

BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER APPEALS BOARD

Purpose(s)/Service(s): The Richland County Business Service Center Appeals Board shall serve as the appeals function expounded in the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Article I. The Board will hear appeals resulting from any person aggrieved by a final assessment, charge backs from an audit, or a denial of a business license by the License Official. In that capacity and as a finder of fact, the Appeals Board shall have the following responsibilities:

- Adopting procedures relating to the execution of the Appeal Board’s function;
- Receiving written appeals from businesses;
- Holding meetings to receive testimony by the business, the Business Service Center official, and any other official approved by the Appeals Board;
- Reviewing and analyzing the information presented in the testimonies provided;
- Making a factual conclusion as to the issue in question based on the review and analysis; and
- Writing a formal determination regarding the decision made as to the issue in question.

The Board consists of **FIVE (5)** members. The Board traditionally is comprised of no more than **THREE (3)** and no less than **TWO (2)** Certified Public Accountants, no more than **TWO (2)** and no less than **ONE (1)** member of the SC Bar Association, and no more than **TWO (2)** and no less than **ONE (1)** business person. The members serve **FOUR (4)** year terms. A member may be reappointed for a consecutive second term. After this second term, a member may be reappointed for a third term, but only after **TWO (2)** years have elapsed from the last day of the last term served.

A business person is defined as a local business owner, or someone who is part of the executive leadership team of a larger corporation like a CEO (Chief Executive Officer), CFO (Chief Financial Officer), or COO (Chief Operating Officer) that is physically located inside unincorporated Richland County. An ideal candidate, would be someone who is familiar with business licensing and what that process entails.

| | Appointment Date | Re-Appointment Date |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Robert Leichtle, CPA | September 20, 2016 | September 20, 2020 |
| Dowl Knight, Business | December 13, 2016 | December 13, 2020 |
| John Hamilton, CPA | April 4, 2017 | April 4, 2021 |
| Toneka Green, Business | September 14, 2021 | September 14, 2025 |
| Ruth Nagee, Attorney | October 4, 2022 | October 4, 2026 |

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