

DRAFT 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, January 15, 2026,
Toney Anaya Building, Rio Grande Conference Room 2nd Floor
2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505
& Virtual

Members Present- Gabe Flores, PE, Committee Vice Chair
Emilie Dohleman, PE
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS
Karen Nichols, Public Member

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

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Jessie James, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer
Stephen Martinez, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Dan Flack, PE, Board Investigator
Joe Barela, PE, Board Investigator
Martin Romero, CID, General Construction Bureau Chief
Julio Martinez Barrea
Daniel Montoya

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 1:01 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

MOTION by Ms. Nichols to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of November 6, 2025**
- b. Minutes of December 18, 2025**

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to approve the Minutes of November 6, 2025, and December 18, 2025, as presented, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5. Public Comment/Correspondence

- a. Martinez Barrera, J.**

Mr. Martinez Barrera thanked the Committee and Board staff for help with his application. He then provided a brief background of his experience and licensure.

- b. Montoya, D.**

Mr. Montoya asked the Committee for the status of his PE exam application.

Ms. Gonzales informed Mr. Montoya that the Licensing Administrator's will look at his file and provide him with a status.

6. Old Business

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

7. New Business

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

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 Inactive Requests**

The Committee acknowledged the sub-committee reviewed inactive requests.

- c. Acknowledgement of Sub-Committee Reviewed Retired Requests**

The Committee acknowledged the sub-committee reviewed retired requests.

- d. Acknowledgement of Staff Reviewed Applications**

The Committee acknowledged the staff reviewed applications.

9. Closed Session

MOTION by Mr. Flores that the Committee enter into closed session at 1:14 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': Mr. Flores, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Ms. Nichols.

10. Action on Items Discussed During Closed Session

Mr. Flores brought the Committee back into open session at 3:49 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) 2-PE-2024(A) Investigator's Report

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

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to issue a letter of caution with emphasis on engineering responsibilities, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

3) 3-PE-2024 Investigator's Report

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher to close and take no further action, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4) 10-PE-2024

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion PASSED unanimously.

b. **Self-Reporting**

- 1) RV-12-16-2025
- 2) SP-05-15-2025
- 3) SWS-04-24-2025
- 4) WNV-12-08-2025

MOTION by Mr. Flores to acknowledge receipt and take no further action, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion PASSED unanimously.

- 5) EB-12-09-2025
- 6) GWA-12-19-2025
- 7) JAG-11-25-2025
- 9) RMM-10-21-2025

MOTION by Ms. Nichols to enter into a pre-NCA settlement agreement with a \$1,000 fine, and if no agreement is executed within 30 days the matter will automatically be referred to the Administrative Prosecutor for issuance of an NCA, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion PASSED unanimously.

- 8) PAL-12-18-2025

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion PASSED unanimously.

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 Exam**

a) **Simp, M.**

MOTION by Mr. Flores to approve to take the PE exam, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) **PE Endorsement**

a) **Martinez Barrera, J. – Reconsideration**

Mr. Flores noted that no new action was being taken and thinks it's in the best interests that the NCEES PE exam be taken.

3) **PE Renewal Requests**

a) **Meruva, R.**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to grant an extension without penalty for 30 days once the letter has been issued, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

- a. February 20, 2026 – Virtual (*if needed*)
- b. April 16, 2026 – Santa Fe/Virtual

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

Elizabeth McNally, Committee Chair

_____ **Approved Date**