

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, June 5, 2025,
Conference Room of the Office of Tierra West, LLC
5571 Midway Park Pl NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
& 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
Kristine Hovie, Legal Counsel, NMDOJ
Chuck Cala, PS, Board Investigator
Glen Thurow, PS
Farid Javadnejad

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Aragon read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols and convened the meeting at 9:03 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

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of April 10, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2025, as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

Abstained: Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED**.

5. Public Comment/Correspondence

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

6. Old Business

a. SPCS 2022 Update

Mr. Gromatzky informed the Committee that it appears that SPCS 2022 will not come out this year. He believes it may come out in 2026, but it may be even later.

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

Mr. Aragon stated that he needs to respond back to the FFA and send out an email for outreach to the 4-H Youth Groups.

Mr. Valdez noted that he knows one surveyor who is very interested in helping with the proposed outreach. He will also be reaching out to Mr. David Acosta who might be willing to help with the outreach.

Mr. Aragon stated that he will have more information at the next meeting.

c. Gromatzky, R. – Guidance from DOT Concerning Setting Monuments on Surveys After the Approval or Construction is Complete

Mr. Gromatzky reported that he had been in direct contact with members from NM DOT to come up with guidance on setting monuments on surveys after the approval or construction is complete. After looking at the rules the timelines for setting monuments only applies to subdivision plats and boundary surveys. Right of way surveys operate a bit differently, he noted that NM DOT is working on a policy for monumentations.

Mr. Aragon stated that in the past the right of way map was used to acquire the property or the CMEs. Then it is followed up with the monumentation map once construction is complete, which could take 6 months or even up to 2 years.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that he will continue to reach out to NM DOT and will have an update at the August meeting.

7. New Business

a. NM State Specific Surveying Exam – Question Writing Exam Facilitator

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that the Board is currently working on initiating a contract with Mr. Glen Thurow to help update the NM state specific surveying exam. He noted that Mr. Thurow has experience with NCEES exam writing.

Mr. Thurow stated that there is a need to look at the exam. He notes that the first step would be to develop a blueprint that would outline the areas of minimum competency by subject matters specific to New Mexico. He informed the Committee that he has been directly involved with the NCEES PLSS exam module. The model is generic to create uniformity in the application and would be released in October 2027. If New Mexico decides to adopt the PLSS module then questions concerning PLSS can be eliminated in the state specific exam, and more specific questions can be developed towards New Mexico. After completing the first step he would then evaluate the current questions against the blueprint. Then writing new questions addressing how the areas lacking adequate coverage on the blueprint be developed. He noted that they would need to ensure they have a sufficient number of questions for exam rotation. Mr. Thurow stated that for those who volunteer to help with the NM state specific exam, it would be specifically for developing the blueprint or review of the exam once completed.

Mr. Cala volunteered to review the final product.

Mr. Thurow thanked Mr. Cala and noted that he would be in touch with him. He noted that a critical factor will be if the Committee will decide to adopt the PLSS module as a requirement for obtaining licensure for the state of New Mexico. Once this decision has been made that will influence the exam blueprint.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that at the NCEES Western/Central Zone the PLSS module was discussed, and that he would be in favor of the PLSS module as a requirement for licensure in New Mexico.

Mr. Aragon requested that the NCEES PLSS module be placed on the August agenda for consideration. He asked when Mr. Thurow would be able to begin the contract.

Mr. Valdez noted that the contract should be in place at the beginning of July.

Mr. Aragon asked Mr. Thurow about the timeframe for the exam.

Mr. Thurow stated that the exam would be ready for review around the first quarter of 2026.

b. Report from NCEES Western/Central Zone Surveying Related Charges

Mr. Aragon congratulated Mr. Valdez on being elected as the Western Zone Secretary. He then informed the Committee about the Surveying and Mapping Science Licensure taskforce recommendation to research and determine if a non-

boundary principles and practice of surveying examination could be offered as a standalone exam and provided a pathway towards licensure for non-boundary PS licensure injunctions. He stated that 11 states were in favor of the charge and the western states were not in favor.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that the education requirement for this licensure was a Board approved education. He noted that they may have an educational path but may not have the experience requirements in New Mexico. This type of licensure could be called something different from a Professional Surveyor.

Mr. Aragon was concerned that if they are licensed as a non-boundary surveyor, they could have the temptation of taking on boundary projects. He noted that a client might ask for a mapping project and then at the last minute they throw in a boundary. Will the surveyor state that they cannot provide the services or will they have the temptation of completing the boundary survey.

Mr. Gromatzky noted that if the Board is interested in taking this then there must be a different designation for this license.

Mr. Aragon asked if this will be a motion at the August 2025 NCEES annual meeting.

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that this will not be a motion at the annual meeting and currently is assigned to the EPS Committee.

c. Election of Officers

1) Committee Chair

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to nominate himself as Committee Chair,

SECONDED by Mr. Wayne,

Abstained: Mr. Gromatzky

The motion **PASSED**.

2) Vice-Chair

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to nominate Ms. McReynolds as Committee

Vice-Chair, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

8. Application Review – Recommended Approval

a. Acknowledgement of Sub-Committee Reviewed Applications

The Committee acknowledged the sub-committee reviewed applications.

b. Acknowledgement of Sub-Committee Reviewed Retired Requests

The Committee acknowledged the sub-committee reviewed retired requests.

c. Acknowledgement of Staff Reviewed Applications

The Committee acknowledged the staff reviewed applications.

9. Closed Session

MOTION by Mr. Aragon that the Committee enter into closed session at 10:20 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. Gromatzky.

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 11:07 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) 1-PS-2025 Investigator's Report

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to dismiss and take no further action,
SECONDED by Mr. Wayne,

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) 2-PS-2025 Investigator's Report

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to dismiss and take no further action,
SECONDED by Mr. Wayne,

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

3) 7-PS-05-20-2019

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to close the case due to fulfillment of the settlement agreement, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b. PDH Audits

1) GRM-03-11-2025-PS

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to close the case due to fulfillment of the settlement agreement, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) TP-03-06-2025

Mr. Aragon tabled this item with direction to staff.

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) SI Certification

a) Javadnejad, F.

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to not approve for SI certification and with direction to staff, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: August 7, 2025 – Albuquerque/Virtual

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

s/Miranda Gonzales
Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

s/Ben Aragon
Ben Aragon, Committee Chair

August 7, 2025 **Approved Date**

June 5, 2025
Acknowledgement of Sub-Committee Reviewed Application

PS Exam
*Council Records

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	Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
	Doonan, H.*	5/8/2025	5/12/2025
	Vasquez Sanchez, T.	3/11/2025	5/15/2025

PS Endorsements
*Council Records

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	Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
	Diehle, A.*	12/30/2024	5/15/2025
	Ireland, T.	4/22/2025	4/23/2025

s/Ben Aragon

Ben Aragon, PS
PSC Chair

Acknowledgement of Sub-Committee Reviewed PS Retired Request
June 5, 2025

New Mexico Licensees: 1

Total Requests: 1

Out of State Licensees: 0

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June 5, 2025
Acknowledgement of Staff Review Applications
For Expedited Endorsement Pursuant to 61-23-27.4 E(2)

PS Expedited Endorsements

***Council Records**

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2 **Name**

Date Applied Approval Date

Jones, C.	4/9/2025	4/16/2025
Morris, M.	4/7/2025	5/5/2025
Mudford, T.*	4/1/2025	4/17/2025
Trudeaux, R.	3/31/2025	5/5/2025
Wiswell, T.*	5/7/2025	5/13/2025

s/Ben Aragon

Ben Aragon, PS

PSC Chair