## NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

## **Policy**

Initiating Investigations Policy				
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			LATEST COMMITTEE REVIEW:	
CATEGORY(IES)				
	☑ Unlicensed	☐ Seal		
ORIGINATION:	☐ Surveying Committee	☐ Engineering Committee	⊠ Other Board	

Per G.S. 89C-22(a), Any person may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or violations of this Chapter, the rules of professional conduct, or any rules adopted by the Board against any Board licensee. The charges shall be in writing or submitted electronically and shall be filed with the Board.

## 21 NCAC 56, 1301 IMPROPER PRACTICE BY A LICENSEE

21 NCAC 56.1301(b) Preferring Charges. Any person who believes that any licensed Professional Engineer, Professional Land Surveyor, or business holding a certificate of licensure is in violation of the provisions of G.S. 89C or the rules in this Chapter may prefer charges against that person or business, in the form of a complaint, completed to the best of that individual's knowledge and belief, along with providing corroborative evidence that helps support the charges. An optional complaint form is provided by the Board to aid in filing the complaint.

## 21 NCAC 56.1302 UNLAWFUL PRACTICE BY AN UNLICENSED PERSON

21 NCAC 56.1302(b) Preferring Charges. Any person who believes that any person or business (party) is in violation of the acts specified in G.S. 89C may prefer charges against that person or business, in the form of a complaint, completed to the best of that individual's knowledge and belief, in the form of a complaint, along with providing corroborative evidence that helps support the charges. An optional complaint form is provided by the Board to aid in filing the complaint.

To open an investigative case file, the Board requests the following information from a complainant:

- The name and contact information of the complainant;
- The name and contact information of the person or firm the complaint is against;
- The names and contact information of any witnesses;
- The name of the specific design plan, survey, report, etc. that is the subject of the complaint, if applicable;
- Details of the complaint; and
- Any evidence that can be provided to corroborate the allegations.

There is a complaint form available on the Board's web site.