

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2020,
Virtual/Telephonic Meeting via Go-to-Meeting**

Members Present- Clifford Spirock, PS, Committee Chair
Glen Thurow, PS
David Cooper, PS
Augusta Meyers, Public Member

Members Absent-

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miguel Lozano, Legal Counsel
Maria Ruiz, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Earl Burkholder, PEPS
Ben Fontenot, PS Louisiana/Texas
Ronald Bohannan, PE

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

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

Mr. Spirock convened the meeting at 9:16 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Audience introductions were made at this time, in the audience were Mr. Burkholder, Mr. Fontenot, Ms. Ruiz, and Mr. Bohannan.

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

Mr. Spirock noted an erratum on the agenda for item 5, it should read "5. Requested Public Comment".

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to approve the agenda as corrected, **SECOND** by Mr. Cooper,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

PASSED unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Minutes January 21, 2020**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2020 as presented, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

PASSED unanimously.

b. **Minutes February 7, 2020**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2020 as presented/amended, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

PASSED unanimously.

5. **Requested Public Comment**

a. **Fontenot, B. – Reconsideration for Licensure**

Mr. Fontenot introduced himself to the Committee, indicating he is a licensed surveyor in Louisiana and Texas. Mr. Fontenot stated he has been practicing 22 years in Louisiana and 13 years in Texas. He informed the Committee he submitted a list of over 188 hours of continuing education he earned, not including the other hours he gained since he's been licensed. Mr. Fontenot requested a reconsideration of his application for licensure by endorsement. He asked what his options are if not. Mr. Fontenot requested the Committee take into consideration his extensive experience and additional hours of continuing education.

Mr. Spirock presented Mr. Fontenot's spreadsheet of courses he took, along with other correspondence.

Mr. Thurow inquired from Mr. Fontenot when he became a certified Surveyor Intern. Mr. Fontenot responded that he became a certified intern in May of 1995, with 14 years of experience prior to certification, and became a licensed surveyor in 1997 in Louisiana. He explained he took the professional survey exam in 1996 and had to wait six months to be licensed, because that was the requirement at the time in Louisiana.

6. **Application Review – Recommended Approval**

- a. Recommended for Approval List (Exhibit A)
PS Endorsement Application(s)

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to approve table Exhibit A, dated April 15, 2020, the recommended for approval applications, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers.

Roll call vote taken:

Voting ‘Aye’: Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

PASSED unanimously.

7. **Executive Session**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock 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) to discuss matters pertaining to the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

Roll call vote taken, voting ‘Yes’: Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Mrs. Meyers

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

Mr. Spirock 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. **Applications for Review**

1) **SI Certification**

a) **Powers, J.**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to not approve for SI certification,
SECOND by Ms. Meyers,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting ‘Aye’: Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

PASSED unanimously.

1) **PS Endorsement**

a) **Dee, T. - Reconsideration**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to not approve for PS endorsement,
SECOND by Ms. Meyers,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

PASSED unanimously.

b) Fonteont, B. – Reconsideration

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to not approve for PS endorsement,
SECOND by Mr. Cooper,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Ms. Meyers

Voting 'Nay': Mr. Spirock

PASSED.

c) Mory, W.

MOTION by Ms. Meyers to approve for PS endorsement,
SECOND by Mr. Cooper,

Roll call vote taken:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Spirock, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Meyers

Voting 'Nay': Mr. Thurow

PASSED.

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

10. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.