

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

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Isaac Maes, BLPEPS, Executive Assistant
Danny Hong Deng
Zusset Ortega
Jonathan Martin
Dan Romero
Randy

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 9:11 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 Ms. Dohlman to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. Public Comment/Correspondence

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

5. **Closed Session**

MOTION by Mr. Ney that the Committee enter into closed 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': Ms. Nichols, Ms. McNally, Dr. Elaksher, Ms. Dohleman, Mr. Ney

****9:17 am - Mr. Tonander joined the meeting and entered into closed session****

6. **Action on Items Discussed During Closed Session**

Ms. Nichols brought the Committee back into open session at 9:48 a.m. 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) and during the closed session, the Committee took no action.

a. **Applications for Review**

1) **PE Exam**

a) **Ortega, Z. – Reconsideration**

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

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b) **Silva, H. – Reconsideration**

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve for the extension with direction provided to the Board staff, **SECONDED** by Mr. Ney,

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) PE Endorsement

a) Appaiah, S. - Reconsideration

MOTION by Mr. Ney to approve for PE endorsement in electrical and computer, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b) Deng, H.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

Mr. Deng stated to the Board that he believed his education qualified him for PE licensure. He went on to explain he has a degree from China that was from one of the best universities in China. Mr. Deng requested clarification as to why he was not approved for PE Endorsement.

Mr. Valdez explained to Mr. Deng that one of the reasons he was not approved for PE endorsement was due to NM Practice Act which states that an applicant must have a graduated from an ABET accredited engineering program or a program that fulfills the required content of engineering education standard as defined by NCEES and received a degree from an engineering program in order to qualify for consideration of waiver of the FE exam. He went on to say that Mr. Deng's transcripts do not meet these requirements.

7. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** November 2, 2023 – Socorro/Virtual

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/Isaac Maes
Isaac Maes, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/Karen Nichols
Karen Nichols, Chair

November 2, 2023 **Approved Date**