

September 2024 NCALB Message

GOVERNOR APPOINTS JOHN M. HARRIS AS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Governor Roy Cooper has appointed **John M. Harris** of Winston-Salem as the newest member of the North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board. Congratulations, Mr. Harris!

Mr. Harris holds degrees from Appalachian State University in both History and Philosophy & Religion, as well as degrees in Finance and Economics from Winston-Salem State University. He earned his *juris doctor* degree from the North Carolina Central University School of Law. Mr. Harris has extensive business experience ranging from insurance sales and personal financial planning to founding and operating micro businesses, planning residential communities, and agriculturally based homesteads. Mr. Harris holds licenses to practice law both in North Carolina and in the District of Columbia, providing a wide range of legal services to businesses and individuals including Estate Planning, Real Estate Transactions, Contracts Formation and Review, Business Litigation, Criminal Defense, and Virtual Legal Support. His firm, J. Harris Legal, focuses on being a "Fractional General Counsel" offering "right sized" general counsel services to businesses that don't have a dedicated legal team or cannot afford to have an attorney on staff. Mr. Harris was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in August 2024.

Much gratitude goes to departing member **Willie A. Johnson** for his long-standing commitment and dedication to the Board and for his service to the State through his role as a Board member.

BOARD MEMBERS KYLE SWICEGOOD AND MELINDA PORTER RE-APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

Congratulations also to **Melinda Porter** of Plymouth and **Kyle Swicegood** of Mocksville, who have been re-appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to serve additional terms on the licensing board.

With the Governor's recent appointments, the current list of Board members includes **Buck Lattimore** of Raleigh, **John Harris** of Winston-Salem, **Melinda Porter** of Plymouth, **Kyle Swicegood** of Mocksville, and **Dan DeVane** of Garner.

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On July 8, 2024, the Board unanimously voted to elect member **Dan DeVane** of Garner as Chairman and member **Melinda Porter** of Plymouth as Vice Chair. Mr. DeVane and Ms. Porter will serve in these positions through the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Congratulations!

COMPLIANCE ISSUES OR QUESTIONS?

The current versions of *NCGS 85B* and *21 N.C.A.C. 04B* can be accessed on the Board's website by visiting this link: <http://www.ncalb.org/lawrules.cfm>

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