

## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional  
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at  
1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2024,  
Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA), Gordita Conference Room  
3500 Sedona Hills Pkwy, Las Cruces, NM 87109  
& Virtual**

**Members Present-** Elizabeth McNally, PE, Committee Chair  
Emilie Dohleman, PE  
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PE/PS  
Karen Nichols, Public Member

**Members Absent-** Karl Tonander, PE, Vice Chair

**Others Present-** Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director  
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager  
Jessie James, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer  
Marlene Segura, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator  
Joe Barela, PE, Board Investigator  
Daniel Flack, PE, Board Investigator  
Earl Burkholder, PE/PS

**1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience**

Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Ms. McNally convened the meeting at 1:11 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions were 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**

Ms. McNally suggested tabling items 9. a. 1 – 10 to a special meeting.

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve the agenda as amended with items 9. a. 1 – 10 postponed to the December special meeting, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Minutes of June 6, 2024**
- b. **Minutes of August 8, 2024**
- c. **Minutes of September 13, 2024**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2024, August 8, 2024, and September 13, 2024, as presented, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5. **Public Comment/Correspondence**

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no correspondence at this time.

6. **Old Business**

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no old business at this time.

7. **New Business**

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no new business at this time.

8. **Application Review – Recommended Approval**

- a. **Confirmation of Staff Reviewed Applications**

The Committee acknowledged the confirmation of staff reviewed applications.

- b. **PE Retired Request(s)**

- c. **PE Inactive Request(s)**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve the PE inactive and retired requests with the exception of withdrawing Mr. John Blacks's inactive request, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

9. **Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman that the Committee enter into closed session at 1:23 p.m. 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. Nichols.

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

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

Ms. McNally brought the Committee back into open session at 3:40 p.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 closed session, in accordance with NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) and (3).

**a. Disciplinary Cases**

- 1) 1-PE-2024 Investigator's Report**
- 2) 4-PE-2024 (A) Investigator's Report**
- 3) 4-PE-2024 (B) Investigator's Report**
- 4) 4-PE-2024 (C) Investigator's Report**
- 5) 4-PE-2024 (D) Investigator's Report**
- 6) 4-PE-2024 (E) Investigator's Report**
- 7) 4-PE-2024 (F) Investigator's Report**
- 8) 4-PE-2024 (G) Investigator's Report**
- 9) 4-PE-2024 (H) Investigator's Report**
- 10) 4-PE-2024 (I) Investigator's Report**

Agenda items 9. a. 1 – 10 were tabled during the approval of the agenda.

**11) 6-PE-2024 Investigator's Report**

**12) 8-PE-2024 Investigator's Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to close with no action taken, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**13) 2-PE-2024 (A) Investigator's Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to toll the statute of limitation in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act, 61-1-3.1 B, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**14) 2-PE-2024 (B) Investigator's Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to toll the statute of limitation in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act, 61-1-3.1 B, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**15) 3-PE-2023**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to issue a Default Order with a fine of \$3000 to be paid within 60 days, 1 year probation, and a successful completion of an ethics course, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**b. Self-Reporting**

**1) CK-09-17-2024**

**2) GWA-10-16-2024**

**3) IG-10-09-2024**

**4) RVN-10-22-2024**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to acknowledge receipt and take no action, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**5) WRG-12-13-2022**

Ms. McNally tabled this item and gave staff direction.

**c. Status Review of Complaints and NCAs**

A report was reviewed on the status of pending cases and referrals for Notice of Contemplated Actions.

d. **Applications for Review**

1) **PE Endorsement**

a) **Barry, T.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Elaksher to approve for bypass of the FE exam and for licensure by PE Endorsement in civil and environmental engineering, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b) **Chapman, J.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve for licensure by PE endorsement in civil engineering in accordance with the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act 61-23-14.1 D. 3, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

c) **Keyhan, H.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve for licensure by PE endorsement in civil engineering, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

d) **King, D.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Elaksher to approve for licensure by PE endorsement in mechanical and electrical engineering, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

- e) **Palic, H.**  
**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to approve for licensure by PE endorsement in electrical engineering, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

- f) **Rice, A.**  
Ms. McNally tabled this item and gave staff direction.

- g) **Snook, K. – Reconsideration**  
**MOTION** by Dr. Elaksher to approve for licensure by PE endorsement in mechanical engineering, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

- h) **Younan, R.**  
Ms. McNally tabled this item and gave staff direction.

**2) PE Retired Status Request**

- a) **Butler, T.**  
**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to approve for reinstatement with direction to staff, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** January 16, 2025 – Santa Fe/Virtual

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

s/Miranda Gonzales

Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

**Approved by:**

s/Elizabeth McNally

Elizabeth McNally, Committee Chair

January 16, 2025 **Approved Date**