

# **State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors**

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## **Remembering William H. Eubanks**



On December 26, 2024, we lost a great friend to all. While visiting with friends, William Harold Eubanks passed following a brief illness. He was a licensed plumber, certified code enforcement official, and long-time Board member.

A native of Onslow County, he attended Dixon High School, Mount Olive Junior College, and Atlantic Christian (now Barton) college, and taught at Dixon Elementary School for five years.

He entered the plumbing trade in 1977, and in 1986 became a plumbing inspector for New Hanover County. He went on to become Assistant Chief Plumbing Inspector, Chief Plumbing Inspector, and retired as the Chief Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector in 2015.

William's service to the Board began in May 2008 when he was appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue. He was reappointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2017 and again in 2022. During his tenure, he served as a board member, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman.

He also served on the Board's Resolution Review Committee for over eight years, spending several weeks each year in various locations across the State were resolution conferences were being held.

His practical knowledge of the trades and the building code gained through decades of experience were a valuable asset to the Board and it's licensees, and his wit and sense of humor will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to know him.

William's beloved wife of 44 years, Judy, preceded him in death a few months prior. Longtime residents of Wilmington's Historic District, they could be found on their front porch chatting with neighbors and passersby or enjoying the birds and squirrels that seemed to be attracted to their yard.

They also enjoyed collecting antiques and art, as well as the thrill of the hunt, and frequently spent time together visiting flea markets, antique shops, thrift stores, and estate tag sales.

Board members and staff will be forever grateful for William's friendship and personality, and the time spent with him. His knowledge and experience, more often than not shared through a story about one of his many life experiences, proved both helpful and entertaining as the Board conducted it's business over the past sixteen years.

He had the unique experience of being a consumer, contractor and inspector, which enabled him to look at every side of an issue. His input helped shape many Board decisions, and he always kept the best interests of the consumer, the licensee, and the Board equally in mind.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, January 11, 2025 at Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington, NC.

Anyone wishing to remember William may do so by making a donation to the American Lung Association by calling I-800-LUNGUSA, by visiting www.lung.org, or by mail at American Lung Association National Direct Response Headquarters, PO Box 756, Osceola, WI 54020-0756.

## Is Your License Active for 2025?

If you failed to renew your license, it has expired and there is no "grace period". Individuals or firms with and expired license cannot legally engage in activities allowed by the license. Failure to renew a license can result in denial of permits and disciplinary action by the Board if work is done on an expired license.

Renewal notices containing the username and password were mailed to all licenses in early October. There are three ways to renew:

The first renewal option is through the online portal using a MasterCard or Visa. You will need a valid email address to renew online. If you use this method, you should print your license following payment, as a printed copy will not be mailed from the Board's office if the license is renewed online.

The second option is to email the signed renewal form to the Board office, and a link will be sent for online payment. The license will not be renewed until payment is received. The third option is to mail the signed renewal form to the Board's office with a check or money order. The renewal can not be processed until the form and payment are received.

Licensees who expired in 2022, 2023, or 2024 may renew by any of the methods above; however, online renewal requires that you pay for all expired years and 2025.

Please note that if the license expired in 2021 it is no longer eligible for renewal, and is in 'retired' status. Anyone wishing to reinstate a retired license is required to take and pass all applicable examinations in order to reinstate the license.

## How Will Code Changes Affect Licensing Exams?

The 2024 Edition of the North Carolina State Building Codes will become effective on July I, 2025.

As a result of the code changes, the Board staff must review the hundreds of questions in our exam banks to ensure that the questions and answers accurately reflect the latest edition of the codes. The change to the State codes will also affect other exam reference materials, including NFPA Standards used for fire sprinkler licensing exams.

Due to an extremely high number of applications being received by the Board, the application review and approval process currently takes approximately six weeks if the application is in order and contains all the required information. If the application is deficient in any way, it can substantially delay the review and approval process.

Likewise, due to the high number of applicants and the limited number of seats at the various testing centers across the State, those who are approved may face a wait time of up to six weeks for a seat at the testing center.

Combined, the application review period and the testing appointment scheduling can result in a minimum 12-week (3 month) timeframe from the date of application to the actual testing date. Again, if the application is missing any information, that can further delay the application and examination process.

Applicants applying before March 30th, whose application contains all the information required for proper review and approval, can expect to take the test before June 30th under the current 2018 codes.

However, if the applicant fails the technical portion of the exam, there is a 90-day waiting period before being eligible to retest, which means the retest would have to be requested and taken before June 30th to retest under the current codes. Any retests after July I will be under the new 2024 codes.

Applicants applying after April 1st can expect to take the test after July 1 under the new 2024 codes.

Additional information is available by following this link:

https://nclicensing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Building-Code-Effective-Dates-1.pdf

There are seven PSI Testing Centers in North Carolina, located in Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Greenville, Fayetteville, and Wilmington. Once the application has been reviewed and approved, applicants will received email notification with instructions for scheduling their exams. Exams cannot be scheduled prior to approval of the application.

All information pertaining to the application and examination process can be found on the Exam Information page of our website.

If you have any questions, please email us at information@nclicensing.org.

## North Carolina State Agencies

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

## State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating & Fire Sprinkler

**Field Staff Directory** 

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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. 2025
- 2. 2025 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
- II. Online Application (for use by new applicants only)

#### **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
Powell, Robert S.	Beulaville, NC	08/21/2024	Thornton, Cory J.	Louisburg, NC	10/10/2024

## **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.

Name	City/Town	Date	Name	City/Town	Date
Cardoso, Onesima G.	Charlotte, NC	12/18/2024	Patton, Emily G.	Halifax, NC	12/18/2024
Dennie, Tristan C.	Hendersonville, N	IC11/08/2024	Price III, Floyd C.	Wilmington, NC	10/16/2024
Evans, Corey C.	Mooresville, NC	12/16/2024	Ramirez, Juan R.	Bailey, NC	11/07/2024
Jarvis, Charles R.	Beaufort, NC	10/30/2024	Stanley III, Lincoln M.	Halifax, NC	12/18/2024
Jones, Thomas C.	Louisburg, NC	12/17/2024	Taylor, Joseph	Cove City, NC	11/26/2024
Matney, Andrew	Whittier, NC	11/07/2024	Yeargin, Brandon E.	Monroe, NC	10/30/2024
Nelson, David S.	Mebane, NC	10/29/2024	-		

## **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.

#### Baker, David R. **David Baker Plumbing** Zebulon, NC License# 8704 P-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, and failed to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099 Form in viola-

tion of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512. David Baker signed Proposed Resolution

Agreement 10/01/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and

a period of twelve (12) months. The licensee inspections within 10 days of substantial shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. The License shall also 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.

Barbour, Michael W. Center Heating & A/C Company, Inc. Sanford, NC

License# 4627 H-2&3-I, sublicensee recommended that the license of David Allegations licensee failed to provide ade-Baker, number 8704 P-I, and that of the firm guate supervision, failed to obtain permit(s) shall be placed on unsupervised probation for prior to commencing work, failed to request

completion of work, and failed to perform load calculation(s).

Resolution Conference held 08/21/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Michael Barbour, number 4627 H-2&3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course

#### Buono, Salvatore Jr. Creedmoor, NC License# 36583 FSIT

Allegations licensee submitted false information to the board to qualify to sit for the Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) examination: applicant submitted a false Form I-B, signed by Gabriel Pettit documenting that the employment dates were from April 9, 2020, through April 11, 2023, yet knew he only worked for the firm from April 9, 2021, through April 11, 2023. Applicant submitted a false Form I-B, signed by Gabriel Pettitt documenting 6,320 hours of vision, flexible duct work not installed confire sprinkler work and testing experience, sistent with the manufactures instructions when he had only been employed with the firm for 2 years and 2 days (according to company records 4,197 employment hours), mum 1,500-hour requirement of being in the and where he spent about 4 months in a office or on the jobs contracted out of the backflow program and working on testing Myrtle Beach office, and violated the miniresidential potable water backflow prevent- mum standard of the North Carolina State ers, not under NFPA 25. The applicant did confirm that once the domestic potable water backflow preventer testing experience was removed, he only had around 3,400 to 3,500 hours of experience toward the Fire Sprinkler Technician license. The firm has acknowledged since receiving his FSIT license, the applicant has been actively working in the field performing Fire Sprinkler Inspections.

Resolution Conference held 08/20/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Salvatore Gunday, Nicholas M. Buono, Jr., number 36583 FSIT, shall be suspended for a period of six (6) months. Among other requirements during suspension, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Cook, Bradley Drain Pro's, Inc. Jacksonville, NC License# Unlicensed

Allegations Bradley Cook, former owner of Board Order issued in 2017.

Resolution Conference held 08/20/2024.

The Review Committee recommended if final approval is received by the board, Mr. failed to hold a detailed written contract Bradley Cook shall attend and complete the courses as outlined in the Board's 2017 Order (board approved plumbing code and design course, as well as the board laws and rule course). Once the courses have been successfully completed, then Mr. Cook shall submit to the board a new complete plumbing examination application, and once that application is approved, then Mr. Cook is approved to sit for the Plumbing examination. Upon passing the examination and upon activation of the license, Mr. Cooks' license and the firm Draining Pro's. Inc shall be placed under supervised probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months.

#### Fogel, Randall W., II Fogel Services, Inc. Myrtle Beach, SC License# 33234 H3-I

prior to commencing work on jobs, after the final inspections, where duct work was modified and where an air handler was replaced, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work on addition and modification, failed to obtain final inspections, failed to provide adequate superand causing restrictions and compressed insulation in attics, failed to meet the mini-Mechanical Code.

Resolution Conference held 09/23/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Randall Fogel, II, number 33234 H3-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.

## Seaside Heating & Air, LLC. Wilmington, NC License# 34026 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,

failed to carry out adequate ductwork installation and system design, failed to perform proper load calculation(s), violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Drain Pro's, Inc. failed to comply with the Mechanical Code, installation performed in a poor workman like manner / poor workmanship, failed to respond to consumer in a timely manner/poor business practices, and with the homeowner.

Resolution Conference held 09/23/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Nicholas Gunday, number 34026 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised 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 Design courses and the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Hainley, Bradford A. Sandhills Heating & Refrigeration, Inc. Aberdeen, NC

#### License# 30377 H-2&3-1

Allegations licensee failed to perform proper load calculation(s), failed to carry out adequate ductwork installation and system design, 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.

Resolution Conference held 08/21/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Bradford Alan Hinely, number 30377 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, if allowed by the homeowner, within 30 days of approval of this agreement the licensee shall properly size the existing 3ton downstairs system with a properly sized equipment per the load calculation of William Timberlake PE. Mr. Timberlake explained to the committee that a 2.5-ton system would be the appropriate size system based on the sensible gain. The above work shall be permitted, shall receive a final inspection and this work shall be performed at no cost to the homeowner. Within 45 days of approval of this agreement the licensee shall submit to the board a copy of the final approved inspections for this work. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Harrell, George K. G-Max, Inc DBA George & Co. Elizabeth City, NC License# 31510 H-2&3-1

Allegations licensee failed to perform load calculation(s), returned after the Certificate of Occupancy was issued and installed several crossover ducts and failed to obtain permit (s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, and failed to obtain final inspections.

Resolution Conference held 08/21/2024

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of George Harrell, number 31510 H-2&3-l, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during probation, within 30 days of the approval of this order the contractor shall return to the home, and perform a thorough Manual | load calculation, and a Manual S equipment sizing calculation. If the calculations reveal that the equipment or ductwork is improperly sized, then the contractor shall obtain a permit from the local inspection department, replace the improperly sized equipment and

ductwork with properly sized equipment and ductwork and obtain a final inspection within 90 days of approval of this order. In addition, the contractor shall ensure that the duct system delivers the proper air flow to each of the rooms of the structure. The contractor shall submit evidence to the board, within one hundred days of approval of this agreement, the final approved inspection, and a copy of the calculation. This work shall be performed at no expense to the homeowners. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Lasater, Christopher Brunswick Isles HVAC LLC Ocean Isle Beach, NC License# 34996. H-2-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain a permit prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, and installation issues with the iob.

Christopher Lasater signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 09/25/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Christopher Lasater, number 34996, H-2-3-I, and that of the firm be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. Among other requirements during probation. the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### McKinney, Robert McKinney's Heating & Air Conditioning Morganton, NC

#### License# 23109, H-3-1

Allegations of misconduct, code violations, improper system operation, and failure to request inspections within 10 days of sub-

stantial completion of work.

Robert McKinney signed the Proposed Resolution\_Agreement 09/16/2024.

The Review Committee recommended that the license of Robert McKinney, number 23109, H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. Among other requirements during the probation, by 09/27/2024, the licensee shall obtain a permit from the local code enforcement official, return to the structure, 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 10/04/2024. This work shall be performed at the expense of the contractor, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### McNeil, Jonathan G. Durham, NC License# 30047 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, and allowed an unlicensed person, who was not an employee, to assist with the installation of a new split system tied into the existing duct system.

Jonathan McNeil signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 07/19/2024.

The Review Committee recommended that the license of Jonathan McNeil, number 30047 H-3-I, and that of the firm, be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, 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, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Meininger, Joshua Impact Fire, LLC Graham, NC

### License# 33280 FSIC, sublicensee

Allegations licensee performed plumbing work that required a license, while only holds a Fire Sprinkler Inspection Contractor License (working outside license qualification). Resolution Conference held 08/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of loshua Meininger, number 33280 FSIC, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course

#### Petit, Gabriel N. Impact Fire, LLC Raleigh, NC License# 31635 FS

Allegations licensee submitted false information to the board to qualify an application to sit for the examination: Applicant submitted a false Form I-B, signed by Gabriel Pettit documenting that the employment dates were from April 9, 2020, through April 11, 2023, yet knew he only worked for the firm from April 9, 2021, through April 11, 2023. Applicant submitted a false Form I-B, signed by Gabriel Pettitt documenting 6,320 hours of fire sprinkler work and testing experience, when he had only been employed with the firm for 2 years and 2 days (according to company records 4,197 employment hours), and where he spent about 4 months in a residential potable water backflow preventers, not under NFPA 25. The licensee did

confirm that once the domestic potable water backflow preventer testing experience was removed, he only had around 3,400 to 3,500 hours of experience toward the Fire Sprinkler Technician license. The licensee acknowledges since Mr. Buono received his FSIT license, Mr. Buono has been actively working in the field performing Fire Sprinkler Inspections.

Resolution Conference held 08/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Gabriel Pettit, number 31635 FS, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Luxury Bath & Kitchens (dba) Raleigh, NC

#### License# 37023 P-I

Allegations had a license for the firm for more than 10 years while the licensee resided in Monroe, NC while the business was in Raleigh, NC. The firm paid Mr. Whitehurst a flat rate of \$14,000.00 per year for the use of his license and violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code.

Resolution Conference held 08/23/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license 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 of the firm shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules.

#### Tran, Chuong SantaAir, LLČ Raleigh, NC License# 34021, H-3-I

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

Chuong Tran signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 09/26/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Chuong Tran. number 34021, H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. Among other requirements during the probation, 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, and the licensee backflow program and working on testing shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

**Tuttle, Christopher Tuttle Mechanical Solutions** Rural Hall, NC License# 34853 FSM

Allegations of misconduct, being unlicensed, failure to obtain a permit and final inspection, Board Laws & Rules course.

and installation issues. Christopher Tuttle signed a Proposed Reso-

lution Agreement 09/18/2024. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Christopher Tuttle, number 34853 FSM, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve I2

(months). Among other requirements during Darius Walker signed the Proposed Resoluthe probation, do not contract or perform work outside the current licensing classification held until properly licensed to work in these other fields, and complete the Special

#### Walker, Darius PerfecTemp Winston-Salem, NC License# 35247 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct, failure to obtain a tion issues/system operation issues, and fail- Board Laws & Rules course. ure to provide adequate supervision.

tion Agreement 09/03/2024.

The Review Committee recommended that the license of Darius Walker, number 35247 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, obtain a permit and get a final inspection of the property. The licensee shall obtain the permit and inspection within twenty-one (21 days) of the date of this agreement, and the licensee shall permit prior to commencing work, installa- enroll in, attend, and complete the Special

## **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.

#### Aguilar, Valentin Charlotte, NC

(Mecklenburg County)

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 9/16/24.

#### Banks, Khenai C. A. Hickory, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 11/22/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Baroudi, Ahmed M. Fuguay Varina, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 8/14/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Boyd, Ronnie Greer, SC

Allegations of fuel piping contracting without a valid license Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 9/18/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Bryant, David Climax, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. Order of Con-

tempt filed 9/3/24. The Defendant received a 30-day suspended jail sentence and ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine and \$60 court costs.

#### Burns, Dean A. Cranston, RI

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly li-

censed to do so.

#### Chavis, Myron Pembroke, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 12/2/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly li-

censed to do so.

#### Cicero, Sr., Leonardo Holly Springs, NC

Formal Hearing set for 3/13/24 regarding request to modify probation terms continued and no longer needed as he has now completed probation.

#### Craig, Haywood M. Greenville, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

Davis, Ronte Fayetteville, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior ludgment of Permanent Injunction. Order of Contempt filed 12/3/24. The Defendant was ordered to pay

\$2,500.00 in restitution to Todd Wegmann with 30 days of the entry of the Order and to refraining from further violations of Article 2, Chapter 87 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the May 2, 2018, Judgment of Permanent Injunction.

#### Daw, Phillip B. Clinton, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a license in violation of permanent injunction. Order of Contempt filed 9/16/24. The Defendant was ordered to pay a \$250.00 fine and costs to the Sampson County Clerk within 30 days of the entry of the Order.

### Diaz, Erick G. Asheville, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 9/11/24.

#### Eldridge, Edward S. Statesville, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/25/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Finkley, Douglas Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. Order of Contempt filed 9/24/24. 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 and \$208.00 court costs to the Wake County Clerk and \$60.00 to the State Board of Examiners within 30 days of the

entry of the Order.

#### Funches, Michael Hope Mills, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/7/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Garcia, Samuel N. Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 6/14/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Graybeal, Jesse M. High Point, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/8/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Green, Willie H. Benson, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/19/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Guzman, Juan C. Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/14/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Hernandez, Jose Kannapolis, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/7/24 enjoining the Defendant

from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Hess, Fredrick H. Chester, VA

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 8/6/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Hodges, John D. Hays, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. Order of Criminal Contempt filed 8/26/24. The Defendant ordered to refrain from further violations of the Permanent Injunction and order to pay a fine of \$500.00 before September 26, 2024.

#### Jones, Cornelius High Point, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 10/21/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Koerperich, Joseph C. Kill Devil Hills, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 10/21/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

### Lofliln, Steven L. Garner, NC

Formal Hearing held 8/14/24. Final Order issued 9/7/24 finding project abandonment and misrepresentation and suspending his Heating License for at least 12 months and further conditioned on completing educational classes; followed by probation.

#### Lynch, Franky T. Sylva, NC

Sylva, NC Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/8/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Martniez, Bonaudi Mario Jacksonville, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a license in violation of permanent injunction. Order of Contempt filed 9/30/24. The De-

fendant was ordered to refrain from further violation of the March 25, 2013 Judgment of Permanent Injunction and ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine to the Onslow County Clerk of Court within 30 days of the entry of this Order.

#### Maynard, Jeremy Lillington, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 9/10/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### McAllister, Michael S. Waxhaw, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 12/5/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Moore, Jr., Milton Wake Forest, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/7/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

## O'Quinn, Jefferson R.

**Clayton, NC** Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed 7/9/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Ortiz, Carlos E. Charlotte, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/21/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Pegram, William E. Sanford, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 9/27/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Portillo-Moreno, Edwin Rose Hill, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc-

tion filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Ramiriz, Victor Boone, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 8/19/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

## Roberts, Gary G. Elizabethton, TN

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 12/5/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Rodriguez, Felix Greensboro, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Rosenbaum, Brandon Roxboro, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc-

tion filed 10/7/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 10/24/24.

#### Smith, Andrew R. Little River, SC

Formal Hearing held 11/13/24. Final Order issued 11/27/24 finding Defendant, the holder of a Heating Group 3 license misrepresented his experience on an application to sit for the Heating Group 2 examination. Defendant placed on 12 months' probation.

#### Sours, Melvin J. Lake Lure, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 8/19/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Southern, Chadwick W. Lewisville, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 10/8/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Wallace, Bobirino Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc-

tion filed 10/7/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Ward, Wesley A. Mars Hill, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 8/6/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Woody Jr., James Fayetteville, NC

Consent Order approved 11/13/24 accepting the non-disciplinary surrender of the Defendant's license.

#### Young, Jeffery D. Mooresville, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of a prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. An Order of Contempt was filed 8/22/24. The Defendant was sentenced to 30 days in the Wake County Jail; however that sentence was suspended and the Defendant was placed on 12 months unsupervised probation. The Defendant was

also ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine to the Wake County Clerk and \$30.00 to the Plaintiff for costs and refrain from further violations of the 06/27/17 Judgment of Permanent Injunction.