

## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING OF THE NEW MEXICO BOARD OF  
LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS held at  
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2023,  
Inn of the Mountain Gods, Natzille/Magoosh Room  
287 Carrizo Canyon Rd, Mescalero, NM 88340  
& Virtual**

**Members Present –** Karl Tonander, PE, Chair  
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS, Secretary  
Stephen Ney, PE  
Robert Gromatzky, PS  
Elizabeth McNally, PE  
Benjamin Aragon, PS  
Karen Nichols, Public Member  
Emilie Dohleman, PE  
John Wayne, PS

**Members Absent –** Maxine McReynolds, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair

**Others Present –** Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director  
Crystal Herrera, BLPEPS, Administrative Operations Manager  
Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager  
Isaac Maes, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant  
Audrey Jaramillo, Financial Auditor  
Sarah Salazar, AI Aid New Mexico  
Paul Brasher, Emeritus Member  
Ralph Vincent, Project Manager

**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 9:12 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 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. Ney.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Minutes of January 13, 2023**

**MOTION** by Dr. Elaksher to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2023 as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Gromatzky,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**5. Public Comment/Correspondence**

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that there was no Public Comment or Correspondence.

**6. Director's Report**

**a. Financial Report**

**1) FY22 Financial Audit Report**

Ms. Herrera gave the following report:

As of April 5, 2023, the Board collected \$1,038,160.36 in revenue.

In the 200's category the Board has spent \$503,390.11 with a remaining balance of \$175,409.89.

In the 300's category, the contractual category, there is a budget availability of \$151,265.28 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ms. Herrera noted that this amount does not include the \$135,000 that the Board is obligated to pay to RLD under the MOU.

Mr. Valdez noted that he and Ms. Herrera met with the Executive Committee regarding the \$135,000 and they are working with RLD to receive a new amount to be invoiced due to RLD not providing as many services when the MOU was first enacted.

Ms. Herrera went on to say that in the 400's category there is a remaining balance of

\$231,498.56 and noted that this amount does not include the scholarship funds which would be later discussed in the meeting.

She added that she will be adding a bar to showcase the contractual expenses.

Mr. Tonander asked if the contractual expenses include the needed amount of PEC investigators.

Ms. Herrera informed the Board that this does include those contracts as well as any IT contracts.

Ms. Dohleman asked Ms. Herrera how many months the expenditures cover.

Ms. Herrera said the expenditures in the report are covered until April 5, 2023 and have until June 30, 2023 to continue spending.

Ms. Dohleman asked where the expenditures will be by the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Herrera said she was not too sure, and it depends how quickly IT contracts can be put into place.

Mr. Valdez noted that this would be covered in the audit item on the agenda.

Mr. Gromatzky asked Mr. Valdez if there has been contact with RLD.

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that he and Ms. Herrera have talked with RLD and they will present a number to RLD to see if they are in agreement with it.

Mr. Valdez added that he and Ms. Herrera will be meeting with the executive committee when they make a presentation to RLD.

Ms. Herrera asked if there were any questions in regard to the Budget Presentation.

Mr. Tonander asked Ms. Herrera how the projections stand in terms of revenue with the fee waiver taken into account.

Ms. Herrera informed the Board that she could not provide that information at the time but will do so at the next meeting.

Ms. Herrera gave the following audit report:

The current assets are \$1,315,543.

There was a depreciation of \$1,723.

The total liabilities were \$95,236.

The total net position was \$1,222,003.

She said the Board ended the fiscal year with \$1,317,266 and of that the total amount that was reverted back to the fund balance was \$182,782.

She added that the total fund balance for the fiscal years was \$1,263,574.

Ms. Herrera also said that there was one audit finding.

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that the audit finding was not financially related but was related to the data breach that occurred.

Mr. Tonander added the amount that was added to the fund balance was a lot less compared to the previous year.

Ms. Herrera informed the Board that had RLD invoiced sooner, the budget would have been very close to being balanced.

Ms. Nichols asked since there was a finding, if there will be consequences for this Board.

Ms. Jaramillo informed the Board that although there was one finding, the Board had a clean audit. She added that it will not affect funding. She went onto say that a finding has not been punitive unless there was a case for fraud. She also said that due to this finding, more attention to prevention of cyber-attacks and backed up data was brought to the forefront.

Mr. Ney asked since the Board was a member on RLDs network, will this finding be on RLDs audit or be transferred to them in any way shape or form.

Ms. Jaramillo, said when she audited RLD 3-4 years ago she always had a finding on RLD on this weakness. She added that somehow, they cleared this finding with their auditor last year and was not sure how this happened in their internal controls. She would go on to say that there might be a finding for their 2022 audit. She added that because of the condition existing during the fiscal year under audit, internal controls were not in place, that is why it had to be reported.

She added that it is not because the incident happened during the fiscal year under audit, but it has to be reported when there are any weaknesses in internal controls for the year under audit and a report has to be made for subsequent events. Subsequent events include anything from June 30 to the day of the report that comes to their attrition or something significant happens with the entity.

Mr. Gromatzky said he didn't see the retrieval of the lost data in the corrective action section and asked if this would fall under corrective action.

Mr. Valdez believed this would fall under this category.

Ms. Jaramillo said this is a critical point because if this is seen as a disaster recovery standpoint, whether it is a natural disaster or data breach, the goal is to be up and running as fast as possible. And testing the backups is also critical as well as backing up data as frequently as possible.

She added that the State Auditor's Office has to coordinate with oversight agencies in insuring disclosure and accountability.

Mr. Ney said since the Board Staff was relying on RLD to back up the data and had that been done there would not be the current problems. He went on to say as the Board transitions to DOIT, he added that Board Staff should back up the data internally.

Ms. Jaramillo said that with any service provider, there should always be someone internally to the agency coordinating, reviewing and accepting responsibility for the work of that provider. It is important that someone in house is testing the backup process and that the data can be restored at any moment's notice. She gave an example of asking DOIT to show Staff how to recover data from the previous day.

Mr. Ney said Staff will have to figure out who to delegate that task to.

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that currently on the DOIT system, there is no longer network files, but now everything is on *Microsoft Teams*. He added that before transitioning to DOIT, Board Staff and himself purchased external hard drives to protect Board data.

Mr. Aragon asked Mr. Valdez what the schedule of DOIT was like and if this would be complete by the renewal 2023 period.

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that DOIT is taking care of the electronic files that are used day to day but in regard to the licensing system, there is an item on the agenda that address this issue.

Mr. Valdez asked Ms. Jaramillo if she would like to add anything else in regard to the audit report.

Mr. Jaramillo said she had nothing else to add and thanked the Board for their time.

**b. Update on Network and Licensing System**

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that Board Staff has been fully transitioned to DOIT systems and working with the *Microsoft* suite.

He added that he, along with Ms. Herrera, Ms. Trujillo and Ms. Gonzales have been looking at different vendors for a licensing system. He noted that in every conversation that they had with a licensing system vendor, the questions of backing up data and if it is readily available is always asked.

Mr. Vincent informed The Board that he and Mr. Valdez requested for information 9-10 months ago from RLD prior the data breach. He added that a request for proposals has been filed to obtain the licensing system as quickly as possible, but noted he wasn't sure how long this would take because they still have to go through the States IT governance and gating issues. He added they are currently going through these processes to implement a system. He also said that they are looking at what options are available and what other states are doing and which software options are available.

He said when speaking with vendors, disaster recovery is always mentioned and the implementation of cloud storage is used on all the vendors services. Regardless of this, the question of back up of data and the retrieval of data for in house is always addressed.

He also said that due to the data breach with RLD, during the recent legislative session, a sizeable amount of funds will be distributed to DOIT to establish a cyber security division and disaster relief program to assist agencies.

He would go onto say that the new system will go through a project certification committee that is part of the DOIT as well as a technical architecture review committee.

He also said the system acquisition still has to go through the implementing procedures.

Mr. Vincent also said that he and Mr. Valdez requested numerous times, before the data breach, an export of the data from RLD but they never received it.

He said one of the task he will take on is to develop a project timeline that aligns with the Board and DOIT.

Mr. Tonander asked if the new system will be in place for the renewal cycle.

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that when seeking a new system, he made it a point to inform the vendors that the main priority is to have license renewals up and running by October or November, and anything else can be implemented after.

Mr. Vincent affirmed what Mr. Valdez said and added that the new system would need to be implemented by August in order to have the new system ready for renewals in November. He also said that this will be factored in the timeline based on what the vendors say.

Mr. Tonander asked if starting the system implementation by August is possible and also asked who the Board needs to contact to ensure the new system implementation is started in August.

Mr. Vincent said it is possible but there is no room for slack time because DOITs meetings occur monthly.

Ms. Dohleman asked Mr. Tonander and Mr. Vincent if there was a way to expedite this process.

Mr. Vincent said DOIT understands the urgency but didn't think DOIT would have a special meeting for this, but they might wave some time for the documents to be submitted for the monthly meeting agenda.

Ms. McNally asked if Mr. Vincent if he has the resources and documents ready to start this process.

Mr. Vincent said that drafts of some of the documents are ready for review from DOIT to start the process and believed the resources are ready.

Mr. Valdez added that he and Ms. Herrera have been working on other sets of documents that DOIT will need such as a project certification form and a technical architecture document.

Mr. Vincent said there has been a delay of the technical architecture document due to seeing which options are available as well as taking into account the use of cloud service then they can work from that standpoint.

Mr. Aragon asked what stage of the process the new system implementation is at.

Mr. Vincent said they are still in the beginning processes.

Mr. Tonander asked Mr. Vincent if the Board has provided all the necessary items to implement the new system as quickly as possible.

Mr. Vincent said that as of now he does have necessary documents in regard to the stage of the new system implantation.

Ms. McNally asked Mr. Vincent if he can provide the Board project milestones.

Mr. Vincent said he would be able to provide a project timeline at the next meeting.

Ms. Nichols suggested that Mr. Tonander reach out to DOIT to place this Item on DOIT's meeting agendas,

Mr. Tonander said he would reach out to DOIT to place this item on DOIT's agenda.

**c. History of the MOU with RLD**

Mr. Valdez described why the Memorandum of Understanding with RLD was signed which moved the Board Office from a leased building to the Tony Anaya building. He also added details such as what services were provided to the Board Staff under the Memorandum of Understanding with RLD.

Mr. Brasher provided his experience of the Memorandum of Understanding when he was a Board Member.

**d. License Status Report**

Mr. Valdez gave the following Licensing Status Report to the Board:

Mr. Valdez reported that as of November 21, 2022, there were 5,202 renewals generated.

- Professional Engineers
  - In State: 997
  - Out of State: 3,948
  - Total: 4,945
- Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 100
  - Out of State: 149

- Total: 249
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 7
  - Out of State: 1
  - Total: 8

Mr. Valdez reported that as of November 21, 2022, Licenses placed on a Lapsed Status was 433.

- Professional Engineers
  - In State: 45
  - Out of State: 369
  - Total: 414
- Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 7
  - Out of State: 10
  - Total: 17
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 2
  - Out of State: 0
  - Total: 2

Mr. Valdez reported that as of November 21, 2022, the percentage renewed was a total of 92%.

- Professional Engineers
  - In State: 95%
  - Out of State: 91%
  - Total: 92%
- Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 93%
  - Out of State: 93%
  - Total: 93%
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 71%
  - Out of State: 100%
  - Total: 75%

Mr. Valdez reported that as of November 2, 2021, there were 5,057 renewals generated.

- Professional Engineers
  - In State: 996
  - Out of State: 3,778
  - Total: 4,774
- Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 122
  - Out of State: 157
  - Total: 279
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 3
  - Out of State: 1
  - Total: 4

Mr. Valdez reported that as of November 21, 2022, Licenses placed on a Lapsed Status was 414.

- Professional Engineers
  - In State: 31
  - Out of State: 377
  - Total: 408
- Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 2
  - Out of State: 4
  - Total: 6
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 0
  - Out of State: 0
  - Total: 0

Mr. Valdez reported that as of November 2, 2021, the percentage renewed was a total of 92%.

- Professional Engineers

- In State: 97%
  - Out of State: 90%
  - Total: 91%
- Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 98%
  - Out of State: 97%
  - Total: 98%
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - In State: 100%
  - Out of State: 100%
  - Total: 100%

Mr. Valdez presented the following Yearly License Status:

April 2023:

Number of Active Licenses: 10,145 as of April 6, 2023

- Professional Engineers
  - Number of active PEs: 9,631
    - In State: 1,948
    - Out of State: 7,683
- Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PSs: 504
    - In State: 214
    - Out of State: 290
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PEPs: 10
    - In State: 8
    - Out of State: 2

*Of the number of engineers and surveyors listed above, these are individuals licensed as both engineers and surveyors with two separate license numbers (dual licensees).*

- Licensees with two numbers = 51\*
  - In State: 26
  - Out of State: 25

March 2022:

Number of Active Licenses: 9,820 as of March 29, 2022

- Professional Engineers
  - Number of active PEs: 9,285
    - In State: 1,983
    - Out of State: 7,302
- Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PSs: 521
    - In State: 221
    - Out of State: 330
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PEPs: 14
    - In State: 12
    - Out of State: 2

*Of the number of engineers and surveyors listed above, these are individuals licensed as both engineers and surveyors with two separate license numbers (dual licensees).*

- Licensees with two numbers = 46\*
  - In State: 26
  - Out of State: 20

April 2021:

Number of Active Licenses: 9,349 as of April 9, 2021

- Professional Engineers
  - Number of active PEs: 8,818
    - In State: 1,991
    - Out of State: 6,827
- Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PSs: 518
    - In State: 222
    - Out of State: 296
- Professional Engineers/ Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PEPs: 13
    - In State: 11
    - Out of State: 2

*Of the number of engineers and surveyors listed above, these are individuals licensed as both engineers and surveyors with two separate license numbers (dual licensees).*

- Licensees with two numbers = 48\*
  - In State: 30
  - Out of State: 18

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Scholarship Disbursements – For Fiscal Year 2023**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the scholarship amounts for \$23,333 for each of the three engineering universities that the Board Supports, New Mexico State, UNM and New Mexico Tech, and \$30,000 for the geomatics program at New Mexico State, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting ‘Aye’:** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

*\*\*\*The Full Board took a recess at 11:00 and returned at 11:10 am\*\*\**

**MOTION** by Mr. Tonander to move agenda item 8.e NMSU Geomatics Program Update and also item 9.b PE Committee update to the next two items on the agenda and keep the rest of the agenda as is, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting ‘Aye’:** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED**

*\*Ms. McNally was absent during the vote for the changed agenda.*

### **8 e. NMSU Geomatics Program Update**

Dr. Garcia gave a presentation on the NMSU Surveying and Geomatics Program.

Ms. Nichols asked Dr. Garcia if the reduction of the full-time requirement to 9 hours is due to students working while taking courses.

Dr. Garcia informed the Full Board that this reduction is due to the majority of students being out of the Las Cruces area and the majority of students are working. He added that there are also students who have a civil engineering degree and are working towards their degree in Geomatics.

Mr. Gromatzky asked Dr. Garcia if the Global Program is like the MOU that was in place with CNM when they had a Geomatics program.

Dr. Garcia informed the Board that the Global Program allows for online courses to be set up. He added that the way in which the modules are established, it allows for a 2+2 program similar to Geomatic and it is all online.

Mr. Gromatzky asked Mr. Garcia to clarify how the labs operate with online learning.

Dr. Garcia informed the Board that NMSU collaborates with the students who are employed with engineering firms to work with someone in the company to guide students on how to use the equipment. He added that NMSU is also looking into lending out old equipment to students and then having them return it when they are done.

#### **9 b. PE Committee**

Mr. Ney gave the following Professional Engineering Committee report. He informed the Board that there were two PEC meetings since the last Full Board meeting.

He gave the following report for the PEC meeting that took place on February 17, 2023 Special Meeting:

The meeting started at 9:10 am.

The Committee approved the a appointment for retirees.

There were two disciplinary cases that resulted in a Pre – NCA.

There were 8 self-reports 3 were acknowledged receipt and take no action and 5 resulted in Pre-NCA.

There were 2 PE exam applications that were approved.

There were 3 PE endorsement applications 1 was tabled for degree

equivalency by NCEES 1 was conditionally approved and 1 was approved.

There was 1 retired application that was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM

Mr. Ney Gave the following PEC report for the PEC meeting that took place on April 20, 2023:

The PEC convened at 1:14 PM

The minutes from February 17, 2023, Special Meeting were approved.

There were 7 disciplinary cases 4 of which resulted in Pre-NCA, 2 were no action was taken and 1 was closed because it met the terms of the settlement.

There were no self-reports.

There was 1 EIT certification application that was approved.

There was 1 PE Exam Application that was approved.

There were 7 PE endorsement applications, 2 were not approved, 5 were approved.

There was 1 PE reinstatement application that was tabled.

The next meeting will be a special PEC meeting in May, and after that a regular meeting on June 8, 2023, that will be in Santa Fe

The PEC adjourned at 4:26 PM

## **8. New Business**

### **a. FY24 Meeting Calendar**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve the FY24 Meeting Calendar,  
**SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**b. NCEES Annual Meeting (Boston, MA – Aug. 15-18, 2023)**

Mr. Valdez said he did need to know who will be attending the Annual Meeting as the paperwork needs to be submitted by May 1, 2023.

Mr. Aragon said he would be attending.

Dr. Elaksher said he would be attending.

Mr. Tonander said he will be attending.

Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky and Ms. McNally said they might attend.

Mr. Valdez requested that those Board Members that are tentative or maybes ,to inform him of their final decision by April 26 or 27 2023.

**c. Hosting the 2025 NCEES Western Zone Meeting**

**MOTION** by Ms. McNally to have the Board host the NCEES 2025 western zone meeting, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting ‘Aye’:** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**d. Emeritus Status Request(s)**

**1) Paul Brasher, PE**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to approve Mr. Brasher for emeritus status, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting ‘Aye’:** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**f. Hardship Fee Waiver Criteria**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve the Hardship Fee Waiver Criteria **SECONDED** by Mr. Gromatzky,

After discussion, Ms. Nichols Stuck her motion and made the following motion instead.

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve the Hardship Fee Waiver Criteria with the included amended changes and conditional form with legal review,  
**SECONDED** by Mr. Gromatzky,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**g. Proposed Fee Schedule Changes**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the Proposed Fee Schedule Changes as amended for the electronic roster list being no fee for nonprofit organizations and a fee of \$250.00 for all others.  
**SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Tonander, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Ney, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Wayne

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

*\*Mr. Ney Exited the meeting at 12:27 PM\**

*\*Ms. McNally exited the meeting 12:36 PM\**

**h. Update Scholarship Criteria to Include University Support Program**

After discussion at length, Mr. Tonander tabled this item and directed Board Staff send this document and the application to the Board for further review.

**i. PDHs 3 hour 50 min mark**

**1) Outreach PDHs for Presenting to Junior and High School Students**

Mr. Tonander tabled this item but wanted to ensure this item aligned with NCEES.

**2) Online PDH Reporting Format**

Mr. Tonander requested that Mr. Valdez and Mr. Aragon collaborate on the Online PDH Reporting Format.

**j. Plan to Comply with SB 384 – Expedited Licensure**

Mr. Tonander directed Board Staff continue to work on this document to include if another State Board complies with the New Mexico Board Practice Act in order to be eligible for the Expedited Licensure path.

**9. Committee Reports**

**a. PS Committee**

Mr. Gromatzky gave the following report:

The agenda and the minutes from January 12, 2023, and January 27, 2023 were approved

There were audience members who attended virtually who were interested in a case that was part of closed business.

For old business, Mr. Gromatzky said he gave an update on a meeting he attended on March 8, 2023, in regard to the 2022 datum ellipsoid and the state plane coordinates with NMPS Rio Grand Chapter. He noted that the results of this meeting were that NGS is going to have to define the Coordinate System for the Board to be able approve it at the legislative level and define them in the current laws. He went onto say that there will be no change to the NAD 83 or NAD 27 depositions as it changes too many existing laws.

Mr. Gromatzky said the Survey penalty schedule was discussed and there were no changes.

Mr. Gromatzky said that during New Business, the NMSU geomatics program was discussed.

He also said that the PSC reviewed the updated surveyor application form and the expedited licensure surveyor application approval process.

He also said that he and Mr. Valdez discussed the New Mexico Land Grant Committee report that they attended at on March 24, 2023, at Northern New Mexico Community College located in Espanola New Mexico.

He added that during this report, the question of why there are not enough surveyors was raised. He said he suggested more community involvement could address this issue.

Mr. Gromatzky informed the Board that there were 7 approved applications and 2 were tabled.

He went on to say that in regard to disciplinary cases, there were 3 that were tabled, 3 dismissed, 1 extended and 1 administratively closed because the respondent met all the obligations.

Mr. Gromatzky noted 1 case will require input from legal console at the next special meeting in May.

He added that the development of new exam questions will also be done at the next special meeting.

**c. Executive Committee**

Mr. Tonander said the Executive Committee spoke about the fee RLD is charging.

**d. Joint Practice Committee**

Mr. Tonander said the JPC has not met.

Mr. Valdez noted that BLPEPS will be hosting the next meeting in July.

**e. Public Information, Exam and Licensure Promotion Committee**

**1. Newsletter**

**2. Presentations**

Mr. Tonander requested a public outreach with utilities in regard to how far to the industrial exemption extends. He added that a public outreach to ensure everyone is aware of the changes that take place starting on January 1 of 2024.

Mr. Tonander asked Ms. Dohleman to start assembling resources for the public outreach of the changes taking place on January 1 of 2024.

Mr. Tonander said he would reach out to Mouga.

Mr. Valdez said he will send more letters out.

**f. Rules and Regulations Policies, Advisories, and Legal Enforcement Committee**

No report was given.

**g. Penalties and Fees Committee**

Mr. Gromatzky noted that he would like to collaborate with Mr. Tonander to address some comments.

**h. NCEES Committee Members**

Mr. Tonander informed the Board that there was a meeting in Atlanta GA, and he also noted that the UPLAG will have changes upcoming.

Mr. Valdez said he will be receiving the Western Zone Award at the meeting in Houston Texas.

**10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:**

June 9, 2023 – Santa Fe/Virtual

**11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m

**Submitted by:**

s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

**Approved by:**

s/ Karl Tonander

Karl Tonander, Board Chair

June 9, 2023 **Approved Date**