

Meeting Minutes

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
9:00 a.m., Friday, December 9, 2022,
NMDOT, District 3, Auditorium
7500 Pan American Fwy Albuquerque, NM
& Virtual**

Members Present- Karl Tonander, PE
Elizabeth McNally, PE
Emilie Dohleman, PE
Karen Nichols, Public Member

Members Absent- Stephen Ney, PE, Committee Chair
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS, Vice Chair

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

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Tonander, acting in place of the Chair and Vice-Chair who were both absent, convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was noted. There was 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 Ms. Dohleman to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Ms. McNally

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

4. Requested Public Comment/Correspondence

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no request for Public Comment or Correspondence.

5. New Business

a. Engineering Technology degree and bypass of the FE exam

Mr. Valdez introduced the item. He said the staff received an email from an applicant who graduated from an ABET accredited Engineering Technology program. Mr. Valdez noted that the applicant requested a bypass of the FE exam and was informed that they were not eligible because they had an Engineering Technology degree. He stated the applicant referenced section 61-23-14.1 B. (2) (a) to further their question regarding their eligibility for a bypass. He continued saying the applicant referred to the language which states "...or a program that fulfills the required content of the engineering education standard as defined by the national council of examiners for engineering and surveying and has twelve years of engineering experience subsequent to receiving the degree;"

Ms. Dohleman asked if NCEES had a description of the engineering education standard. Mr. Valdez responded that NCEES does and does not consider engineering technology education equivalent to engineering education.

Mr. Tonander informed the members that NCEES does education evaluations for institutions from out of the country. He said this is a bit extraordinary for NCEES to evaluate a U.S. program. Mr. Tonander asked Mr. Valdez if this has ever been done before. Mr. Valdez answered that this has been done once before, where the Board requested NCEES to evaluate an applicant's education.

Mr. Maes posted the NCEES Engineering Education Standard on the screen for the members. Mr. Valdez read a portion of the standard, he also noted that at the end of the document it states, "Engineering technology courses cannot be considered to meet engineering topic requirements."

Ms. Nichols suggested the solution would be for staff to share the NCEES Engineering Education Standard with the applicant and advise them they can still request an NCEES evaluation if they wish.

Mr. Tonander agreed. He said if the applicant wishes to request an NCEES evaluation then we would notify NCEES.

6. Application Review – Recommended Approval

a. Retired Application

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve M. Mendoza’s request for retired status, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols

Roll Call Vote:

Voting ‘Aye’: Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

7. Executive Session

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 Ms. Dohleman

Roll Call Vote: taken, voting ‘Yes’: Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

8. Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Mr. Tonander 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. Self-Reports

1) **AH-09-09-2022**

2) **BE-06-14-2022**

3) **BE-10-19-2022**

MOTION by Ms. McNally to acknowledge receipt and take no action for items 7.a 1), 2), and 3), **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols

Roll Call Vote:

Voting ‘Aye’: Mr. Tonander, Ms. McNally, Ms. Dohleman, Ms. Nichols

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

4) **HAD-11-28-2022**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to enter into a pre-NCA settlement agreement and that if no agreement is executed within 30 days, the matter will be automatically refereed to the Attorney General's Office for the issuance of an NCA, **SECONDED** by Ms. McNally

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

5) **JPH-08-02-2021**

Mr. Tonander tabled this item.

6) **JPK-10-05-2022**

7) **OA-06-22-2022**

8) **OAY-06-03-2022**

9) **SEH-09-21-2022**

10) **WFL-07-12-2022**

MOTION by Ms. Nichols to acknowledge receipt and take no action items 7.a 6), 7), 8), 9), and 10), **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

11) **WSM-09-20-2022**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to enter into a pre-NCA settlement agreement and that if no agreement is executed within 30 days, the matter will be automatically refereed to the Attorney General's Office for the issuance of an NCA, **SECONDED** by Ms. McNally

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b. Applications for Review

1) PE Exam

a) Barraza, A

Mr. Tonander tabled this item and directed Board Staff to gather more information in regard to the applicants' design experience.

2) PE Endorsement

a) Scotts, R.

Mr. Tonander tabled this item and directed Board Staff to gather more information regarding the applicant's experience in New Mexico.

b) Williamson, J

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve applicant for PE Endorsement in the Structural discipline, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

3) PE Reinstatement

a) Clayton, D.

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve the applicant for reinstatement, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

- a. January 12, 2023 – Albuquerque/Virtual

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/ Stephen Ney

Stephen Ney, Committee Chair

January 12, 2023 **Approved Date**