

Meeting Minutes

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2022,
New Mexico State University, Goddard Hall,
1100 S Horseshoe Street, Room 200,
Las Cruces, NM 88003 & Virtual**

Members Present- Stephen Ney, PE, Committee Chair
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS, Vice Chair
Karl Tonander, PE
Elizabeth McNally, PE
Emilie Dohleman, PE
Karen Nichols, Public Member

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Isaac Maes, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant
Angelica Urioste, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer
Dominique Trujillo, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Valerie Joe, AAG, Legal Counsel
Andrew Leone

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Ney read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. He convened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions made at this time. Mr. Ney asked the new Board Members to introduce themselves. Ms. McNally and Ms. Dohleman introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their experience.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Minutes of August 11, 2022**
- b. **Minutes of September 16, 2022**
- c. **Minutes of October 12, 2022**

MOTION by Ms. Nichols to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2022, September 16, 2022, and October 12, 2022 as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

Dr. Elaksher joined the meeting at 1:15 pm

5. Requested Public Comment/Correspondence

- a. **Leone, A.**

Mr. Leone gave a brief statement regarding his disciplinary action from North Carolina.

Mr. Ney thanked Mr. Leone for his statement.

6. Old Business

Mr. Ney asked if the Rules Committee had come to an agreement if in terms of language used for the expedited licensure path regarding structural engineering.

Mr. Tonander informed Mr. Ney that a motion regarding this language change was passed at the Full Board Working Meeting on October 14, 2022, to remove Structural Engineering from the expedited path.

7. New Business

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no New Business.

8. Executive Session

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher 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 Ms. McNally

Roll Call Vote: taken, voting 'Yes': Mr. Ney, Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

Mr. Ney 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) and (3).

The committee requested that Mr. Estrada give a summary of his engineering design experience for his PE Exam application.

Mr. Estrada provided a summary of his engineering design experience to the Committee.

Mr. Ney thanked Mr. Estrada for his summary.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols 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': Mr. Ney, Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

9. Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Mr. Ney 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) and (3).

a. Status Review of Complaints and NCA Referrals

A report was reviewed on the status of pending cases and referrals for Notice of Contemplated Actions.

b. Applications for Review

1) PE Exams

a) Estrada, R

MOTION by Ms. Nichols to approve to take the Architectural PE exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

Abstain: Dr. Elaksher

The motion **PASSED**.

b) Ramos, A.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols to approve to take the Environmental PE exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) PE Licensure

a) Lara, M.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to accept the supplemental experience and approve for licensure in the Civil discipline, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

3) PE Endorsement

a) Leone, A. – Reconsideration

MOTION by Ms. McNally to approve for PE Structural endorsement, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally,

Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4) PE Reinstatement

a) Benjamin, M.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve for PE reinstatement,
SECONDED by Ms. Nichols

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally,
Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5) PE Retired Status

a) Weix, M.

MOTION by Mr. Ney to approve for reinstatement status so
individual can be moved into retired status under special
circumstances, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Ney, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally,
Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

- a. December 9, 2022 – Albuquerque/Virtual
- b. January 12, 2023 – Albuquerque/Virtual

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/ Stephen Ney

Stephen Ney, Committee Chair

January 12, 2023 **Approved Date**