

MINUTES

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held 09:00 a.m.,
Thursday, April 20, 2017, Governing Body Overflow Conference Room,
City of Rio Rancho, 3200 Civic Center Circle, NE.
Rio Rancho, NM. 87144**

Members Present- Cliff Spirock, PS, Committee Chair
Augusta Meters, Committee Vice Chair, Public Member
David Cooper, PS
Glen Thurow, PS

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Baca, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer
Brian McBain, BLPEPS, Team Leader
Felicia Martinez, Licensing Administrator

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Ms. Meyers convened the meeting at 9:11 am, roll call was taken and a quorum noted. No audience was in attendance.

2. Meeting Notification

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

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Cooper to approve the agenda as presented, **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of January 26, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2017 as presented, **SECOND** by Mr. Cooper, **PASSED** unanimously.

5. Old Business

a. NMSU Surveying Program Status Update

Mr. Valdez presented documents from NMSU's website, he also reached out to Dr. Reddi at NMSU but no response was received at this time. Mr. Thurow stated the Faculty Senate approved the revised curriculum and it is now moving forward for implementation in the fall 2017 semester. There will also be online courses offered within the curriculum. NMPS has committed their support to NMSU's program through financial means. The new Surveying program will be reduced to 120 hours. Mr. Thurow informed the Committee that this seems to be the trend nationwide, for other programs.

b. Status of PS Investigator

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that the contract is in the process of being completed and should be in place by May 2017, this contract has been structured across the fiscal years for a total of 4 years, this would eliminate having to process the contract at the beginning of every fiscal year.

c. A discussion item for possible changes to the Rules.

- 1) Language Changes Corresponding to "Curriculum"
- 2) R. Frostbauer- Policy Advisory/Guidelines for Related Science Curriculum
- 3) Rule 16.39.5.7-16.39.5.8

MOTION by Mr. Cooper to defer these items under agenda item 5. c. until either Mr. Spirock is present or to just refer these items to the NMBLPEPS Rules Committee, **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Advisory Opinion-Land Division Exemptions

Mr. Cooper presented an opinion that was drafted for the Committee's approval, he felt that it needed to be reviewed and also stated that this should not have to be done based on present rules and advisory opinions that already exist. Mr. Thurow agreed with this statement and also reiterated that this type of advisory is not needed. It was determined the advisory opinion, being presented, could be given to public officials to assist them when needed and not the professional that is already practicing based off the current rules.

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to table this agenda item until next meeting, **SECOND** by Mr. Cooper, **PASSED** unanimously.

Mr. Spirock entered the meeting at 9:37 am.

7. Application Review – Recommended Approval

a. Recommended for Approval List (Exhibit A)

PS Exam Application(s) – 2
PS Reinstatement Application(s) – 1

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to approve Exhibit A, as recommended for approval applications, **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

b. PS Retirement

- 1) Alarid, B.
- 2) Apt, P.
- 3) Burnett, G.

MOTION by Mr. Cooper to approve the listed retirement requests, as recommended, **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

8. **Executive Session**

MOTION by Mr. Thurow that the Committee enter into closed Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (1), (3) and (7) to discuss matters pertaining to the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license and to deliberate on pending cases. **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes': Cliff Spirock, Glen Thurow, Augusta Meyers, David Cooper.

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

Ms. Meyers brought the Committee back into open session and affirmed that while in closed session it discussed only those matters specified in the motion to close the meeting and listed on the agenda under executive session, in accordance with NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (1)

10 minute break was called, Committee recessed at 10:25 am and went back into open session at 10:35 am.

a. **Status review of Complaints and NCA's**

No action was taken, this was for informative purposes only.

b. **Applications for Review**

1) **PS Reconsideration**

a) **Echavarria, M. – SI Certification and PS Exam**

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to direct staff to send a letter with the Committee's consideration and options. The draft letter is to be reviewed by Committee member(s) before sending, **SECOND** by Mr. Cooper, **PASSED** unanimously.

b) **Wisewell, T. – PS Endorsement**

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to not approve the reconsideration with no further action, **SECOND** by Mr. Cooper, **PASSED** unanimously.

2) **PE Endorsement**

a) **Suthan, G.**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to approve for PS Endorsement and allow to take the NM PS 2 Hour Exam, **SECOND** by Mr. Cooper, **PASSED** unanimously.

10. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** June 1, 2017 – Santa Fe, NM

11. **Adjourn**

Ms. Meyers adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am.

Submitted by:

s/ Brian McBain
Mr. Brian McBain, Team Leader

Approved by:

s/ Augusta Meyers
Ms. August Meyers, Committee Chair

June 1, 2017 Approved Date