

Meeting Minutes

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure for Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
9:00 a.m., Friday, May 26, 2023,
Virtually**

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
Dan Flack, PE, Board Investigator
Joe Barela, PE, Board Investigator
Joan Woodward Stephen
Jenkins

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Ney convened the meeting at 9:07 a.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 Dr. Elaksher to approve the agenda as presented, **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.**

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of April 20, 2023

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve the Minutes of April 20, 2023 as presented, **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**.

5. Public Comment/Correspondence

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

6. Executive Session

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman 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

7. 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. Disciplinary Cases

1) Case 8-PE-07-12-2021 Investigator's Report

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

2) Case 6-PE-04-16-2021

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to close the case as all the requirements of the pre-NCA settlement agreement have been met, **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**.

b. Applications for Review

1) PE Exam

a) Trejo, B. - Reconsideration

MOTION by Ms. McNally to approve to sit for the PE exam,
SECONDED by Dr. Elaksher

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstain: Mr. Tonander

The motion **PASSED**.

2) PE Licensure

a) Glandon, C.

MOTION by Ms. McNally to approve for PE Licensure,
SECONDED by Ms. Dohleman

Roll Call Vote:

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

Recused: Mr. Tonander

The motion **PASSED**.

3) PE Endorsement

- a) **Berard, C.**
- b) **Follett, A.**
- c) **Girouard, M.**

Mr. Ney tabled these items and directed Board Staff to contact the applicants to inquire if they would prefer to be approved for structural endorsement instead of civil.

d) Ruderman, D.

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to not approve applicant for PE endorsement in structural due to insufficient amount of structural design hours, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols

Roll Call Vote:

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

When called on to vote Ms. Dohleman was unable to cast her vote due to technical difficulties.

The motion **PASSED**.

4) PE Reinstatement

- a) **Valdez, E.**

Mr. Ney tabled this item and directed Board Staff to gather more information.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

- a. June 8, 2023 – Santa Fe

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/Stephen Ney

Stephen Ney, Committee Chair

June 8, 2023 Approved Date