



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Alarm Systems Licensing Board

Roy Cooper, Governor
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

Stephen Wheeler, Chair
Paul Sherwin, Director

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD

Date: January 18, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Hampton Inn and Suites – Raleigh/Crabtree
3920 Arrow Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609

Board Members Present

Stephen Wheeler
Jim Crabtree
Mack Donaldson
R. Wike Graham
Jamie Brown

Board Members Absent

Caroline Brown
Mary Wood

Board Staff Present

Director Paul Sherwin
Attorney Jeff Gray
Field Services Supervisor Kim Odom
ASLB Board Secretary Syconda Marrow

Visitors (3 in person, 12 virtual)

Edward Pait III	Andy Hull
Caleb Hill	Dale Holcomb
Eric Meyers	Dale Martin
Mark Lily	Grant Taylor
Roberto Nieto	Gregory Hales
James Dunn-Jones	Paul Driver
Madelyn Crews	Timothy Pennington
Shane Kindley	

Call to Order

The January 18, 2024, meeting of the North Carolina Alarm Systems Licensing Board was called to order by Chair Stephen Wheeler at 1:00 p.m.

State Ethics Law

Attorney Jeff Gray read the following statement:

"In accordance with the State Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflict. If any Member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before this Board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from the deliberation and vote in that matter."

Welcome Guests

Chair Stephen Wheeler welcomed all guests.

Final Agency Decision(s)

Attorney Gray reported there were no final agency decisions this month.

Approval of the November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to accept the November 2023 Board meeting minutes. Wike Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Grievance Committee: Grievance Committee members Jim Crabtree and Stephen Wheeler met on January 18, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. They heard six cases. Committee Chair Jim Crabtree presented the Grievance Committee report.

Motion: Mack Donaldson made a motion to accept the Grievance Committee report. Wike Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Grievance Committee report.

Screening Committee: Screening Committee members Jim Crabtree, Wike Graham, Mack Donaldson, Jamie Brown, and Stephen Wheeler met on January 18, 2024, from 11:31 a.m. to 12:07 p.m. to review nine license applications. Committee Chair Wike Graham presented the Screening Committee report.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to accept the Screening Committee report. Jamie Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Screening Committee report.

Training and Education Committee: Committee Chair Mack Donaldson presented the Training and Education Committee report. Mr. Donaldson said the Committee reviewed four new applications, 12 renewal applications and an additional instructor application for continuing education courses. The Committee recommended approving all course applications.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to approve the Training and Education Committee report. Wike Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Training and Education Committee report.

Old Business

Director Sherwin reminded the Board that the May meeting will occur on May 2, 2024, and will be held in Cherokee, N.C., during the N.C. Security and Low Voltage Association's (NCSLVA) annual convention. He also said the July Board meeting will be at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills hotel during the ADI Expo.

New Business

Director Sherwin presented a training and education grant submitted by the N.C. Security and Low Voltage Association to subsidize the cost of its annual convention, scheduled for May 2, 2024.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to approve awarding a grant up to \$10,000.00 to the NCSLVA for its annual convention, on the condition the Association provide documentation to show its qualifying reimbursable expenses. Mack Donaldson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Stephen Wheeler discussed the need to educate IT and computer industry professionals about the need to acquire an alarm license if they are installing security cameras as part of their IT business. Mr. Wheeler recommended ASLB staff research IT and computer industry associations and send correspondence to the associations regarding ASLB licensing requirements.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to direct staff to send out notification to IT and computer industry associations, groups and organizations regarding licensing requirements related to the installation of security cameras. Mack Donaldson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Director Paul Sherwin presented the Director's Report. The report included information about personnel changes, the status of the Board's active licensees and registrants, and a Board finances update.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Jamie Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Director's Report.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jeff Gray presented his Attorney's Report, which included updates about the status of consent agreements, pending administrative rules changes, and legislative updates.

Motion: Jamie Brown made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Seconded by Jim Crabtree. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Attorney's Report.

Good of the Order and Public Comment

A person attending the meeting asked where Grievance Committee reports from previous meetings can be located. Director Paul Sherwin explained that meeting minutes and Committee reports can be found on the ASLB website.

Closed Session (Pending litigation)

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Wike Graham. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began at 1:42 p.m.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to end the Closed Session. Seconded by Wike Graham. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed session ended at 2:03 p.m.

Motion: Jim Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jamie Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Paul Sherwin, Director

Syconda Marrow, Board Secretary

ASLB Grievance After Report for January 18, 2024 9:00 am

Case Number	Complaint Against	Allegation(s)	Grievance Committee Recommendation	Board Action
1. 2023-ASLB-020	Zane Riddle Zirrus 1421 Courtney Huntsville Road Yadkinville, NC 27055	NCGS 74D-8 14B NCAC 17 .0206(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74D-8. Zane Riddle and Zirrus enter into and pay a consent agreement in the amount of \$3,468.00 for 17 registration violations. A consent agreement for two self-reported violations is waived.	Accepted
2. 2023-ASLB-021	Ronald Crouch Ronware 204 Gray St Wilson, NC 27893	NCGS 74D-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74D-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Ronald Crouch and Ronware. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Crouch apply for a license.	Accepted
3. 2023-ASLB-025	Steven Daniel Smith Locktite Security & Electric, Inc. 350 Mince Hill Rd Seven Springs, NC 28578	NCGS 74D-10(a)(13)	Suspend Find violation of NCGS 74D-10(a)13. Suspend Mr. Smith's alarm license for five years or until his probation is terminated, whichever occurs first. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Smith apply to reinstate his license.	Accepted

	Case Number	Complaint Against	Allegation(s)	Grievance Committee Recommendation	Board Action
4.	2023-ASLB-027	Will Casterlow Triad Cyber Solutions 1010 Homeland Ave Suite 106 Greensboro, NC 27405	NCGS 74D-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74D-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Will Casterlow and Triad Cyber Solutions. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Casterlow apply for a license.	Accepted
5.	2023-ASLB-028	Brandon Mitchum My Tech Pro 6901 Ontario Lane Wilmington, NC 28412	NCGS 74D-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74D-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Brandon Mitchem and My Tech Pro. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Mitchem apply for a license.	Accepted
6.	2023-ASLB-029	Keven White My Tech Pro 6150 Riverwoods Drive Wilmington, NC 28412	NCGS 74D-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74D-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Keven White and My Tech Pro. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. White apply for a license.	Accepted

Board Meeting Report

Board Date 01/18/2024

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
1.	Eric Randall Bouvet Affinity Integrated Solutions, Inc. 134 DONMOOR CT GARNER, NC 27259	New Branch Office	Approve	Accepted
2.	Gary Lee Hinton North Carolina Sound of Goldsboro, LLC 114 Fayette Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101	New Branch Office	Approve	Accepted
3.	Zachary Joseph Lakatosh Security and Life Integrations Inc 45 Forest Ridge ct Red Lion, PA 17356	Alarm	Approve	Accepted
4.	Michael Christopher Lancaster CKL Electrical Contractors, Inc. 502 Withrow Rd Forest City, NC 28043	Alarm	Approve with Condition Michael Lancaster and CKL Electrical Contractors, Inc. enter into and pay a consent agreement of \$85.00 for one month of unlicensed activity.	Accepted
5.	Timothy Pennington Edison Electric LLC 315 Trane DR Knoxville, TN 37919	Alarm	Approve	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
6.	Billie James Poulton K. H. Smith Communications 1651 s Wesleyan blvd. rocky mount, NC 27803	Alarm	Approve	Accepted
7.	Eddie Rucker Climatec, LLC 821 Harding Rd Chocowinity, NC 27817	Alarm	Approve	Accepted
8.	Mark Haenle Russell Southern Alarm & Security 305 S. King Street Hendersonville, NC 28792	Alarm	Approve	Accepted
9.	Rick Sheets Brinks Home Security 1990 Wittington PI FARMERS BRANCH, TX 75234	Alarm	Approve with Condition Rick Sheets and Monitronics International, Inc. dba Brinks Home Security enter into and pay a consent agreement of \$85.00 for one month of unlicensed activity.	Accepted



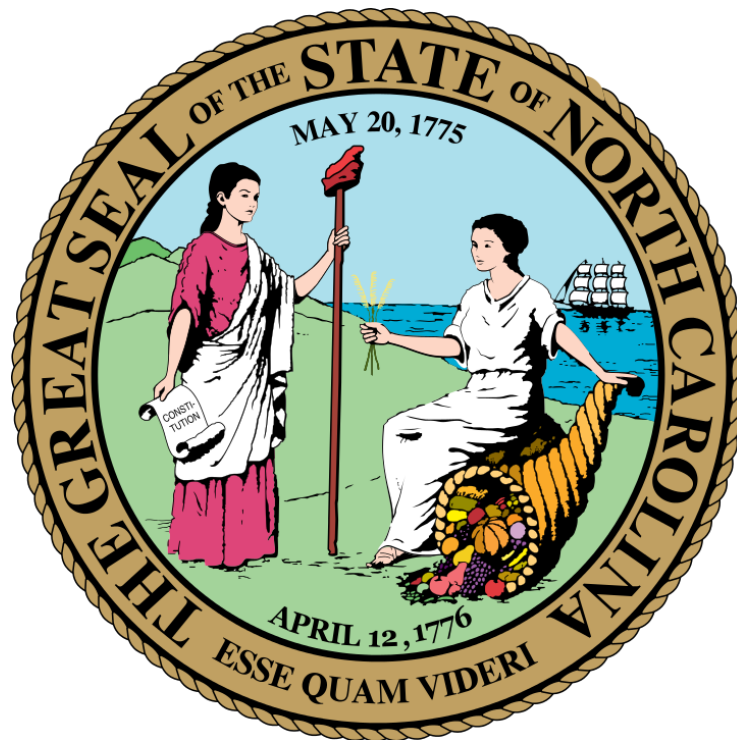
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Item #	Course Sponsor	Course Title	New or Renewal	# CEU's	Course Format	Committee Recommends	Comments
1	Phillip Love Security Central	Verified Response: How to sell it	New	1 Hour	Classroom	Approve	ASLB-24-001
2	Roderick Warren Dave Taylor Company	Security Contacts and Other Wired Devices for Alarm Professionals	New	2 Hours	Classroom	Approve	ASLB-24-002
3	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Basic Circuit Troubleshooting and Testing	Renewal	2 Hours	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-074
4	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Codes and Standards Refresher	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-073
5	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Ethical Client Relations	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-072
6	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Fundamentals of Networking	Renewal	4 Hours	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-077
7	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Introduction to the Digital Home	Renewal	4 Hours	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-067
8	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Troubleshooting Communication and Notification Devices	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-068
9	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Selling Commercial Systems Effectively	Renewal	4 Hours	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-076
10	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Methods to Reduce False Alarms	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-075
11	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Troubleshooting Intrusion Alarm Devices	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-069
12	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Troubleshooting Panels & Power Supplies	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-070
13	Nick Capezza Electronic Security Association	Troubleshooting Using Test Equipment	Renewal	1 Hour	Online	Approve	ASLB-16-071
14	Jason Lindquist Complete Electrical Academy	Zone Types, Notification Process and Home Automation	Renewal	3 Hours	Classroom/ Online	Approve	ASLB-18-570
15	Peggi Williams Security Solution, Inc.	Best Practices for Terminating Copper Cable	Additional Instructor	1 Hour	Classroom	Approve	Additional Instructor for ASLB 23-040
16	Donald Childers Security Central	AI Fundamentals in the Alarm Business	New	3 Hours	Classroom	Approve	ASLB-24-003
17	Donald Childers Security Central	Securing the Drive: Intersections of Alarm and Electric Vehicle Technology	New	3 Hours	Classroom	Approve	ASLB-24-004

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Paul Sherwin, Director

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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PPS INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Personnel

Private Protective Services currently has one vacant position:

- Registration Processor

Operations

Registration Unit

- Registration applications received in 2023: 4,677
 - 2022: 4,345
 - 2021: 4,455
 - 2020: 4,433
 - 2019: 4,952

Licensing Unit

- Licensing applications received in 2023: 458
 - 2022: 382
 - 2021: 476
 - 2020: 417
 - 2019: 512

Investigations Unit

- New license applicant background investigations completed in 2023: 55
 - 2022: 51
 - 2021: 44
 - 2020: 88
 - 2019: 90
- Complaint investigations completed in 2023: 27
 - 2022: 27
 - 2021: 28
 - 2020: 28
 - 2019: 28

Other

None

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING SUMMARY

Total active in Permitium: 8,135
(+0.6% from November 2023 meeting)

Registration		
	Alarm Registrant	7,096
Registration Total		7,096
License		
	Burglar Alarm Business	1,039
License Total		1,039

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Alarm Systems Licensing Board Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

ASLB Operating Fund Revenue and Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	\$ 217,001.65
FY24 Expenditures	\$ (202,603.86)
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FY24 Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 14,397.79

ASLB Operating Fund Cash Flow

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 960,258.90
FY24 Revenue	\$ 217,001.65
FY24 Expenditures	\$ (202,603.86)
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Current Fund Balance	\$ 974,656.69

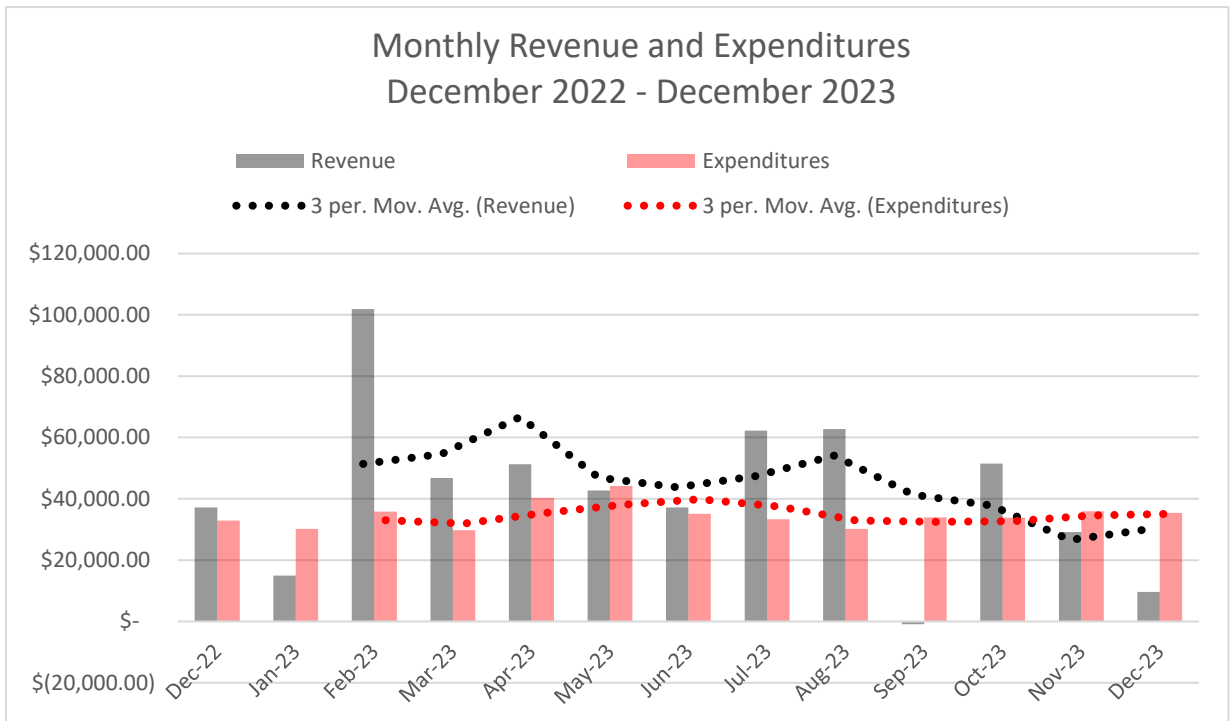
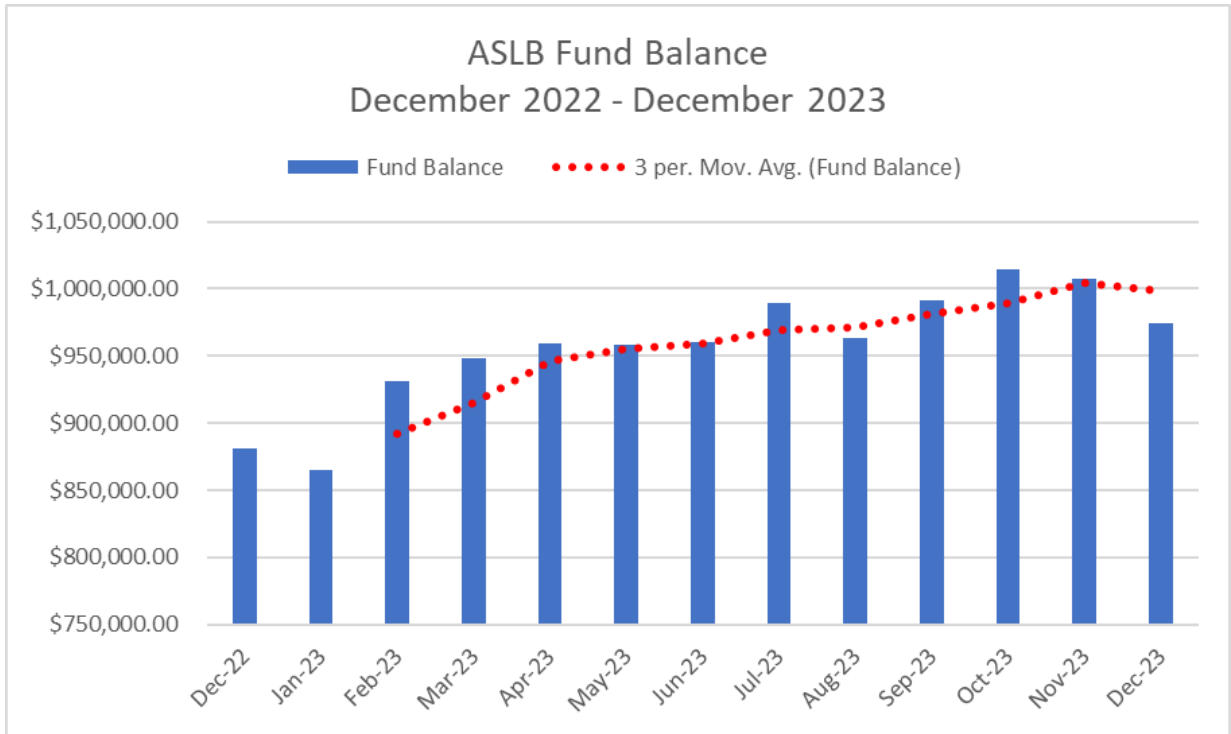
ASLB Education Fund Revenue and Expenditures

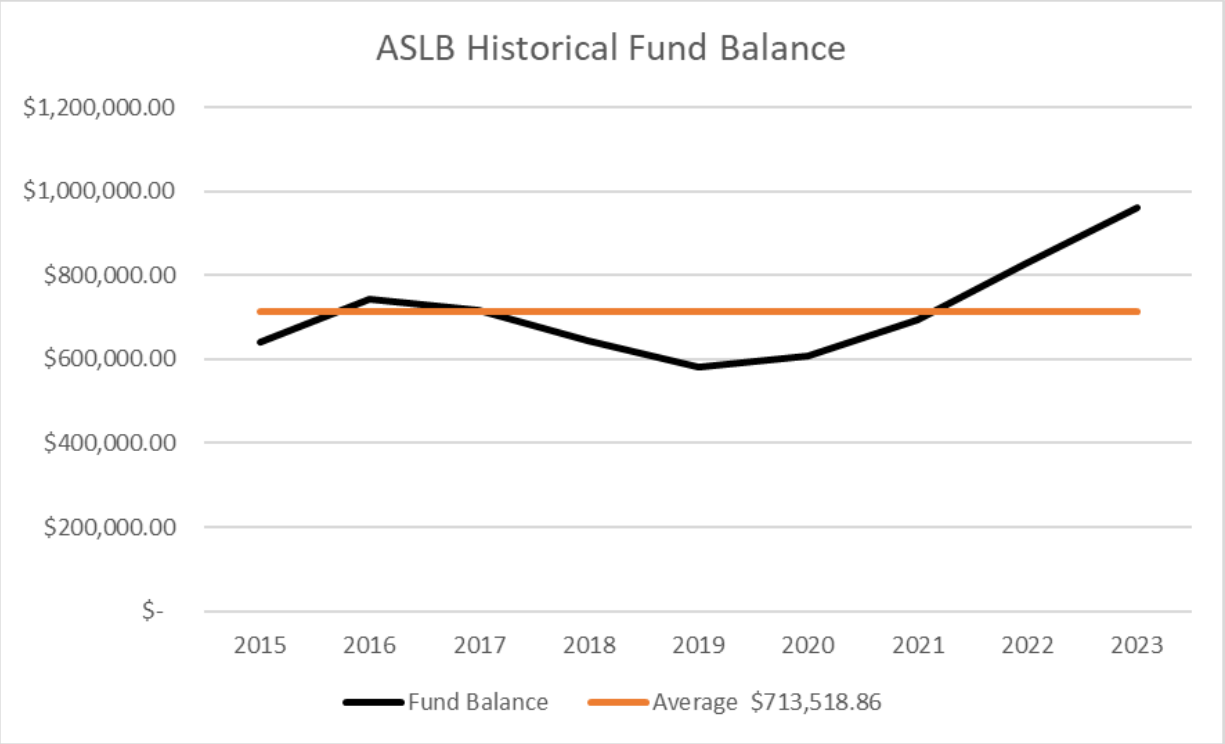
FY24 Revenue	\$ 1,150.00
FY24 Expenditures	\$ (6,000.00)
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FY24 Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	\$ (4,850.00)

ASLB Education Fund Cash Flow

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 97,834.68
FY24 Revenue	\$ 1,150.00
FY24 Expenditures	\$ (6,000.00)
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Current Fund Balance	\$ 92,984.68

BUDGET GRAPHICS





ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD

Raleigh, North Carolina

January 18, 2024

ATTORNEY'S REPORT



ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD
Raleigh, North Carolina
January 18, 2024

I. CONSENT AGREEMENTS & CIVIL PENALTIES

On November 30, 2023, Stephen Johnson and Southern Burglar Alarm Company, Inc. entered into a Consent Agreement in the amount of \$76.50 for registration violations. Payment has been received. (PAID IN FULL)

On November 3, 2023, Michael Lail and Data Communications, Inc. entered into a Consent Agreement in the amount of \$85.00 for registration violations. Payment has been received. (PAID IN FULL)

II. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

See, Hearings List (attachment 1.)

III. PENDING LITIGATION

After numerous attempts to resolve a licensure issue informally, the Board instructed me at its February 2023 meeting to file a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against Flock Group, Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety for unlicensed activity. It was filed on March 3, 2023.

On the Friday before the Monday April 10th hearing on my Motion for Temporary Restraining Order the attorney for Flock Safety assured me his client would consent to the TRO. Based on those assurances I advised the presiding Judge that a consent order was forthcoming and the matter was continued. Thereafter, Flock Safety refused to sign the Consent Order for TRO, which its attorney drafted(!) and I agreed to.

Defendant Flock Group filed its Answer on May 2, 2023.

Thereupon representatives of Flock Group Inc., its in-house legal counsel and its North Carolina attorney, met in Closed Session with the Board at its May meeting and presumed resolved the issue of licensure through a Consent Order, however Flock Safety refused to sign the Consent Order and has

blatantly failed to abide by the handwritten version of the agreement signed at the Board's May meeting.

It also failed to meet the agreed application deadline and by every indicator had -- and has -- no intention of completing the application process as agreed. At its September 21, 2023 meeting, following a Closed Session, the Board voted to withdraw the offer of settlement.

Having learned through media reports and other sources that Flock Safety had recently signed at least two more contracts for installations I recalendared the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, which was granted. On October 30, 2023 a Wake County Superior Court Judge granted a partial Preliminary Injunction barring Flock Safety from any further installations or servicing of its camera systems.

Flock Safety withdrew its application for licensure on December 12, 2023 and to date, has not submitted a new one.

Further, Flock Safety was unresponsive to my simple discovery requests.

In lieu of a "status report" calendared for February 5, 2024 I intend to proceed with calendaring the hearing on the merits.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

At its May meeting the Board requested I prepare a draft of an amendment to 14B NCAC 17. 0202(2) to provide flexibility for approved Level I courses and to 14B NCAC 17 .0502 to allow one (1) hour of CE credit for attending a Board meeting virtually. Those proposed amendments were approved at the Board's July meeting. The Notice of Text was filed on July 28, 2023, and the public hearing was September 19, 2023 at the Board's office. The Public Comment Period expired October 31, 2023. There were no comments, written or oral. A copy of these rule amendments was attached as Attachment 2 to my November 16, 2023 Attorney's Report. The Board voted to approve these rule amendments and a repeal (i.e. 14B NCAC 17 .0208 which required every licensee to view a Board video ... which nobody knows if it ever existed!)

The Notice of Text was filed on November 22, 2023. The Staff Attorney for the Rules Review Commission objected to existing language in .0502 which would necessitate Board action to address it. I requested the period of review be extended. I addressed an objection to 14B NCAC 17 .0202 and it, along with the repeal of .0208, will be considered by the Commission at its meeting today.

V. LEGISLATION

a. The Board's bill, the "Alarm Systems Licensing Act Modernization," was introduced on March 2nd by Senator Warren Daniel. It is Senate Bill 345. A copy was attached as Attachment 2 to my May Attorney's Report.

It passed the Senate State and Local Government Committee with a favorable report and referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it was amended with an unrelated provision regarding the Machinery Act and received a favorable report.

It passed the Senate on June 28, 2023 on a vote of 46-0 and has been referred to the House Rules Committee. It did not pass prior to the legislature's adjournment of October 30th, however, Susana Davis, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Safety, has advised it remains eligible for consideration in the "short session" next year. Between now and then the legislature will reconvene for some limited purposes, but the short session convenes on April 11, 2024.

b. House Bill 385, "Regulation of Battery-Charged Security Fences," would prohibit counties and cities from adopting certain ordinances, rules, and regulations related to battery-charged security fences and defines and establishes requirements for those fences. A copy was attached as Attachment 3 to my May Attorney's Report.

This bill passed the House on April 25, 2023 and was referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and remains eligible for consideration.

V. FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS

None.

ASLB
MASTER HEARINGS LIST
as of January 10, 2024

1.

OAH HEARING DATE	PETITIONER	TYPE OF APPLICATION	FAD HEARING DATE
November 28, 2017	Daniel Carl Hagerty / Guardian Eagle Security, LLC d/b/a AVSX Technologies 17 DOJ 06331	Letter of Reprimand (business license)	FAD served April 12, 2018. Petition for Judicial Review filed in Wake County Superior Court May 25, 2018.
(Week of) January 16, 2024	Seth Brewer Beddes/Alder Holdings, LLC 23 DOJ 02590	Suspension of Alarm Systems Business License	