

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2024-1

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
THE CERTIFICATION OF) **AMENDED NOTICE OF**
CHRISTOPHER KEARNS AND) **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**
RUSSELL WILLIAMS,)
)
Respondents.)

TO: Christopher P. Kearns
403 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Russell D. Williams
106 N. Norwood Court
Mebane, NC 27302

I. NOTICE

WHEREAS, the staff of the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal has filed a Petition for Administrative Hearing with the Chair of the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board (hereinafter “COQB”) requesting a hearing to determine whether the certifications of CHRISTOPHER KEARNS (“Respondent Kearns”) and RUSSELL WILLIAMS (“Respondent Williams”) should be suspended, revoked, or demoted to a lower level.

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §§ 143-151.17, 150B-38, 150B-39, 150B-40, 150B-41, 150B-42, and Title 11 NCAC Chapter 8, Sections .0100 et. seq., 11 NCAC 08.0801, 08.0805, 08.0815, 08.0819, 08.0820, 08.0821, 08.0822, 08.0823, 08.0824, 08.0825, 08.0826, 08.0827, 08.0828, 08.0829, 08.0830, 08.0831, 08.0832, 08.0833, 08.0834, 08.0835, 08.0836, and any other applicable statutes and rules, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an administrative hearing will be convened before the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board on **Monday, June 17, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**, in Room 11-12 of the McKimmon Conference And Training Center, 1101, Gorman Street, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina 27606. The hearing may subsequently be moved to a more suitable room in the building.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the certifications of Respondent Kearns and Respondent Williams should be suspended, revoked, or demoted to a lower level based on the

evidence presented at the hearing regarding the allegations of COQB set out in the attached Exhibit A “Petition for Administrative Hearing.”

II. HEARING PROCEDURES

A. At this formal administrative hearing, you will be given an opportunity to present evidence on issues of fact, examine and cross-examine witnesses, submit rebuttal evidence, and present oral arguments. This hearing is your opportunity to put on evidence on your behalf. If you fail to do so, you will not have an opportunity to do so later.

B. You are hereby notified that you are entitled to be represented by counsel at the hearing, or that you may appear on your own behalf without counsel.

C. You may request from the Hearing Officer a continuance of his hearing by doing so in writing at least five (5) days prior to the hearing, pursuant to 11 NCAC 08 .0832. A continuance will only be granted for good cause shown.

D. Your failure to appear at the hearing will not prevent the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board from proceeding with the hearing and entering any order authorized by law.

This the _____ day of May, 2024.

N.C. Code Officials Qualification Board

Chairman Bill Thunberg
North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board
1202 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1202

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing AMENDED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING by mailing a copy of the same via certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, to Respondents, addressed as follows:

Christopher P. Kearns
403 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Russell D. Williams
106 N. Norwood Court
Mebane, NC 27302

This _____ day of May, 2024.

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