

## MINUTES

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING  
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional  
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held 9:00 a.m.,  
Thursday, April 14, 2016, Hearing Room 1,  
Toney Anaya Bldg., 2550 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**Members Present-** David Cooper, PS, PSC Chair  
Glen Thurow, PS  
Cliff Spirock, PS  
Augusta Meyers, Public Member

**Others Present-** Perry Valdez, BLPEPS Executive Director  
David Montoya, BLPEPS Licensing Manager  
Naomi Velasquez, BLPEPS Licensing Manager  
Sami Romero, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant  
Charles Cala, PS, PSC Investigator  
Stephen Estes, Audience

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

Mr. Cooper convened the meeting at 9:00 am, roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Audience introductions made at this time.

Ms. Meyers entered the meeting at 9:04 am

**2. Meeting Notification**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to amend the agenda to move applicant S. Estes under item number 5. Public Comment and Correspondence, **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Valdez states that there are no minutes to be approved

**5. Public Comment/Correspondence**

Mr. Estes addresses the board and states that he feels there is a lot to be said about experience, and that he feels he is ready to take an exam in an open land state, however the Board has deemed his education is not acceptable to sit for the exam. Mr. Estes feels that his education, as well experience, should be acceptable to sit for the exam. He states that he does not doubt his ability to take and pass the exam, and that he feels that New Mexico's education requirements are high standards to be met and are detrimental to the surveying community in the southwest. Mr. Estes petitions for the Board's reconsideration for him to sit for the 2 hour state specific surveying exam. Mr. Thurow asks Mr. Estes if his request for reconsideration is solely based on the experience that he possess. Mr. Estes states yes, with experience and the baccalaureate degree that he has as well. Mr. Thurow states that in order for anyone to sit for the surveying exam a 4 year surveying degree or a 4 year related science degree is required. Mr. Thurow asks if his intention is for the Board to then waive the requirement for him based on experience, Mr. Estes says yes. Mr. Cooper asks if he has compared any of his schooling to the 18 hour requirement for the surveying degree, Mr. Estes states yes, however he falls short with only 3 hours. Mr. Cooper states that he appreciates the effort that Mr. Estes has made for his cause and that this matter will be deliberated during closed session and correspondence will be sent to him with an answer.

Mr. Word entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**6. New Business**

Mr. Valdez informed the board that there is no new business to discuss.

**7. Old Business****a. Proposed Changes to Minimum Standards**

Mr. Valdez informs the Board that he and staff have been working on applying the changes into the document. Once they have been fully reviewed they will be disseminated to the committee members for review and approval.

**b. NM 2 Hour State Specific Exam**

Mr. Valdez states that he placed this on the agenda for Mr. Montoya, Mr. Montoya says that he asked examinees if they would prefer the exam to be proctored out or to come to New Mexico for the exam. The feedback that he received from the examinees was that they found it easier to register with New Mexico and test within the state. They feel that it motivates them more for the

exam with travel investments, prioritize their study time. Mr. Thurow states that he is trying to visualize why coming to New Mexico to take the exam without distractions, the time and expense involved, would be beneficial. Mr. Spirock states that with question development is a spread sheet with 60 additional questions. He states that he is prepared to continue to the next step, which is getting in touch with NMPS for review of the questions. He feels that his task should be completed by the next meeting. Mr. Thurow states that he would like to ensure that the questions are New Mexico related and not repeat questions from the national PS exam. Mr. Thurow asks what measures are being taken to safe guard the questions and the question database. Mr. Spirock states that the new questions to be considered are on an encrypted spreadsheet that requires a pass code. Mr. Cooper asks if a nondisclosure form is available for this. Mr. Valdez states that one will be created. Mr. Cooper asks that once the questions are prepared and vetted what would be the next step. Mr. Valdez states that once the questions are prepared and approved by the committee that they would then be entered into the exam database.

8. **Executive Session** - **MOTION** by Mr. Thurow that the Board to 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, 3) **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

**Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes':** Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thurow, Mr. Spirock, Ms. Meyers

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

a. **Disciplinary Cases**

1) **Case 1-PS-01-30-2014 Proposed Settlement Agreement**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to accept the settlement agreement, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

2) **Case 4-PS-08-08-2014 Proposed Settlement Agreement**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to accept the settlement agreement, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

3) **Case 9-PS-12-12-2014 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to dismiss due to wrong respondent, respondent did not do the survey. **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

**4) Case 1-PS-05-27-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to remand back to investigator for further investigation, **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

**5) Case 1-PS-05-27-2015(B) Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to remand back to investigator for further investigation, **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

**6) Case 2-PS-06-23-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to dismiss due to no violation occurring, **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

**7) Case 2-PS-06-23-2015(B) Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to be dismissed, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**8) Case 3-PS-07-01-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to remand back to investigator for further investigation, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**9) Case 4-PS-09-16-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to dismiss due to statute of limitations, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**10) Case 5-PS-10-21-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to dismiss due to no violation, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**11) Case 7-PS-11-20-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to dismiss, **SECOND** by Mr. Thurow, **PASSED** unanimously.

**12) Case 8-PS-12-07-2015 Complaint Manager's Report**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to dismiss, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**b. Self Reporting**

**1) CR-02-01-2016**

MOTION by Mr. Thurow acknowledged, no further action taken,  
SECOND by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**2) MD-02-02-2016**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock acknowledged, no further action taken,  
SECOND by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**A Recess is taken, the meeting will reconvene tomorrow, April 15, 2016  
immediately following the Full Board meeting.**

**Meeting reconvened April 15, 2016. Roll call vote taken.**

**c. Status Review of Complaints and NCAs**

No action taken

**d. Applications for Review**

**1) PS Exam**

**a) Amaro, E.**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to approve, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers,  
**PASSED** unanimously.

**b) Crowley, A.**

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to not approve, **SECOND** by Ms.  
Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**c) Harp, M.**

MOTION by Mr. Spirock to approve, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers,  
**PASSED** unanimously.

**d) Hart, M.**

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to approve, **SECOND** by Mrs. Meyers,  
**PASSED** unanimously.

**2) PS Endorsement**

**a) Anderson, K.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to approve, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**b) Ballard, J.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to approve, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**c) Estes, S. – Reconsideration**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to not approve based on minimum requirements, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously

**d) Kneram, C.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to approve, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**3) PS Reinstatement**

**a) Griffith, G.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to approve reinstatement, **SECOND** by Mr. Spirock, **PASSED** unanimously.

**b) Murray, M.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Spirock to approve reinstatement, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**e. Requests for Retired Status**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to approve retirement requests, **SECOND** by Ms. Meyers, **PASSED** unanimously.

**10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: June 2, 2016 – Rio Rancho, NM**

**11. Adjourn**

Mr. Cooper adjourned the meeting at 1:24 pm.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

s/Sami Romero

s/David Cooper, PS

Ms. Sami Romero, Executive Assistant

Mr. David Cooper, Committee Chair

June 2, 2016 Approved Date