

Meeting Minutes

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW MEXICO BOARD OF
LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS held at
9:00 a.m., Friday, March 18, 2022,
Virtual/Telephonic Meeting**

Members Present – Karl Tonander, PE, Board Chair
Maxine McReynolds, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS
Dr. Walter Gerstle, PE
David Cooper, PS
Stephen Ney, PE
Ron R. Bohannon, PE
Karen Nichols, Public Member

Others Present – Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Crystal Herrera, BLPEPS, Administrative Operations Manager
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Valerie Joe, Legal Counsel
Loren Risenhoover, PS Earl
Burkholder, PEPS

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Prior to convening the meeting Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Tonander convened the meeting at 9:04 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions made at this time.

2. Meeting Notification

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that the meeting was noticed on the Board's website and at the Board Office.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Burkholder informed the Board that the agenda for this meeting was not on the Board's website and requested a copy for this meeting.

Mr. Valdez noted that Mr. Burkholder's statement, in regard to the agenda not being on the website, was correct but informed the Board that the agenda was posted outside the Board's office doors.

Ms. Joe suggested that since the agenda for this meeting was posted outside the Board's office doors but not on the Board's website, the Board could amend the agenda from the March 11, 2022 meeting to accommodate the items that were to be discussed for this meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve the agenda that was published on the Board's website, March 11, 2022, and only discuss the following items;

1. Convene Roll Call and Introduction of Audience
2. Meeting Notification
3. Approval of Agenda
- 7C. Enforcement Schedule for the changes to 16.39.3.11.G. and 16.39.5.10.G.
- 10D. Proposed Motion to NCEES to Change the Model Law Regarding the 10-year Expedited Licensure
11. Adjourn,

SECONDED by Dr. Gerstle,

Roll Call Vote :

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Tonander, Ms. McReynolds, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Bohannon, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Ney

Voting 'Nay': Ms. Nichols

Mr. Valdez noted that this meeting will be using the amended, March 11, 2022 agenda, due to the March 18, 2022 agenda being published outside the Boards office but not on the Board's website.

The motion **PASSED**.

7. Rules, Regulations, Policies, Advisory, & Legal

c. Enforcement Schedule for the changes to 16.39.3.11.G. and 16.39.5.10.G.

Mr. Tonander proposed that, based on the feedback received during the Rule Hearing, the Board should not take enforcement action until January 1, 2024, to allow companies time to register and to develop internal policies.

Mr. Bohannon asked Board staff to send a notification to utility providers throughout the state, as they will be those impacted.

Ms. Joe suggested that these changes be posted on the website as well.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the Enforcement Schedule for the changes to 16.39.3.11.G. and 16.39.5.10.G, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote :

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Nichols, Mr. Bohannan

Abstain: Ms. McReynolds, Mr. Ney

The motion **PASSED**.

10. NCEES

d. Proposed Motion to NCEES to Change the Model Law Regarding the 10-year Expedited Licensure.

Mr. Bohannan said he had a chance to review the proposed motion and is in favor of it.

Mr. Tonander explained that this item was to advocate for a change to the NCEES Model Law, to allow for a third path of licensure through comity as a Professional Engineer.

Mr. Tonander said this change aligns with 10-year statute criteria in New Mexico. He stated, if this item is approved by the Board, it would then go before NCEES to show that the New Mexico Board supports this change. Mr. Tonander explained this motion was trying to improve comity and mobility of licensure, nationally.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the proposed motion to NCEES to change the NCEES Model Law regarding the 10-year expedited licensure, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Tonander, Ms. McReynolds, Dr. Elaksher, Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Nichols, Mr. Bohannan, Mr. Ney

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

s/ Karl Tonander

Karl Tonander, Board Chair

June 10, 2022 **Approved Date**