

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

MEETING OF THE NEW MEXICO BOARD OF
LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS held at
9:00 a.m., Friday, November 7, 2025,
Toney Anaya Building, CID/MHD Conference Room 3rd Floor
2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505
& Virtual

Members Present – John Wayne, PS, Vice Chair

Elizabeth McNally, PE

Benjamin Aragon, PS

Robert Gromatzky, PS

Maxine McReynolds, Esq., Public Member, Secretary

Gabe Flores, PE

Karen Nichols, Public Member

Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS

Emilie Dohleman, PE, Chair

Members Absent – Mark Dubbin, PE

Others Present – Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director

Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager

Kristine Hovie, Legal Counsel, NMDOJ

Melissa Cannata, Amber Book

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Aragon read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Wayne convened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions made at this time.

2. Meeting Notification

Mr. Valdez informed the Board the meeting was noticed on the Board's website and at the Board Office.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Wayne, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McReynolds, Mr. Flores, Ms. Nichols, Dr. Elaksher, Ms. Dohleman

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. **Minutes of August 8, 2025**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2025, as presented, SECONDED by Mr. Aragon,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Wayne, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McReynolds, Mr. Flores, Ms. Nichols, Dr. Elaksher, Ms. Dohleman

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5. Requested Public Comment/Correspondence

a. **Trujillo, A. – BLPEPS Educational Scholarship**

Ms. Gonzales informed the Board that Ms. Angelica Trujillo sent a letter thanking the Board for the scholarship she received. Currently Ms. Trujillo is enrolled in the Geomatics program from New Mexico State University.

6. Director's Report

a. **License Status Report**

Mr. Valdez gave the following licensing status report:

November 2025

Number of Active Licenses: **11,660** as of October 14, 2025

- Professional Engineers
 - Number of active PEs: **11,065**
 - In State: 1,987
 - Out of State: 9,078
- Professional Surveyors
 - Number of active PSs: **589**
 - In State: 210
 - Out of State: 379
- Professional Engineers/Professional Surveyors
 - Number of active PEPS: **6**
 - In State: 5
 - Out of State: 1

**Of the number of engineers and surveyors listed above, these are individuals licensed as both engineers and surveyors with two separate license numbers (dual licensees).*

- Licensees with two numbers: **39***
 - In State: 21
 - Out of State: 18

b. Financial Report

Mr. Valdez reported that the Board has processed the budget adjustment request that increased the budget by \$1,040,300 for personal services and employee benefits, and \$930,000 for the Certified IT project contracts. He noted that the FY26 beginning fund balance was \$1,305,121 and the scholarship fund balance was \$2,106. As of October 20, 2025, the Board has collected \$333,300 and has expended \$312,100. Mr. Valdez noted that for FY26, the Board has waived \$6,295 in application and initial license fees.

7. Old Business

a. University Support Application

1) NM Tech, Carrico, C. – Substitute Request

Dr. Carrico thanked the Board for providing the University Support for the small engineering program at New Mexico Tech. He reported that they were awarded funds for the green building program last fiscal year. However, he was unable to purchase one of the items from the vendor, as they were having trouble fulfilling it. He is requesting a substitute item for a thermal scientific PDR air quality instrument.

MOTION by Mr. Aragon to approve the application as revised for New Mexico Institute of Technology, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Wayne, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McReynolds, Mr. Flores, Ms. Nichols, Dr. Elaksher, Ms. Dohleman

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

8. New Business

a. Disposal of Outdated IT equipment and File Cabinets

Mr. Valdez informed the Board that staff is requesting approval to dispose of 12 laptops, 5 docking stations, 5 wireless keyboards, 3 mice, 1 printer and 3 filing cabinets.

MOTION by Mr. Gromatzky to approve the list of equipment to be disposed, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Mr. Wayne, Ms. McNally, Mr. Aragon, Mr. Gromatzky, Ms. McReynolds, Mr. Flores, Ms. Nichols, Dr. Elaksher, Ms. Dohleman

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

9. Committee Reports

a. PS Committee

Mr. Gromatzky reported that the Committee met on Thursday, November 6, 2025. He noted that the Committee approved the meeting minutes of August 7, 2025. The Committee addressed old business items SPCS 2020 update, FFA/4H outreach, guidance for DOT concerning monumentation after constructions, and New Mexico subdivision regulations. He reported in new business about the Geomatic Industrial Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that the Committee acknowledge the sub-committee applications. He concluded that the Committee went into closed session and there were 2 disciplinary cases and 1 application for review.

b. PE Committee

Ms. McNally reported that the Committee met on Friday, September 19, 2025. She noted that the Committee went into closed session and there was 1 disciplinary case, 2 PDH audits and 4 applications for review.

She reported on the meeting of Thursday, November 6, 2025, where the Committee approved the August 7, 2025, and September 19, 2025, meeting minutes. In new business, the Committee discussed the New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers Issues Conference. She noted that they acknowledge the sub-committee applications, retired and inactive request, and the staff reviewed applications. Ms. McNally concluded that the Committee went into closed session and there was 1 disciplinary case, 5 self-reporting cases, 1 PDH audit, and 4 applications for review.

c. Executive Committee

Mr. Wayne reported that they had met on October 2, 2025, to discuss future Board meetings being held in Santa Fe, NM. They also discussed the University Support Agreement and letters that would be sent to approved requests.

d. Joint Practice Committee

Mr. Aragon reported that they met on September 12, 2025. They discussed code enforcement with the Fire Marshall. They held elections of officers, and the new chair is Robert Loftus, the vice-chair is Barbara Felix, and the Treasurer is Tamara Kuykendall. He noted that the Landscape Architects are in charge of the JPC this fiscal year.

e. Public Information, Exam and Licensure Promotion Committee

1) Newsletter

2) Presentation(s)

Ms. McNally reported that Mr. Valdez will be presenting at the New Mexico Society for Professional Engineers Issue Conference on November 21, 2025. She noted that the newsletter was sent out this week. She asked the board members to see about submitting articles for the next newsletter.

Mr. Valdez noted that Mr. Karl Tonander and himself have hosted two ethics roundtables, and they will be holding two more. He did a presentation on the different types of leadership with the NCEES Leadership Development Committee.

f. Legal Enforcement Committee

Ms. McReynolds reported that the Legal Enforcement Committee has not met.

Mr. Wayne assigned the Legal Enforcement Committee to draft language for the New Mexico Engineering and Surveying Practice Act to include enforcement for specific performance.

Mr. Aragon volunteered to find a sponsor to carry the bill during the 2026 legislative session.

g. Penalties and Fees Committee

Mr. Wayne reported that the Penalties and Fees Committee has not met.

h. NCEES Committee Members

Mr. Valdez reported that the annual meeting was in August 2025 in New Orleans. They provided a brief update on the NCEES PLSS exam and Structural exam.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that the enforcement committee discussed online fraud in professional engineering and surveying services.

i. Project Steering Committee

Mr. Dohleman reported that the Project Steering Committee has not met.

Mr. Valdez noted that staff have met with different vendors and are in the process of selecting a vendor.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 16, 2026 – Santa Fe/Virtual

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

John Wayne, Board Chair

_____ **Approved Date**