

## Meeting Minutes

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING

### COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at

9:00 a.m., Friday, September 19, 2025,

Virtual

**Members Present-** Gabe Flores, PE, Vice Chair  
Karen Nichols, Public Member  
Emilie Dohleman, PE  
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PE/PS  
Ben Aragon, PS

**Members Absent-** Elizabeth McNally, PE, Committee Chair  
Mark Dubbin, PE

**Others Present-** Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director  
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager  
Dominique Trujillo, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator  
Stephen Martinez, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator  
Kristin Hovie, NM DOJ, AAG, Legal Counsel  
Joe Barela, PE Investigator  
Diego Sisneros  
Mohsen Soltani  
Loren

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

Mr. Flores read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols and convened the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions were made at this time.

*\*\*\*Dr. Elaksher entered the meeting at 9:11 a.m.*

### 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. Flores to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Flores, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**4. Public Comment/Correspondence**

**a. Soltani, M. – PE Endorsement Application**

Mr. Soltani provided a brief background of his education, experience and licensure information. He requested the Committee to reconsider his application for PE endorsement.

**5. Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols that the Committee enter into closed session at 9:19 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 Ms. Dohleman.

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

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

Mr. Flores brought the Committee back into open session at 11:48 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 closed session, in accordance with NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) and (3).

**a. Disciplinary Cases**

**1) 7-PE-2024 Investigator's Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to have staff issue a cautionary letter to the complainant and respondent, and cc the letter to the home licensing Board of the respondent, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**b. PDH Audits**

**1) ASL-05-15-2025**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to close the case due to fulfillment of the pre-NCA settlement agreement, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

2) **TR-05-22-2025**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nichols to close the case due to compliance with the Board's request and coming into compliance with the PDH audit, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

*\*\*\*Mr. Aragon left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

c. **Applications for Review**

1) **PE Exam**

a) **AlGhuri, M.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Dohleman to not approve the request to take the PE exam and provided direction to staff, **SECONDED** by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b) **Romero, J.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Elaksher to approve to take the PE exam, if she fails, she must wait one year before reapplying to take the PE exam, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

2) **PE Endorsement**

a) **Soltani, M.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Elaksher to not approve for PE endorsement,

SECONDED by Ms. Nichols,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

**3) PE Renewal PDH Exemption Request**

**a) Bianchini, A.**

Mr. Flores tabled this item and provided direction to staff.

**7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** November 6, 2025 – Virtual

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

s/Miranda Gonzales  
Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

s/Gabe Flores  
Gabe Flores, Committee Vice Chair

November 6, 2025 **Approved Date**