

**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, April 16, 2026,  
Toney Anaya Building, Hearing Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505  
& Virtual**

**Members Present-** Robert Gromatzky, PS, Committee Chair  
John Wayne, PS  
Benjamin Aragon, 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  
Lance Whitman, Legal Counsel, NMDOJ  
Chuck Cala, PS, Board Investigator  
Earl Burkholder, PEPS  
Jude Regensberg, PS  
Justin Leach

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

Mr. Gromatzky read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols and convened the meeting at 9:05 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. Wayne to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Minutes of January 15, 2026**

**MOTION** by Mr. Aragon to approve the Minutes of January 15, 2026, as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Wayne,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5. **Public Comment/Correspondence**

a. **J. Regensberg – Use of Affidavits for Recordation of Plat**

Mr. Regensberg informed the Committee that he discovered an affidavit signed and filed by the property owner rather than by the licensed surveyor who performed the survey. He noted that the affidavit appears to function as a surveyor's certificate, which raises concerns about unlicensed surveying by whoever signed it. He further explained that the attached survey, completed in 1991, would not meet current minimum standards if it were being filed as a current survey. Mr. Regensberg expressed concern that the county clerk may be perpetrating fraud by allowing the filing of affidavits. He requested that the Committee convene an emergency meeting to issue a cease-and-desist to the county.

Mr. Cala stated that this is a misleading document that is trying to verify or authenticate a survey and the person is not licensed to practice in New Mexico. He states that this activity is extremely dangerous because it misleads a purchaser that the survey is true and correct. He believes that the only person who could say that a survey is true and correct is a licensed surveyor. Furthermore, he noted that the Board could possibly meet with the county clerk and legal counsel to help stop this activity.

Mr. Gromatzky asked Ms. Whitman if the Committee could decide how to proceed now or if this will have to be placed at the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Whitman stated that this matter could not be acted upon at this meeting but could be added under old business for a special meeting.

Mr. Gromatzky requested Board staff to schedule a special meeting and place this item on the agenda. He also noted that he has a contact for the New Mexico Association of Counties to share with Mr. Valdez

**b. J. Payne – Approval of New Survey Plats by Lienholders**

The Chair introduced agenda item 5B and noted that the Committee received public correspondence from J. Payne. Mr. Payne was not present, and the correspondence was submitted via fax and addressed to Mr. Wayne.

Mr. Wayne provided background information. He explained that Mr. Payne is the manager of a title company in San Juan County. Historically, when a review officer was in place, the officer verified whether a property had a lienholder and required a letter of authorization before a property split could proceed. Since the previous review officer left and a new person assumed the role, this verification process appears to have lapsed.

Mr. Wayne stated that some surveys have been recorded without county-level approval checks, and in certain cases attorneys have been preparing legal descriptions without appropriate review. Mr. Payne is concerned about this practice and believes the Committee should address the issue within its jurisdiction.

The Chair noted that this item is public correspondence and is not associated with an action item under Old or New Business; therefore, no action can be taken at this time. The correspondence will be added to the list of topics for discussion at the next special PSC meeting.

**c. J. Leach**

Mr. Leach provided a brief background on his experience and qualifications for SI certification.

**6. Old Business**

**a. SPCS 2022 Proposed Legislation**

Mr. Gromatzky reported that he has completed incorporating all proposed language and comments for the state plane coordinate system within section 47-1-49 through 52 NMSA. He noted that the next step would be to find a sponsor to drive this bill in the 2027 NM Legislature.

Mr. Aragon stated that he has reached out to Senator Figueroa and there will be a meeting set up with her to discuss these changes. He asked Mr. Gromatzky if the new datum is moving away from the US surveying feet to international feet.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that from his understanding the National Geodetic Survey would like international feet or meters to be used only. However, he noted that the existing coordinate systems for NAD 83 are legally defined with the US surveying foot. The NAD 27 system does not define international foot and only

uses US surveying foot. With those systems using the US surveying foot, this will remain in the law, and the international foot will be defined in the proposed draft. However, there will be no requirement to use international foot if they are using the US surveying foot. He noted that the Committee will need to modify the New Mexico Minimum Standards for Surveying to specify that if a surveyor is using imperial units, then they must clearly state if they are using the US surveyor foot or international foot.

Mr. Aragon stated that there could be some confusion about this but there should be some more discussion regarding this. He asked Mr. Valdez if he had heard from other surrounding states what they were doing.

Mr. Valdez stated that he has not heard but could look into this.

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

Mr. Aragon reported that he will be meeting in Las Cruces to talk with the state groups for FFA and 4-H youth groups. He noted that they will be discussing outreach for young students from middle and high school. He also discussed how he attended a gifted mentorship for El Dorado High School. This was to provide high school seniors with a mentor on a path towards a career. He noted that he did volunteer the Board to help with placing students with engineering or surveying firms.

Mr. Gromatzky stated that not only can the Board provide help, but we could have NMPS help with students.

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

Mr. Gromatzky reported that he has created an advisory opinion after receiving a question about monumentation after approval or when construction is complete. He noted that this opinion was drafted with help from the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Mr. Aragon stated that in the past, the process was that the monumentation would not happen until after the construction of the project was complete so that those monuments were not obliterated. This advisory opinion would require those monuments to be placed once the land is acquired.

Mr. Gromatzky asked Mr. Aragon if the right-of-way map for acquisition gets filed with the county or is it only the monumentation map that gets filed with the county?

Mr. Aragon stated that only the monumentation map gets filed with the county.

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to adopt the Board advisory opinion for monumentation of rights-of-ways, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

**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 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. Gromatzky that the Committee enter into closed session at 10:50 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. Gromatzky, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Aragon.

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

Mr. Gromatzky brought the Committee back into open session at 11:22 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. Self-Reporting**

**1) MFB-12-04-2025**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to close the case due to fulfillment of the pre-NCA settlement agreement, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

**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) Leach, J.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to approve for SI certification,  
**SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

**2) PS Licensure**

**a) Garcia, E.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to not approve for PS endorsement,  
**SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

**3) PS Endorsement**

**a) Wilson, R.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gromatzky to approve for PS endorsement,  
**SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

11. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** June 11, 2026 – Santa Fe/Virtual

12. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

s/Miranda Gonzales  
Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

s/Robert Gromatzky  
Robert Gromatzky, Committee Chair

June 11, 2026 **Approved Date**

April 16, 2026

Acknowledgement of Sub-Committee Reviewed Application

SI Certification  
\*Council Records

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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Paustian, J.	12/8/2025	3/9/2026
Richardson, S.	6/30/2025	1/26/2026

PS Exam  
\*Council Records

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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Marez, N.	11/19/2025	1/2/2026
Salazar, E.*	2/2/2026	2/9/2026
Seely, T.	6/10/2025	1/2/2026

PS Licensure  
\*Council Records

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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Sullivan, S.*	3/17/2026	3/24/2026

PS Endorsement  
\*Council Records

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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Anton, J.*	2/23/2026	3/11/2026
Hotchkiss, D.*	9/26/2025	1/30/2026

PS Reinstatement  
\*Council Records

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Name	Date Applied	Date Completed
Carter, M.	10/15/2025	1/2/2026

s/Robert Gromatzky

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Robert Gromatzky, PS  
PSC Chair



**April 16, 2026**  
**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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<b>0 Name</b>	<b>Date Applied</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
Girard, T.	3/16/2026	3/20/2026
Hines, C.	1/27/2026	2/6/2026
Mann, C.	2/16/2026	3/26/2026
Mapes Jr., S.	3/31/2026	4/7/2026
Moser, C.	3/18/2026	3/20/2026
Pomeroy Jr., D.	12/29/2026	1/12/2026
Zurcher, V.	8/27/2025	2/2/2026

s/Robert Gromatzky

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Robert Gromatzky, PS  
PSC Chair