

Minutes

**MEETING OF THE BOARD LICENSURE OF
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL
SURVEYORS held 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 23, 2017,
Meeting Room, Souder Miller and Associates
City of Albuquerque, 3451 Candelaria Rd, NE, Ste. D
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Members Present- Ron Bohannan, PE, Board Chair
Augusta Meyers, Public Member
David Cooper, PS
Karl Tonander, PE
Julie Samora, PE
Glen Thurow, PS
Cliff Spirock, PS

Members Absent- Josh Skarsgard, Public Member
Paul Brasher, PE

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Angelica Urioste, Executive Assistant
Brian McBain, BLPEPS, Team Leader
Marylou Poli, Legal Counsel

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Bohannan convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Audience introductions made at this time.

2. Meeting Notification

Mr. Valdez informed the Board the meeting was noticed in the Albuquerque Journal as well as the Board's website.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve the agenda as presented, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of April 21, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2017 as presented, **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock **PASSED** unanimously.

5. Old Business

No items to discuss.

6. New Business

a. **Registration of Firm Forms**

Mr. Bohannon stated that the existing Registration of Firm Forms have been updated to reflect changes in the law. It was discussed how these forms would be filled out by an individual and by a firm/company. It was confirmed that each form would be filled out, downloaded to be notarized and sent in within a 30 day time period. Mr. Bohannon mentioned when a firm is to submit the affidavit of record, they will only need one representative with signature authority. Professional Engineers may be appointed as an engineer of record for a project, as well as to bind the company. It was discussed that an affidavit will comply with the statute to meet the registration requirement. Mr. Cooper then suggested the form could be emailed. Further discussion will take place at the June 2nd meeting.

b. **Proposed Rule Changes 16.39.1 through 16.39.8.**

Some of the proposed Rule Changes are as follows:

16.39.3.8

(G) It was in depth discussion on what changes were needed regarding sub-disciplines, final outcome was to fully eliminate this section.

16.39.3.9:

(E) Proposed change for this section is as follows: it was discussed and agreed on by the Board "Applicants for the **principles and practices of engineering examination must have certification as an engineer intern and have successfully completed an ABET accredited engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more or from a program that fulfills the required content of the engineering education standard as defined by NCEES and...**"

(G) Proposed change for this section is as follows: **(4) years or more or a program that fulfills the required content of the engineering education standard as defined by NCEES and** shall have four (4) years of post-baccalaureate experience acceptable to the professional engineering committee, and a candidate with an ABET accredited engineering technology degree shall have six (6) years of post-baccalaureate experience acceptable to the professional engineering committee.

(I) Proposed change for this section is as follows: Applications for licensure or certification by examination or comity/endorsement which have been approved by the professional engineering committee shall remain valid **for two (2) years** from the date of approval.

(J) Proposed change for this section is as follows: An applicant with foreign

credentials requesting licensure by examination or endorsement shall provide to the professional engineering committee's satisfaction, evidence that the applicants' qualifications are equal to, or exceed those in New Mexico, **including review and fulfilment of the required content of the engineering standard as defined by NCEES.**

(K) Proposed change for this section is as follows: All applicants for PE licensure shall also show proficiency in the English language and shall have a minimum of four (4)-years experience working in the United States **or for a United States corporation under the direction of a professional engineer who will attest to the applicant's ability** and knowledge as a competent engineer.

16.39.3.11

(E) There was in-depth discussion on what changes were needed to update the rules to comply with the new legislative changes requiring an affidavit to be completed by firms appointing an engineer as the engineers of record for the firm.

16.39.5.7:

(B) Added language "Augment" as it relates to curriculum in this part, shall refer to classes taken as a part of or in addition to a formal degree program.

(D) (1) A four (4)-year bachelor of arts or science degree that **is augmented by** a minimum of eighteen (18) core curriculum hours in surveying, twelve (12) hours of higher mathematics and six (6) hours of basic science.,

(E) New definition was put in place for this specific section, stated as followed **"Four (4)-year", as it relates to a minimum course of academic study in this Part, means a program of study normally associated with a university, college or other accredited academic course of study that includes a minimum 120 semester hours.**

(F) New definition was put in place for this specific section, stated as followed **"Geomatics", as it relates to curriculum as discussed in these rules, will be considered synonymous with Surveying.**

16.39.5.10

(E) There was in-depth discussion on what changes were needed to update the rules to comply with the new legislative changes requiring an affidavit to be completed by firms appointing a surveyor as the surveyor of record for the firm.

It was stated that a Rules Committee Meeting was needed to review the PDH section and compare to the NCEES Rules. Further discussion will take place at the June 2nd meeting.

7. **Executive Session**

No items discussed.

8. **Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session**

No items discussed.

9. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** June 10, 2017 –Santa Fe, NM

10. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

s/ Angelica Urioste
Mrs. Angelica Urioste, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/ Ron Bohannon
Mr. Ron Bohannon, Board Chair

June 2, 2017 Approved Date