

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held 1:00 p.m.,
Thursday, November 5, 2015, Room 114M,
Dona Ana Community College, Espina Campus
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Members Present- Karl Tonander, PE, PEC Chair
Ronald Bohannon, PE
Julie Samora, PE
Glen Thurow, PS

Members Absent- Dr. Idriss, PE
Paul Brasher, PE
Joshua Skarsgard, Public Member

Others Present- Perry Valdez, Executive Director, BLPEPS
David Montoya, Licensing Manager, BLPEPS
Rick Word, Legal Counsel, via telephone

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Tonander convened the meeting at 1:05 pm, roll call was taken, a quorum noted with Mr. Thurow.

2. Meeting Notification

The Meeting was noticed in the Albuquerque Journal as well as on the Board's website.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of August 13, 2015
- b. Minutes of October 9, 2015

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve the minutes of August 13, 2015 and October 9, 2015 as presented, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

5. Public Comment/Correspondence

a. J. Ezzell Correspondence – Education Courses

Mr. Valdez informs the board that Mr. Ezzell submitted courses for board review. He states that Mr. Ezzell would like to use these courses to supplement his current education to see if the board would reconsider his application. Mr. Bohannon suggests that staff review the coursework and have this placed on the agenda as an actionable item for the next meeting. Mr. Bohannon also suggests calling and informing Mr. Ezzell that supplementing his degree would be great to assist in licensure, however his education would require further review before the board views it as acceptable.

6. New Business

No new business to discuss

7. Old Business

a. PE Investigator RFP Status

Mr. Valdez informs that the RFP was advertised in the Santa Fe New Mexican, the Albuquerque Journal, the RLD website, the Board's website, and GSD's website. A distribution list should be received by Nov 13, 2015 and is hoping to have an investigator by December 18, 2015 it will be for 1 year with a 3 year extension.

b. Fee Schedule

Mr. Bohannon states that they were hoping to have a recommendation by the full board meeting. He informs Mrs. Samora that Mr. Thurow has more information on what was discussed and possible reductions. Mr. Bohannon states that he asked for this item to be placed on this agenda to invoke further thought for tomorrow's full board meeting. Mr. Valdez states that he spoke with the Texas Board of Engineers regarding their fee reduction that was mandated by legislation. He also states that they have a spreadsheet to see where to make adjustments and to assist in monitoring the long term effects. Mr. Tonander states that he asked Mr. Valdez to look into decreasing or eliminating the fees for state employee registrants. Mr. Tonander feels that it would assist in promoting professional licensure.

8. **Application Review – Recommended Approval**

a. **Recommended for Approval List (*Exhibit A*)**

PE Exam Applications

Mr. Montoya states that there were 3 PE Exam applications.

PE Endorsement Applications

Mr. Montoya states that there were 45 PE Endorsement applications with 35 of the applicants using their NCEES Council Records.

PE Reinstatement Applications

Mr. Montoya informs the board that there were 9 PE Reinstatement Applications 5 of which used their NCEES Council Records.

PE Additional Discipline Application(s)

Mr. Valdez informs the Committee that there were no PE additional discipline applications.

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve the 3 PE Exam applications, 45 PE Endorsement applications, and the 9 PE Reinstatement applications as listed on Exhibit A, dated November 5, 2015, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

b. **PE Retirement Status Request(s)**

Mr. Valdez informs the board that there were 5 retirement status requests
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to accept the 5 PE Retirement Status requests,
SECOND by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

c. **PE Inactive Status Request(s)**

Mr. Montoya informs the board that there were 2 requests for PE Inactive status.
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to accept the 2 PE Inactive status requests,
SECOND by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

9. **Executive Session –**

MOTION by Ms. Samora that the Board go into closed executive session to discuss only those matters listed on the agenda under executive session, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) and (3), **SECOND** by , **PASSED** unanimously.

Roll call was taken, voting 'Yes': Mr. Tonander, Mr. Bohannan, Mrs. Samora, and Mr. Thurow.

10. Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Mr. Tonander states that the Board is back in open session and affirms 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).

a. Self-Reporting

1) AAR-08-27-2015

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan stating no action taken, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

2) ADP-09-30-2015

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan stating no action taken, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

3) CHM-10-23-2013

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to defer case until the January meeting, **SECOND** Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

4) MJS-12-05-2014

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan stating no action taken, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

b. Status Review of Complaints and NCAs

Mr. Tonander advises staff to get with the AG's office in hopes of expediting any complaints or NCAs that are close to passing the statute of limitations.

c. Applications for Review

1) PE Exam

a) Taha, M.

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve and waive the FE exam for Taha, M., **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

2) PE Endorsement

- a) **Adeyemi, A.**
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve all 3 disciplines, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

- b) **Decker, J.**
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

- c) **Flagg, E.**
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

- d) **Kichman, R.**
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

- e) **Michal, D.**
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

- f) **Padmanabhan, G.**
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

- g) **Pei, X.**
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

- h) **Peroor, R.**
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

- i) **Syedkalal, S.**
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve for civil only, additional information would be required for additional discipline approval, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

j) **Thornton, D.**

MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

k) **Valenzuela Jr., C.**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to not accept Valenzuela Jr., C. and to issue and NCA in regards to 61-23-14.A. (1), **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

3) PE Reinstatement

a) **Saber, J.**

MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

b) **Reddy, P.**

MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

c) **Yellowhair, M.**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 14, 2016 – Santa Fe, NM

12. Adjourn

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to adjourn the meeting, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

s/ Sami Romero

s/ Karl Tonander

Ms. Sami Romero, Executive Assistant

Mr. Karl Tonander, Committee Chair

January 14, 2016 Approved Date