

Minutes of

Meeting of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors held 9:00 a.m. April 20, 2012 at Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Office, 1931 Second St. SW, Albuquerque, NM

Members Present Julie Samora, PE, Board Chair  
John Romero, PE  
Salvador Vigil, PS  
Gilbert Chavez, PS  
Fred Sanchez, PS  
Subhas Shah, PE  
Paul Brasher, PE  
Augusta Meyers, Public Member  
Joshua Skarsgard, Public Member

Members Absent Rola Idriss, PE

Others Present Eva Baca, Acting Executive Director  
Perry Valdez, Licensing Manager, BLPEPS  
Ericca Lopez, Executive Secretary, BLPEPS  
Mark Reynolds, Board Attorney Stand In  
Vadra Baca, Deputy Director of Boards and Commissions  
Chris Medina  
Sally Galanter, Board Prosecuting Attorney  
Roman Garcia, Compliance, BLPEPS

**I. Convene/ Roll Call**

Ms. Samora convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
Roll call was taken and it was noted that a quorum of the Board was present.

**1.1 Introduction of Guests**

Mr. Medina and Ms. Baca introduced themselves as a guests to the board.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mr. Romero, **SECONDED** by Mr. Sanchez, and **PASSED** unanimously **VOTED:** To move item number eight up under item number four on the agenda.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sanchez, **SECONDED** by Mr. Shah, and **PASSED** unanimously **VOTED:** To approve the agenda as amended.

### III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sanchez stated he had already called in corrections.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sanchez, **SECONDED** by Mr. Vigil, and **PASSED** unanimously **VOTED**: To approve the minutes of January 20, 2012 as amended.

### IV. New Business

**4.1 Complaints- Gloria Lucero-** Ms. Lucero was unable to attend the meeting.

**4.2 Introduction of New Prosecutor- Sally Galanter-** Ms. Gallanter introduced herself to the board as its new prosecuting attorney.

**4.3 Organization Chart-** Ms. Baca explained the way the Organizational Chart would work once the MOU is signed and in place and she addressed the concerns that were raised by the Board.

The Board was not satisfied with the organizational chart and all members were asked by Ms. Samora to submit any comments they may have to Ms. Baca so that she can work on making changes as per their submittals.

### VIII. Old Business

**8.1 Committee Membership and Charges-** Ms. Samora asked that all committees please continue to meet and continue to work on the charges that were assigned to them.

**8.2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-** The most recent copy of the MOU was presented to the board by Ms. Samora. She explained a few of the minor changes that had been done since the last meeting.

Mr. Skarsgard stated he would like to send his redlined copy to the RLD General Council.

The Board would like to see a cost comparison with what is currently being proposed and a prior Board budget.

Ms. Samora stated once the information was received if anyone had any other comments that they submit them to her. Ms. Samora appointed Mr. Skarsgard, Mr. Shah, Mr. Vigil and herself or Mr. Sanchez to review the next changes that would take place.

**8.3 Newsletter-** Ms. Samora stated she would like to get a newsletter out shortly and she was currently working on one. She asked if anyone had anything they would like to contribute to get it to her as soon as possible so she could include it.

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **5.1 PS Committee- Fred Sanchez, PS, Chair-**

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee reviewed twenty cases.

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee had eight applications to review.

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee had also discussed some issues and concerns that were raised during the NMPS Conference.

### **5.2 PE Committee- Subhas Shah, PE, Chair-**

Mr. Shah reported the committee had reviewed fourteen cases.

Mr. Shah reported the committee also had some license renewal issues that had to be tabled for further information.

Mr. Shah reported the committee had approved some applications but had to have a continuance to complete the application review since there were so many.

### **5.3 Executive Committee- J. Samora, Chair-**

Ms. Samora reported that the committee hadn't met recently.

### **5.4 Practice Act Modifications- Ad HOC Committee- J Samora, Chair-**

Ms. Samora reported they had met to work on the changes that need to be done in the Practice Act. She stated there was a redline copy that had been submitted to Ms. Baca for further help from the staff. Ms. Samora stated staff, along with the committee, would continue to work on these items to get them accomplished.

### **5.5 Joint Practice Committee- Fred Sanchez, Chair-**

Mr. Sanchez reported the JPC had been working on the Procurement Code. The issues that were being seen had been submitted to Mr. Larry Maxwell and a task force had been created to work along with Mr. Maxwell on addressing the issues.

Mr. Sanchez stated the interest seemed to have dropped suddenly and he felt that it was due to fear of retribution. He stated the issue may be a dead issue if the help is not there from all who were participating.

### **5.6 Public Info, Exam and Licensure Promotion Committee- P. Brasher, Chair-**

Mr. Brasher stated a meeting would be scheduled soon.

### **5.7 Rules and Regulations Committee- Subhas Shah, Chair-**

Mr. Shah reported the committee had not met recently but there are Practice Act and Administrative Code items that will need to be worked on soon.

### **5.8 Computer Based Testing – Surveyors State Specific- G. Chavez, Chair-**

Mr. Chavez reported the committee had met briefly on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chavez reported he had done some research into being able to administer the NM 2hr state exam by computer and found there were very few providers. Mr. Chavez stated it would be too costly for the Board to do unless they could contract with other boards.

Mr. Chavez informed the group that NCEES would be putting out a webinar regarding the computer based testing in November.

### **5.9 Legal Enforcement Committee- R. Idriss, Chair-**

The committee has not met.

## **VI. NCEES News**

**6.1 VP Candidacy-** Ms. Baca informed everyone that a flyer had gone out from the board office announcing that Mr. Chavez would be running for the Vice Presidency at this year's Western Zone meeting.

**6.2 Western Zone Meeting-** It was stated that Mr. Shah, Ms. Samora, Mr. Romero Mr. Brasher Mr. Chavez and Mr. Valdez would all be attending the Western Zone meeting.

**6.3 Annual Meeting- St. Louis, MO-** Ms. Baca informed the committee that the NCEES annual meeting was coming up in August. She informed them the information would be coming to them in the mail soon if they had not already received it.

## **VII. Executive Session-**

**MOTION** by Mr. Vigil, **SECONDED** by Mr. Romero, unanimously  
**VOTED:** To convene in executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(1) and (2) to discuss, as listed on the agenda, the licensing complaints and the personnel status of individual Board employees.

A roll call vote was taken:

**Voting Yes:** Mr. Vigil, Mr. Shah, Ms. Meyers, Mr. Romero, Mr. Brasher, Ms. Samora, Mr. Skarsgard, Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Chavez.

Ms. Samora brought the committee back into open session by stating that only item 7.1 Staffing/ Personnel and item 7.2 Complaint Status were discussed during the closed session.

**7.1 a Decision on Board Matters from Closed Session-**

No action to be taken at this time.

**IX. Directors Report-**

**9.1 Approval of Vouchers-** Ms. Baca provided a statement of all the vouchers that had been paid for approval.

**MOTION** by Mr. Chavez, **SECONDED** by Me. Sanchez, and unanimously **VOTED:** To accept the financial report as presented.

**9.2 Legislative Language-** Ms. Baca provided a copy of the language that had been changed during the legislative session for review.

**X. Adjournment**

Ms. Samora adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

s/ Ericca Lopez  
Ms. Ericca Lopez, Executive Secretary

s/ Julie Samora, PE  
Ms. Julie Samora, PE, Board Chair

June 20, 2012 Approved Date