

Meeting Minutes

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023,
Virtually**

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

Members Absent- Stephen Ney, PE

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Dominique Trujillo, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Isaac Maes, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant
Ali Effati

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Ms. Nichols convened the meeting at 10:07 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. McNally,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

4. Public Comment/Correspondence

Mr. Effati gave a brief history about his engineering experience and thanked the Committee for taking the time to read his letter in regard to his academic work to consider approving him for PE licensure.

5. Closed 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 Ms. Dohleman,

Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes': Ms. Nichols, Ms. McNally, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. Dohleman,

6. Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Ms. Nichols 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. Applications for Review

1) PE Endorsement

a) Effati, A.

Ms. Nichols tabled the item and requested Mr. Valdez to explain why this decision was made.

Mr. Valdez explained to Mr. Effati that the Committee reviewed the letter he submitted; they would like additional documentation to show that the science requirement has been met. He added that the Committee would like to see course descriptions provided to NCEES which were mentioned in his letter.

Mr. Effait said he would provide that information to the Committee. He then asked if he could be placed on the August meeting agenda.

Ms. Nichols said that the Board Staff would be able to take care of this matter unless there was a discrepancy for which they needed the Committee's approval.

b) Ruderman, D.

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to not approve the application for PE endorsement, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

7. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** August 10, 2023 – Albuquerque

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/Isaac Maes

Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/Karen Nichols

Karen Nichols, Committee Chair

August 10, 2023 Approved Date