

Meeting of the Board of Licensure for
Professional Engineers & Professional
Surveyors at 9:00 a.m., February 2, 2007 at
1931 Second St., SW, Albuquerque, NM.

Members Present: Patricio Guerrerortiz, PE, Board Chair
Gilbert Chavez, PS, Board Vice Chair
Subhas Shah, PE, PEC Chair
John Romero, Sr., PE, PEC Vice Chair
Charles Atwell, Public Member, PSC Chair
Salvador Vigil, PS, PSC Vice Chair
Fred Sanchez, PS
Stevan Schoen, Public Member [Arrived at 10:00 a.m.]
Severiano Sisneros, PE [Arrived at 9:20 a.m.]

Members Absent Dr. Rola Idriss, PE

Others Present: Elena Garcia, Executive Director
Candis Bourassa, Licensing Manager, BLPEPS

1. **CONVENE/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** - Mr. Guerrerortiz convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** - Motion by Mr. Chavez, second by Mr. Vigil and unanimously,

VOTED: To approve the agenda as presented.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

3.1 January 12, 2007 minutes – Motion for approval by Mr. Atwell, second by Mr. Romero and unanimously,

VOTED: To approve the January 12, 2007 minutes

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1 Professional Engineering Committee – Mr. Shah reported NCAs were issued for cases 05-05-08 and 07-06-14. Hearing officers were appointed for these cases. For case 07-06-15 the Committee voted to send a cautionary letter. The Committee also reviewed all the applications.

4.2 Professional Surveying Committee – Mr. Atwell reported the Committee reviewed ten complaints. One NCA was issued, one case was closed as unfounded, two Decision & Orders were issued, two cases will be reset for Show

Cause hearings and two cases were deferred until the April meeting. In another case a stipulated agreement of settlement was accepted, and in the last case a cautionary letter will be sent.

4.3 Establishment of Task Force to Draft Vertical Standards – Height Modernization and the establishment of a Task Force was discussed as noted in the November 2, 2006 minutes – Mr. Sanchez pointed out a combination of engineers and surveyor should be involved to see what the NGS and other organizations are working on for New Mexico. He would not want development of height modernization to become a profit-making effort by the private sector. Albuquerque has set a system to be run as a non-profit by the users. The DOT and the utility companies will be the leading users. Mr. Chavez added that at this time there is no established committee, but NGS wants states to adopt the program using what they have developed. Mr. Vigil stated it is important for the Board to be involved through this process. Mr. Chavez stated the charge to a task force should be to investigate the proposal and report to the board if this is something the Board should embark on. Motion by Mr. Chavez to refer this to the Rules Committee, second by Mr. Vigil and unanimously

Mr. Sisneros joined the meeting.

VOTED: For the Rules Committee investigate the need for a task force to study/review the height modernization process by NGS and New Mexico.

It was noted that both Mr. Shah Chairs the rules committee and Mr. Chavez is a member. [Other members include: S. Schoen, F. Sanchez, J. Romero and S. Vigil.]

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

5.1 Staff Activities Report –

5.1.1 Examination Statistics – report included in meeting book – Ms. Garcia presented the fall 2006 NCEES principles and practice of engineering examination overall exam performance statistics by discipline.

5.2 Fiscal Year 2006 Audit Report - Mrs. Garcia presented the report addressing the boards questions regarding the “Other” category in the Auditor’s Statement of Revenues and Expenditures which included all operating expenses (excluding personnel services, benefits and contractual services). This report was deferred from the last board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Vigil to approve the 2006 Audit Report, second by Mr. Romero and unanimously

VOTED: Approve the 2006 Audit Report

5.3 Tracking of Bills in Legislature – Ms. Garcia presented a list of bills which the Board may be interested in. No actions were taken in regards to any of the bills.

6A. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Board does not require this session

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Having no further business, Mr. Guerrerortiz adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Approved by

Elena Garcia, Executive Director

Mr. Patricio Guerrerortiz, Board Chair

Approval Date