

Meeting of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Professional Surveyors held December 13, 2005 at Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Building, Conference Room, 1931 Second Street, SW, Albuquerque, NM

Members Present Dr. Rola Idriss, PE, Board Chair
 Gilbert Chavez, PS, Board Vice Chair
 Patricio Guerrerortiz, PE, PEC chair
 Fred Sanchez, PS, PSC Chair
 Severiano Sisneros, PE
 Subhas Shah, PE,
 John Romero, Sr., PE
 Salvador Vigil, PS
 Charles Atwell, Public Member
 Stevan J Schoen, Public Member, PEC Vice Chair

Others Present Elena Garcia, Executive Director
 Candis Bourassa, Licensing Manager
 Mary Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

1. CONVENE/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Idriss convened the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was noted that a quorum of the Board was present. Guests introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Sisneros and unanimously,

VOTED: To approve the agenda as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3.1 **Approval of the November 3, 2005 Minutes** – Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next Board meeting since corrections needed to be made.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT

4.1 **Fire Protection Committee – Stevan Schoen, Committee Chair** expressed his gratitude to all the members of the committee and the state Fire Marshals Office for

the work completed by the Committee. The committee is submitting a proposed rule to be considered later in the meeting; however, the Committee will continue its work on the remaining tasks.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of Proposed Rules for the Scheduling of Public rules Hearing(s)

5.1.1 Engineering/Survey rules, NMAC 16.39.1 through 16.39.8.9 Including Proposed New Rules for Fire Protection systems – Mrs. Garcia set up a power point program to follow each change decided by the Board. An attachment to these minutes documents the changes as agreed to by the Board. There was considerable discussion on the requirement of ethics to be included as part of the mandatory Professional Development Hours. It was moved by Mr. Guerrerortiz, seconded by Mr. Sanchez and,

VOTED: To include under Requirements in Section 16.39.2.8 (D) that licenses be required to obtain at least four of the 30 Professional Development hours required in ethics. Voting Yes: Mr. Vigil, Mr. Atwell, Mr. Guerrerortiz, Mr. Chavez, Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Schoen. Voting No: Mr. Romero, Mr. Shah and Dr. Idriss. Mr. Sisneros abstained. The motion passed.

Mrs. Garcia continued to follow the discussion on proposed changes section by section. Mr. Sanchez lead a discussion on dual licensees. It was moved by Mr. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Guerrerortiz and unanimously,

VOTED: that dual licensees should be required to obtain half the PDHs in each profession.

At the end of the review, the new language from the Fire Protection committee was considered. Mrs. Garcia indicated she will be writing a letter to State Records Center regarding the appropriate Title within the Administrative Code for this new proposed rule. She indicated she believes it will be in title 12, Trade, Commerce and Banking since they are standards of practice and State Records Center requested the minimum standards for surveying be recorded under this title. Mr. Schoen volunteers to help Mrs. Garcia determine the appropriate citation for this new proposed rule.

5.1.2 Minimum Standards for Surveying NMAC 12.8.2.1 through 12.8.2.17 – PSC Chair Sanchez indicated that discussions were deferred for another meeting scheduled for January 4, 2006 to enable NMPS to submit all of their recommendations.

5.2 Committee Assisting SPO on Changes to the Engineer Titles Within State Governmental [Representative to SPO meeting on December 14, 2005 if necessary] Mrs. Garcia provided the details of the meeting in the event Mr. Romero or Mr. Sisneros would like to attend.

6. **Other** - Mr. Guerrerortiz lead a short discussion on prepackaged designs of treatment plants entering the state from outside companies looking for licensed engineer to rubber stamp their design. If the NM Environmental Department is open to this process, there could be future problems.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – Having no further business, it was moved by Mr. Schoen, second by Mr. Guerrerortiz and unanimously,

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Elena Garcia, Executive Director

Dr. Idriss, PE, Board Chair

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