

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, April 7, 2022,
Virtual/Telephonic Meeting**

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

Members Absent- Karen Nichols, Public Member

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Crystal Herrera, BLPEPS Administrative Operations Manager
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Isaac Maes, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant
Angelica Urioste, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer
Maria Ruiz, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Valerie Joe, Legal Counsel
Joe Barela, PE, Board Investigator
Earl Burkholder, PEPS
Regen Navarro
Leroy Humphries

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Ms. Joe read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Dr. Gerstle convened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions made at this time.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of January 13, 2022

Dr. Gerstle tabled this item until the June 9, 2022 meeting.

b. Minutes of February 18, 2022

Dr. Gerstle tabled this item until the June 9, 2022 meeting.

5. Public Comment/Correspondence

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no request for public comment or correspondence.

6. Old Business

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no old business.

7. New Business

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no new business.

8. Application Review – Recommended Approval

a. Confirmation of Staff-Reviewed Applications

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to acknowledge the confirmation of staff-reviewed application list, **SECONDED** by Mr. Ney,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting ‘Aye’: Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Bohannon, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b. Retired Status Requests

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve the retired status requests, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting ‘Aye’: Dr. Gerstle, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Bohannon, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

c. Inactive Status Requests

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to place Mark Ryan on inactive status, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

9. Executive Session

MOTION by Mr. Tonander 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 Mr. Bohannon,

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

10. Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Dr. Gerstle 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 1-PE-05-18-2020 – Complaint Manager's Report

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to take no action as there was no finding of a violation of the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b. Status Review of Complaints and NCA Referrals

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

c. Applications for Review

1) PE Exam

a) Aldaz, J.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve the applicant to take the PE Civil exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b) Henry, D.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the applicant to take the PE Civil exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannon,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

c) Ossai, R.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the applicant to take the PE Civil exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannon,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Recused: Dr. Elaksher,

The motion **PASSED.**

d) Sova, A.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the applicant to take the PE Electrical exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

e) Starr, Jeremy – Reconsideration

MOTION by Mr. Ney to approve the applicant to sit for the PE exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Recused: Dr. Gerstle,

The motion **PASSED.**

f) Williams, E.

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve applicant to take the PE Civil Exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

2) PE Endorsement

a) **Allen, E.**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve for endorsement in Civil engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b) **Carlson, S.**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to bypass the FE Exam and approve for endorsement in Chemical engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

c) **Fabor, S.**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve for endorsement in Civil engineering, based on the ten-year experience, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

d) **Jenne, C.**

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve for endorsement in

Structural engineering, based on the ten-year experience,
SECONDED by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

e) Kremmidas, S.

MOTION by Mr. Ney to approve for endorsement in Structural
engineering,
SECONDED by Mr. Bohannon,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

f) Moore, D.

MOTION by Mr. Ney to approve for endorsement in Mechanical
engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannon,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

g) Paul, S.

MOTION by Mr. Bohannon to approve for endorsement in Civil
engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

h) Showunmi, P.

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to approve for endorsement in Civil engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

i) Sipe, J.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve for endorsement in Civil engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

j) Staudt, D.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve for endorsement in Electrical engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

k) Widmer, A.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve for endorsement in Civil engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

l) Yang, Z.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve for endorsement in Electrical engineering, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

3) PE Reinstatement

a) Meuth, B.

MOTION by Mr. Ney to approve for reinstatement, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bohannan,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4) Retired Request

a) Dereske, M.

Dr. Gerstle tabled this item until a later date.

5) Renewal Request

a) Medcalf, B. -Reconsideration

MOTION by Mr. Bohannan to grant a renewal deferral until December 31, 2022, **SECONDED** by Mr. Ney,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

June 9, 2022 – Santa Fe/Virtual (if necessary)

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.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