

Meeting Minutes

**MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025,
Toney Anaya Building, Hearing Room 1
2550 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87505
& Virtual**

Members Present- Benjamin Aragon, PS, Committee Chair
John Wayne, PS
Robert Gromatzky, PS

Members Absent- Maxine McReynolds, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Jessie James, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer
Dominique Trujillo, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Chuck Cala, PS, Board Investigator
Earl E. Burkholder, PE/PS
James Denney
Jason Natera, NMPS
Mark Gonzalez

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Aragon read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Aragon convened the meeting at 9:08 a.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

Mr. Gromatzky requested to add New Mexico State Surveyor Position under 7. c. New Business for discussion.

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the agenda as amended, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of November 7, 2024

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2024, as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5. Public Comment/Correspondence

a. Gonzalez. M.

Mr. Gonzalez introduced himself to the Committee and provided a brief background of his qualifications for his SI Certification and PS examination application.

b. Burkholder, W.

Mr. Burkholder informed the Committee that he had attended the Geospatial Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2025. He stated that during the meeting there was a presentation from Keith Cole on the modernization of the national spatial reference system in regard to the state plane coordinate system. Mr. Burkholder recommended that the Committee review the recording.

6. Old Business

a. SPCS 2022 Update

Mr. Gromatzky stated that there is no new information and that they are just waiting for the definitions.

b. Right of Entry Flyer/Brochure

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that the previous PSC had created a Right of Entry brochure. That the brochure was placed on the agenda for the Committee to review and if approved Board staff can print copies of the brochures and send them out.

Mr. Gromatzky asked if the brochure could be placed on the Board website and sent to NMPS instead of printing them. He proposed that the Board send the brochure by email to each licensee for them to print out.

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the Professional Surveyor's Guide to Right of Entry, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

7. New Business

a. Proposed Outreach – FFA and 4-H Youth Groups

Mr. Valdez stated that the Arizona Board and their society had reached out to the FFA and 4-H Youth Groups to promote surveying. He noted that the Arizona Board stated this has been a successful program and that the Committee and possibly NMPS should consider reaching out to New Mexico FFA and 4-H Youth Groups to promote surveying.

Mr. Aragon asked how the Committee would be able to get involved?

Mr. Valdez stated that we should first reach out to the organizations to let them know that the Committee is interested in promoting surveying to the organization. The Committee could attend their meetings or presentations. He noted that the organization have specific websites, and he could reach out to the chapters presidents to begin the discussion. Mr. Valdez asked Mr. Natera if NMPS would be interested in working in conjunction with the Committee to promote surveying.

Mr. Natera stated that he does think this is a good idea for NMPS.

Mr. Valdez stated that he will reach out to NMPS president Darly Costner.

b. PSC Sub-Committee for Review of Applications

Mr. Valdez placed this item for the Committees consideration to help streamline the process for approval of applications. He provided an example that when an application is complete, and the file could possibly have to wait three months before the application is reviewed at the next scheduled meeting. Board staff is proposing that the PSC create a sub-committee for review of applications.

Ms. Gonzales stated that what staff would do is scan in the application and send to two of the Committee members for review. The members of the sub-committee would review the application and either approve the application for the next step or the application will be placed on the agenda at the next scheduled meeting. The sub-committee could review the Recommended Approval, Inactive, Retired and Board Review applications.

Mr. Wayne asked if staff will be asking for more detailed information on class syllabuses for those classes that may be questioned.

Ms. Gonzales stated that staff has started to ask the applicants for the class syllabus or do the research themselves.

Mr. Aragon stated that this is a really good idea because now the exams are offered all the time and not just April and October.

Mr. Aragon and Mr. Gromatzky stated that they would volunteer to be the reviewers.

Mr. Wayne stated that if the reviewers were busy then he could be the back-up reviewer.

Mr. Aragon stated that the applications will be sent to the two reviewers and if no response is received within 5 days, then it can be sent to Mr. Wayne.

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to create the PSC sub-committee for review of applications, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

c. NM State Surveyor Position

Mr. Gromatzky presented this item as information only. He informed the Committee that he was included in an e-mail from Ms. Natalie Runyan from the NM Geospatial Information Office. She inquired if there was an interest for a New Mexico State Surveyor. Several states already have a state surveyor position.

Mr. Gromatzky said he provided a list outlining what a state surveyor might be responsible for and how it might benefit the public and interact with other state agencies. We could probably get the support from the Land Grant Committee and other agencies if this were explored more. There are several questions that need to be asked and answered regarding this position.

8. **Application Review – Recommended Approval**

a. **Recommended for Approval List**

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the Recommended for Approval List,
SECONDED by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b. **Acknowledgement of Staff Reviewed Applications**

The Committee acknowledged the staff reviewed applications.

c. **PS Retired Request(s)**

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the PS retired request, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

9. **Closed Session**

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky that the Committee enter into closed session at 10:01 a.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 Mr. Wayne.

Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

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

Mr. Aragon brought the Committee back into open session at 11:03 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 closed session, in accordance with NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) and (3).

a. **Disciplinary Cases**

1) **7-PS-10-05-2020**

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to petition the court to enforce the Final Order in case 7-PS-10-05-2020, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) 5-PS-2024

MOTION by Mr. Aragon to close the case based on the corrected plat,

SECONDED by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne

Abstained: Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED**.

b. Status Review of Complaints and NCAs

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

c. Applications for Review

1) SI Certification

a) **Gonzalez, M.**

2) PS Endorsement

a) **Gonzalez, M.**

3) PS Endorsement

a) **Davis, L.**

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to not approve items c. 1.a., 2.a, and 3.a,

SECONDED by Mr. Wayne,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Aragon, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 10, 2025 – Taos/Virtual

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/Miranda Gonzales
Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

Approved by:

s/Ben Aragon
Ben Aragon, Committee Chair

April 10, 2025 **Approved Date**

January 16, 2025
PS Recommended Approval

PS Exam
***Council Records**

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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Cooper, T.	9/30/2024	11/13/2024
Harris, J.	7/31/2024	11/12/2024

PS Endorsements
***Council Records**

1
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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Jeffries, H.	11/18/2024	12/11/2024

PS Reinstatement
***Council Records**

2
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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Fenn, D.	7/8/2024	12/19/2024
McGinn, J.	7/3/2023	12/17/2024

s/Benjamin Aragon

Benjamin Aragon, PS
PSC Chair

January 16, 2025
Acknowledgment of Staff Review Applications
For Expedited Endorsement Pursuant to 61-23-27.4 E(2)

PS Expedited Endorsements

***Council Records**

3

0 Name	Date Applied	Approval Date
Hopp, C.	11/19/2024	11/27/2024
Jeffries, J.	11/18/2024	12/11/2024
Rowe, T.	5/29/2024	12/20/2024

s/Benjamin Aragon
Benjamin Aragon, PS
PSC Chair

PS Retired List
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New Mexico Licensees: 2

Total Requests: 3

Out of State Licensees: 1

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