

- I. Active Duty or Veteran: Plumbing, Heating, Fuel Piping and Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor
- 2. Military Spouse: Plumbing, Heating, Fuel Piping and Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor

#### **Online Ordering**

- I. Books Board's Laws & Rules and Business & Project Management for Contractors
- 2. Request for Register of Licensees
- 3. Request for Verification of License
- 4. Request for Listing of Current Applicants



# **Disciplinary Actions**

The Board is required by law to investigate every complaint received. If the findings of the investigation indicate that a violation of the laws and rules enforced by the Board have occurred by a licensed or unlicensed individual and/or firm, a number of disciplinary actions are available to the Board. Recent actions are reflected in the four reports that follow:

- Letter of Caution Report
- Consent Agreement Report

- Field Resolution and Resolution Review Committee Report
  - Attorney's Report

# Letter of Caution Report

Upon completion of investigations, a Letter of Caution can be issued to a licensee where it is determined through an investigation that a violation has occurred by one of our licensees. The Letter of Caution is issued to address and affirm issues they should improve upon or be more mindful of for future jobs:

Name	City/Town	Date	Name	City/Town	Date
Fabyanchuk, Igor Hall, Billy R. Holliday, David O. Joyner, Anthony R. Lowe, Kenneth B. O'Neill, Timothy J.	Arden, NC Durham, NC Wilmington, NC Stokesdale, NC Charlotte, NC Chapel Hill, NC	03/12/2024 02/13/2024 02/15/2024 03/28/2024 03/27/2024 02/21/2024	Price, Ronnie Radford, David L. Rogers, Justin L. Scarnecchia, Nicholas R. Semonco, Daniel S.	Wendell, NC Durham, NC Boone, NC Raleigh, NC Lexington, NC	02/15/2024 02/22/2024 03/28/2024 03/28/2024 03/28/2024

# **Consent Agreement Report**

A Consent Agreement is an affidavit taken from unlicensed individuals performing plumbing, heating and fire sprinkler work without a license. These individuals sign a Consent Agreement stating that they will not perform any work requiring a license until they are properly licensed to do so. If you see these individuals performing contracting activities in the field, please report them to this office.

y/Town Date	Name	<u>City/Town</u>	Date
arlotte, NC 05/01/2024	James Jr, Jerry	Climax, NC	05/07/2024
ount Holly, NC 04/11/2024	Lam, Hoai	Apex, NC	04/24/2024
n, NC 04/18/2024	Wurschum, Christopher	Sanford, NC	04/24/2024
baster, AL 01/26/2024			
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# **Resolution Agreements**

A Field Resolution Agreement is a voluntary agreement by which a licensee enters into some type of sanctions against their license instead of appearing before the Resolution Review Committee or the Full Board at a formal hearing. All of the Agreements are reviewed by a member of the Resolution Review Committee and then presented to a Board hearing panel for approval prior to the agreement being adopted as a final agency decision. If a complaint has not been resolved in the field through a Field Resolution Agreement, then the case can be referred to the Resolution Review Committee. During the Resolution Review Committee meeting, a licensee can enter into a Review Committee Resolution Agreement in place of appearing before the Board at a formal hearing; the agreement is then presented to a Board hearing panel for approval prior to the agreement being adopted as a final agency decision. Cases that cannot be resolved through the use of Field Resolution Agreements or Review Committee Resolution Agreements are forwarded to formal hearings before the Board. Listed below are the different agreements entered into by the field staff and the Resolution Review Committee that have been approved by the Board. The information below does not contain all of the facts or details of each case. Specific details of any of the following cases can be obtained by e-mail (information@nclicensing.org) or upon written request to the Board's office.

#### Caro, Sergio M. Home Town Heating & Air Conditioning LLC. Waxhaw, NC License# 35110 H-3-1

Allegations of misconduct, failed to respond to customer in a timely manner, violations of the State Mechanical Code, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, and failed to provide adequate supervision. Sergio Caro signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/13/2024

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Sergio Caro, license number 35110 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Plumbing Code and Design courses and the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Cleaver, Christopher Triton Plumbing & Piping Service, Inc. Creedmoor, NC License# 29587. P-I

Allegations of failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections, failed to provide supervision, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code,

allowed the use of license by unlicensed persons by paying E.J. King in cash without withholding taxes for performing work that requires a license.

Resolution Conference held 02/20/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Christopher Cleaver, license number 29587 P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Plumbing Code and Design courses and the

Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Evans, Bobby W. Bobby Evans Plumbing Service Angier, NC

#### License# 23807 P-II

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, and failure to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099 Form in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512. Bobby Evans signed Proposed Resolution

#### Agreement 03/15/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Bobby Evans, license number 23807 P-II, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Ferrel, Robert Sustainable Building Solutions, LLC DBA Green Horizon

#### Durham, NC

License# 35802 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to provide adequate supervision, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, engaged in business under a different name or style of business than appears on his license.

Resolution Conference held 02/21/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Robert Ferrel, Jr., number 35802 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Herman, Timothy D. TD Plumbing and Drains LLC Hudson, NC

#### License# 35251, P-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, violations of State Plumbing Code, installation issues, and licensee failed to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099 Form in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512.

Timothy Herman signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/27/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Timothy Herman, number 35251, P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. By April 12th, 2024, the licensee shall obtain a permit from the local code enforcement official, return to the structure (113 Chepstow Place), and correct any and all code violations that still exist. The contractor shall contact the building owner in advance, arrange a time to perform this work and shall receive a final inspection by April 19th, 2024. This work shall be performed at the expense of the contractor. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Hudson, Keith M. Indian Trail, NC License# 23763 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, violated probation, failed to submit all quarterly reports, and performed the installation of two systems and failed to obtain a permit prior to com-

mencing work. Resolution Conference held 03/26/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Keith Hudson, number 23763 H-3-I, be suspended for a period of six (6) months. Among other requirements during the suspension, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. Upon successful completion of the suspension, his license, number 23763 H-3-I, shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

#### Johnson, Jimmy Commercial HVAC, Inc. Cedar Grove, NC License# 32630 H-3-I

Allegations of failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections, failed to provide supervision, and failed to respond to a customer and resolve per-

mitting, installation and operation issues. Resolution Conference held 02/19/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Jimmy Johnson, number 32630 H-3-I, and the license of the firm be suspended for a period of twelve (12) months. Upon successful completion of the suspension, his license, number 32630 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months.

#### Johnson, Terrence T. A Plus Rooter, Inc. Charlotte, NC License# 32283 PH2.3-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, licensee failed to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099 Form in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512.

Terrence Johnson signed Proposed Resolution 04/17/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Terrence Johnson, number 32283 PH 2,3-1, and that of the firm shall be placed on an unsupervised probation for a period of (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, within (30) days of executing this agreement the licensee shall submit to the Board's office copies of all employees W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employees W-2's for each year of the probation, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### a Rules course

#### Jones, Andrew

J & J Mechanical, Inc. Kinston, NC

#### License# 17809 PH-1.2&3-1

Allegations of misconduct, failure to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of

substantial completion of work. Andrew Jones signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/27/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Andrew Jones, III, number 17809 PH-1,2&3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Lee, Larry Larry Lee Plumbing, Inc. Fayetteville, NC License# 5274 P-I

Allegations licensee failed to provide supervision, failed to carry out adequate DWV installation and system design, and violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code.

Resolution Conference held 02/19/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Warren Lee, number 5274 P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during probation, if allowed by the homeowner, within 90 days of approval of this agreement the licensee shall return to the home located at 21 Glen Ridge Ct., video camera all drain, waste and vent lines to assure that all of the lines have the minimum required grade (minimum 1/8" per foot for 3" and larger pipes and a minimum 1/4' per foot grade for drain lines smaller than 3" pipes). All of the camera work shall be memorialized in video recordings. If during the video camera recording of the drain, waste and vent lines, any drain, waste or venting piping that has demonstrated to be non-complaint with grade or the pipes have not been properly deburred, then the contractor shall be responsible for removing all necessary building materials (sheetrock, plywood, cabinets, flooring, etc.) to re-pipe the drain, waste and venting piping and shall repipe all drain, waste and vent lines to assure compliance with the NC state code. All the above-described work (including repainting, concrete, flooring, sheet rock, cabinets, etc.) shall be performed at the expense of the contractor. Before any piping is changed or manipulated, the licensee shall obtain a permit from the local code enforcement official and shall receive a final inspection within 90 days of approval of this order. The licensee shall submit a copy of all video recordings and shall be submit a copy of the permit and final approved inspection to the board's office within 100 days of approval of this agreement. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Plumbing Code and Design courses and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Love, Phillip C. Chad Love Services, LLC. Concord, NC License# 32300 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections, failed to provide adequate supervision, failed to perform proper load calculation in that the contractor performed a whole house block load calculation instead of a room by room load calculation, this job was for the new installation of the complete system, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, and installation performed in a poor workman like man-

ner / poor workmanship. Resolution Conference held 03/26/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Phillip Love, number 32300 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Mechanical Code courses and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Mercadante, Michael A. Impact Fire Services, LLC. High Point, NC License# 30490 FS & FSIC

Allegations licensee failed to provide adequate supervision and, on some jobs, failed to provide any supervision.

Resolution Conference held 03/28/2024. The Review Committee recommended that the license of Michael Mercadante, number 30490 FS & FSIC, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Philyaw, Malvin D. Romco Mechanical Granite Falls, NC License# 21403 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct and incompetence in the business of heating contracting.

Malvin Philyaw signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 04/04/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Malvin Philyaw, number 21403, H-3-I, and the license of the firm, be surrendered to the Board. The license surrender will be considered a licensing revocation.

#### Price, Charles Macon, GA License# 23563 P-I

Allegations of misconduct, gross negligence, and selling license.

Resolution Conference held 03/25/2024. Licensee failed to appear.

Resolution Conference results served by certified mail on 04/17/2024.

The Review Committee recommended that the license of Charles Price, license number 23563 P-I, shall be suspended until such time that he appears before the Resolution Review Committee to answer to the charges in the complaint.

#### Riley, Michael Hillsborough, NC License# 14316 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections prior to placing the units into service (Installation started around November of 2018, permit not secured until June 17, 2019, and final inspection approved on or about May 6, 2021), failed to provide supervision, failed to carry out adequate system installation, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Fuel Gas Code, installation performed in a poor workman like manner / poor workmanship, and created risk of per-

sonal injury or property damage. Resolution Conference held 02/22/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Michael Riley, number 14316 H-3-I, shall be suspended for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the suspension, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Mechanical Code courses, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Fuel Gas Code and Design courses, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. Upon successful completion of the suspension, his license, number 14316 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

#### Shires, Matthew D. Shires Plumbing, LLC Stanley, NC License# 33558. P-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, improper license issuance, and licensee failed to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099 Form in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512. Matthew Shires signed Proposed Resolution 03/26/2024

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Matthew Shires, number 33558, P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on a unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, by April 5th, 2024, assure that his license is properly listed with the board, enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course, and submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's.

#### Siegel, Randall Signature Plumbing, Inc. Wilmington, NC License# 17794 P-I

Allegations of misconduct and selling license. Randall Siegel signed Proposed Resolution

#### Agreement 04/04/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Randall Siegel, number 17794 P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Smallwood, Anthony Kernersville, NC License# 34542 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct, failure to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failure to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, installation issues, and failure to provide adequate supervision.

Anthony Smallwood signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/26/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Anthony Smallwood, number 34542 H-3-I, and that of the firm (Go Green Plumbing Heating & Air) shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course, enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Fuel Gas Code and Design courses, and within thirty (30) days of the approval of this agreement the licensee shall obtain a permit from the local code enforcement official, return to the structure (3103 Camp Ranger Lane), and correct any and all code violations that still exist. The contractor shall contact the building owner in advance, arrange a time to perform this work and shall receive a final inspection within the next thirty (30) days. This work shall be performed at the expense of the contractor.

#### Smith, Steven Air-O-Smith, Inc. Southern Shores, NC License# 30070 H-3-I

Allegations of failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, and failed to carry out adequate ductwork installation and system design by failing to install separate equipment of each floor or

failing to installed zoned equipment. Resolution Conference held 02/22/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Steven Smith, number 30070 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Southern, James d/b/a I-800-Plumber + Air of Raleigh Raleigh, NC

**License# 22031 P-I** Allegations of misconduct, failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, installation issues, failure to provide adequate supervision, contractual issues, and violation of State

Plumbing Code. James Southern signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/21/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of James Southern number 22031 P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on a unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Stefanko, Richard Air Tek Management Systems, Inc. Hope Mills, NC

License# 30546 H-2&3-I Allegations licensee failed to provide ade-

quate supervision, failed to carry out adequate ductwork installation and system design, failed to maintain a copy of the load calculation, violated the minimum standard of

the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, and allowed the use of license by unlicensed persons by issuing 1099's to unlicensed persons.

Resolution Conference held 02/21/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Richard Stefanko, number 30546 H-2&3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Mechanical Code courses and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Tatman, Keith C. M & M Heating & Air Matthews, NC License# 34916 H-2&3-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections.

failed to provide supervision, failed to perform load calculation(s), and violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina

#### State Fuel Gas Code.

Resolution Conference held 03/27/2024. The Review Committee recommended that the license of Keith Tatman, number 34916 H-2&3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Fuel Gas Code and Design courses.

#### Whitehurst, William Michael C. Schweitzer, LLC

dba Luxury Bath Raleigh, NC

#### License# 7829 P-I

Allegations of misconduct, improper supervision, failure to obtain permit(s) and final in-

spection(s). William Whitehurst signed a Proposed Reso-

lution Agreement 02/16/2024. The Review Committee recommended that the license of William Whitehurst, number 7829 P-I, be surrendered to the Board. The act of surrendering the license to the Board will be considered as a license revocation.

## **Attorney's Report**

The Attorney's Report contains information pertaining to cases that have been adjudicated in a formal proceeding of the Board or in the courts of North Carolina. Disciplinary actions against licensed contractors are typically imposed during a Formal Hearing of the Board. Court action is necessary when unlicensed individuals are in violation of the Board's Laws and Rules or in circumstances where licensees

are found to be in violation of any order(s) issued by the Board.

#### Alderson, Daniel F.

#### Cape Carteret, NC

Formal Hearing held. Board Order issued 4/24/24 placing the Respondents on unsupervised probation for 12 months due to incompetence and poor workmanship with regards to the installation of waste lines for a newly constructed residence. .

#### **Baldzhiev**, Radoslav

Formal Hearing set for May as to request for Reinstatement of License. Board Order issued 5/27/24 granting reinstatement request, subject to first passing Plumbing Exam and thereafter compliance with the terms of a 12 month supervised probation.

#### Baumes III, Ronald V. Clayton, GA

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/17/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Beauchamp, Wesley Lewisville, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 5/10/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. .

#### Brigmon, Kyle E. York, SC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a license in violation of permanent injunction. Order of Civil Contempt filed 4/24/24. The Defendant was ordered to \$500.00 as restitution to the homeowner within 30 days of the entry of this Order.

#### Cohen, Kfir Raleigh, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 4/5/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Friend, John B.

Washington, NC Formal Hearing held in May. Board Order issued 5/27/24 leaving suspension for probation violation in place until 6/30/24. If the Respondent completes remaining coursework imposed by prior Order, then license will be placed on 36 months of supervised probation. If course not completed, then license will be revoked.

### House, Bobby

Boonville, NC Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 5/19/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

### Mangum, Heath A.

Franklinton, NC Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 5/7/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Manning, David H. Fayetteville, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. Amended Order of Contempt filed 4/22/24. The Defendant was sentenced to 30 days in the Wake County Jail but sentence was suspended and also ordered to pay a \$500.00 file to the Wake County Clerk within 30 days of the entry of the Order.

## Merchison, William

#### Dunn, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 4/17/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

### Miller, James H.

Council, NC Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 4/11/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Murray, Scott P.

#### Hampstead, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 5/7/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

Newman, Robert L. Formal Hearing held 3/13/24 and Board Order issued 3/27/24 setting forth a letter of caution with required continuing education courses arising from a failure to properly permit and supervise a plumbing installation.

#### Poole, Justin D.

Salisbury, NC Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 4/8/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly

licensed to do so. Defendant served 4/22/24.

# Redman, Donald R. Greenville, SC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 5/23/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

# Winston Salem, NC

#### Tager. Jonathan Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. Order of Criminal Contempt filed 5/21/24. The Defendant was sentenced to 30 days in the Wake County Jail, which sentence was suspended, and the Defendant was ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine to the Clerk of Wake County and \$90.00 in court costs within 30 days of the entry of this Order.

#### Ward, Desmond Elm City, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/18/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served.

#### Wheaton, Brett C.

Holly Ridge, NC Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 5/10/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 5/16/24.

#### Wright, Mark S. Leland, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 5/10/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served.

# Rydman, Blaine A.

Formal Hearing set for March 2024 at which time a Consent Order as to the Licensee only was approved accepting the voluntary surrender of license. Issues as to Company Blaze-Air remain open.