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MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors held 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 24, 2020, Virtual/Telephonic Meeting

Members Present- Ron Bohannan, PE, Committee Chair

Dr. Walter Gerstle, PE Karl Tonander, PE Paul Brasher, PE Julie Samora, PE

Members Absent-

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director

Maria Ruiz, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator

Miguel Lozano, Legal Counsel

Jeremy Maestas

Earl Burkholder, PEPS

Cliff Spirock, PS Nick Schiavo

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Prior to convening the meeting Mr. Bohannan read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols.

Mr. Bohannan convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Audience introductions were made at this time, in the audience were Mr. Burkholder, Mr. Spirock, and Ms. Ruiz.

2. Meeting Notification

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

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve the agenda as presented, **SECOND** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of March 6, 2020

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2020 as presented/amended, **SECOND** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

5. Requested Public Comment

a. Maestas. J. - Reconsideration PE Exam

Mr. Maestas addressed the Committee regarding the denial of his application for the PE exam. Mr. Maestas informed the members he applied to take the PE exam and was informed he needed to update his application. He said he was requested to update his experience, which he did. He explained that he submitted his application update with the same experience along with updated experience and with the projects he has worked on. Mr. Maestas was surprised when the Committee denied his application, since he was approved before. He asked the Committee what he needed to do to be approved. He had planned on taking the PE exam in April, but with COVID-19 that wouldn't have been possible anyways.

Mr. Bohannan explained to Mr. Maestas that he is on the agenda for their reconsideration. Mr. Bohannan asked Mr. Valdez if he had anything to add.

Mr. Valdez stated he spoke with Mr. Maestas and informed him his application was not denied, it was tabled pending further information. Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that Mr. Maestas questioned why he was approved previously and not now. Mr. Valdez invited Mr. Maestas to speak to the Committee to find out and he accepted the invitation.

Mr. Bohannan explained to Mr. Maestas that his file would be reviewed again. He remembered his application and recalled they were requesting additional information.

Mr. Maestas stated he would be waiting and requested if the letter would explain in detail what was being requested.

Mr. Bohannan asked Mr. Valdez if Mr. Maestas supplied the additional information being requested. Mr. Valdez responded that he had not, instead Mr. Maestas wanted to address the Committee.

6. Application Review – Recommended Approval

a. Recommended for Approval List (Exhibit A)

PE Exam Application(s)

PE Endorsement Application(s)

PE Reinstatement Application(s)

PE Additional Discipline(s)

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve Exhibit A, dated April 24, 2020, the recommended for approval applications, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

7. Executive Session

MOTION by Mr. Tonander 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) and (3) to discuss matters pertaining to the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license and to deliberate on pending cases. **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora,

Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

8. Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Mr. Bohannan 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)

a. Disciplinary Cases

1) 3-PE-07-17-2018

Mr. Bohannan stated the case is still under review and a special meeting will be held in the interim.

b. Applications for Review

1) PE Exams

a) Baird, A.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for the PE exam, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

b) Maestas, J.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for the PE exam, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

2) PE Endorsement

a) Coe, K.

Mr. Bohannan stated this applicant was approved under agenda item 6, a., 'Recommended for Approval List (Exhibit A)' and was placed in error under agenda item 7.

b) Fettig, Z.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for endorsement for electrical discipline, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

c) Gonzalez, H.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for endorsement for civil discipline, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

d) Schwarz, M.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for endorsement for environmental discipline, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

e) Uribe, M.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for endorsement for mechanical discipline, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

3) PE Reinstatement

a) Roger, R.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for reinstatement of licensure for structural discipline, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

4) PE Additional Discipline

a) Matthews, T.

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to approve for additional discipline for civil engineering, **SECOND** by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: June 4, 2020 – TBD

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Mr. Brasher to adjourn the meeting, SECOND by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Bohannan, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mrs. Samora, Mr. Brasher

PASSED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m