

## MINUTES

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
COMMITTEE of the New Mexico State Board Licensure for  
Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors  
held 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017, Main  
Conference Room, RLD Building, 5500 San Antonio Dr. NE.  
Albuquerque, NM. 87121**

**Members Present-** Karl Tonander, PE, Committee Chair  
Ron Bohannon, PE  
Julie Samora, PE  
Josh Skarsgard, Public Member

**Others Present-** Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director  
Miranda Baca, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer  
David Montoya, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator  
Brian McBain, BLPEPS, Team Leader  
Kara Szkotak, Legal Counsel

**1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience**

Mr. Tonander convened the meeting at 10:06 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. Bohannon to approve the agenda as presented, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Minutes of January 26, 2017**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannon to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2017 as presented, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

**5. Old Business**

No items to discuss

**6. New Business**

**a. Preliminary Conceptual Grading and Drainage Reports**

Mr. Bohannon presented a Board opinion on this matter in the form of a letter that was drafted by him and Board counsel from the AG's office. Mrs. Samora then shared her opinion, not wanting to put seal on preliminary design. Mr. Tonander then added his opinion about the matter in the profession. Mr. Skarsgard also gave

his opinion on the matter with a business perspective. Mr. Valdez clarified the rule concerning this matter.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannon to adopt the opinion and re-draft the proposed letter into an opinion letter for issuance to the City of Albuquerque and have this posted to the Board's website as an advisory, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

7. **Application Review – Recommended Approval**

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

PE Endorsement Application(s) – 42

PE Exam Application(s) – 7

PE Reinstatement Application(s) – 4

PE Additional Discipline(s) – 1

**MOTION** by Mrs. Samora to approve Exhibit A, as recommended for approval applications, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannon, **PASSED** unanimously.

8. **Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Samora 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. Bohannon, **PASSED** unanimously.

**Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes':** Karl Tonander, Ron Bohannon, Julie Samora, Joshua Skarsgard.

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

Mr. Tonander 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) **4-PE-07-25-2014 Hearing Officers Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Skarsgard to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law report and impose a fine of \$500, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannon, **PASSED** unanimously. *Comment from Mr. Tonander in which he does not support the amount fined.*

b. **Applications for Review**

1) **PE Endorsement for Reconsideration**

a) **Nasrollahi, M.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannon to approve for reconsideration and issue license, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

## 2) PE Endorsement

a) **Ahmad, N.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in mechanical and electrical engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

b) **Azzam, S.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

c) **Bodenschatz, A.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

d) **Choren, J.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in mechanical engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

e) **Covinton, T.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannan to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

f) **Dunn, J.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannan to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in mechanical engineering, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

g) **Elaksher, A.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannan to not approve for PE Endorsement due to lack of taking the PE exam, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

h) **Fakih, A.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

i) **Fernandez, N.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannan to not approve for PE Endorsement due to lack of taking the PE exam, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.

- j) **Griffin, M.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.
- k) **Hamilton, S.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in mechanical engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.
- l) **Hann, C.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to defer until next meeting so the applicant can provide details on structural experience and any coursework in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mrs. Samora, **PASSED** unanimously.
- m) **Jackson, D.**  
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.
- n) **Jiang, P.**  
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.
- o) **Johnson, P.**  
MOTION by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannon, **PASSED** unanimously.
- p) **Jorgensen, S.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.
- q) **Klein, R.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.
- r) **Laufs, W.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.

- s) **Levar, J.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to defer until next meeting so the applicant can provide details on civil and structural experience, SECOND by Mr. Skarsgard, PASSED unanimously.
- t) **Mallinckrodt, J.**  
MOTION by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in mechanical engineering, SECOND by Mr. Bohannan, PASSED unanimously.
- u) **Miano, L.**  
MOTION by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, SECOND by Mr. Bohannan, PASSED unanimously.
- v) **Nelson, R.**  
MOTION by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in electrical engineering, SECOND by Mrs. Samora, PASSED unanimously.
- w) **Rennison, R.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to deny/not approve for PE Endorsement due to lack of PE exam qualification, SECOND by Mr. Skarsgard, PASSED unanimously.
- x) **Schall, A.**  
MOTION by Mrs. Samora to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, SECOND by Mr. Bohannan, PASSED unanimously.
- y) **Snyder, J.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to defer until next meeting so the applicant can send in an application update concerning experience, SECOND by Mr. Skarsgard, PASSED unanimously.
- z) **Spencer, M.**  
MOTION by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in mechanical engineering, SECOND by Mr. Bohannan, PASSED unanimously.
- aa) **Thornton, D.**  
MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in civil engineering, SECOND by Mr. Skarsgard, PASSED unanimously.

**bb) Weller, K.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Skarsgard to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in petroleum engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

**cc) Wilson, G.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannan to approve for PE Endorsement and issue license in structural engineering, **SECOND** by Mr. Skarsgard, **PASSED** unanimously.

**10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** April 20, 2017 –Rio Rancho, NM

**11. Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Mr. Skarsgard to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 pm, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan, **PASSED** unanimously.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

s/ Brian McBain  
Mr. Brian McBain, Team Leader

s/ Karl Tonander  
Mr. Karl Tonander, Committee Chair

April 20, 2017 Approved Date