

Meeting Minutes

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2022,
Virtual/Telephonic Meeting**

Members Present- Dr. Walter Gerstle, PE, Committee Chair
Karl Tonander, Vice Chair
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS
Ron R. Bohannon, PE
Stephen Ney, PE
Karen Nichols, Public Member

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Isaac Maes, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant
Valerie Joe, Legal Counsel
Joe Barela, PE, Board Investigator

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Tonander convened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. on behalf of the chair, Dr. Gerstle, due to Dr. Gerstle having a limited bandwidth connection. Roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Mr. Valdez noted there were no audience in attendance.

2. Meeting Notification

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

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

4. **Executive Session**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan 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) and (3) to discuss matters pertaining to the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license and to deliberate on pending cases, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher

Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes': Dr. Gerstle, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Ney, Ms. Nichols, Mr. Bohannan,

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

Dr. Gerstle, having achieved an improved connection, 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) Case 2-PE-09-08-2020– Complaint Manager’s Report

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to refer Case 2-PE-09-08-2020 for an NCA and staff attempt to enter into a pre-NCA settlement agreement while the matter is being referred to the Attorney General Office for issuance of an NCA, **SECONDED** by Mr. Ney,

Roll Call Vote

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

2) Case 4-PE-05-11-2020– Complaint Manager’s Report

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to issue a letter of reprimand which is to be reviewed by the PEC chair, and to close the case as no violation was found, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote

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

6. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:**
June 9, 2022 – Santa Fe/Virtual

7. **Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Submitted by:
s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

Approved by:
s/Dr. Walter Gerstle

Dr. Walter Gerstle, Committee Chair

June 9, 2022 **Approved Date**