DRAFT Meeting Minutes

MEETING OF THE NEW MEXICO BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2026,
Toney Anaya Building, Rio Grande Conference Room, 2nd Floor
2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505
& Virtual

Members Present-	John Wayne, PS, Chair Elizabeth McNally, PE, Vice Chair Robert Gromatzky, PS Gabe Flores, PE Benjamin Aragon, PS Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS Emilie Dohleman, PE
Members Absent-	Maxine McReynolds, Esq., Public Member, Secretary Karen Nichols, Public Member
Others Present-	Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director Crystal Bustamante, BLPEPS, Budget/Finance Manager, CPO Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager Zack Shandler, Legal Counsel, NMDOJ Ralph Vincent, Vincent and Associates, Project Manager Earl Burkholder, PEPS

1. **Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience**
   Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Mr. Wayne convened the meeting at 9:02 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 Board the meeting was noticed on the Board's website and at the Board Office.

3. **Approval of Agenda**
   MOTION by Ms. McNally to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

   Roll Call Vote:

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

   The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. **Minutes of April 17, 2026**
   MOTION by Ms. McNally to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2026, as presented, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

   Roll Call Vote:

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

   The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5. **Public Comment/Correspondence**
   Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that there was no public comment or correspondence.

6. **Director's Report**
   a. **Board Office Update**
   Mr. Valdez reported that the Board is fully staffed. He noted that the Executive Assistant position was reclassified to a Licensing Administrator position. Which has been filled by Madison Martinez. He noted that the Board has an Intern, Kiara Schliening, that was hired by the State Personal Office (SPO). The internship program through SPO was established to promote state government employment to high school students.

   He further reported that there is currently one vacancy for the PEC Board member position. Mark Dubbin submitted a letter of resignation to the Governor's office due to a promotion and a work schedule that would conflict with his Board duties. In addition, Mr. Valdez stated that he had spoken with Maxine McReynolds, who indicated that she would also be resigning. She also recently received a promotion and can no longer continue service as a public member due to her work schedule.

   Lastly, Mr. Valdez reported to the Board that Executive Order 2011-023 has been rescinded. He is currently discussing the Memorandum of Understanding with Superintendent Clay Bailey of the Regulation and Licensing Department.

b. License Status Report

Mr. Valdez gave the following licensing status report:

June 2026

Number of Active Licenses: **11,774** as of June 4, 2026

- Professional Engineers
  - Number of active PEs: **11,167**
    - In State: 1,957
    - Out of State: 9,210
- Professional Surveyors
  - Number of active PSs: **601**
    - In State: 209
    - Out of State: 392
- 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: 41*
  - In State: 22
  - Out of State: 19

c. Financial Report

Ms. Bustamante reported that as of June 3, 2026, the Board has expended $773,883.87, with $77,322.61 remaining in the 200s category; $254,573.39 expended with $4,401.68 remaining in the 300s category; and $66,843.37 expended with $16,828.82 remaining in the 400s category.

She noted that the scholarship fund has an available balance of $50,889. However, the invoice from New Mexico Tech was received after the reports were generated, and once processed, the remaining balance will fall below $1,000.

Ms. Bustamante further reported that in FY26, the Board has waived $29,880 on application and initial license fees.

d. Directive Tracking

Mr. Valdez provided a status of all the Committee and Board directives. He noted that there are ten directives. Of those directives six are ongoing, three have been completed and one has been discontinued.

7. **Old Business**
   a. **Scholarship Criteria**
   Mr. Valdez reported that at the April 2026 Full Board meeting the Board discussed adding in language to the scholarship criteria to help promote taking of the NCEES FS and FE exam. He noted that Ms. Gonzales had provided draft language to the scholarship criteria adding "A letter of intent expressing the intent to take the NCEES FS or FE exam prior to graduation."

   Mr. Aragon stated that he really likes the language and at his work they are trying to promote these exams.

   Dr. Elaksher requested adding at the end of the sentence "or documentation that the FS or FE exam has been taken."

   MOTION by Ms. McNally to approve the amended language for the scholarship criteria**, SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

   Roll Call Vote:

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

   The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

8. **New Business**
   a. **Request to Increase the PDHs for Outreach Activity**
   Mr. Valdez stated that he added this item to the agenda to consider increasing the number of PDHs that licensees can earn during the biennium for outreach activities. He explained that, because the Board is working to promote engineering and surveying licensure, increasing the PDHs for outreach activities could help encourage more outreach with licensees and students. He noted that the Board currently allows 6 PDHs for outreach activities per biennium.

   Mr. Aragon suggested that the Board increase the outreach to 12 PDHs for the biennium including preparation time.

   Ms. McNally and Dr. Elaksher agreed to increase outreach activity to 12 PDH's for the biennium.

   MOTION by Mr. Aragon to begin the rule changing processes for 16.39.2.8.D.(9) NMAC to modify outreach activity including preparation time, which will now equal 2 PDH's with a maximum of 12 PDH's per biennium, **SECONDED** by Ms. McNally,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b. **FY27 Open Meetings Resolution**
MOTION by Mr. Aragon to approve the FY27 Open Meetings Resolution, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

c. **Election of Officers**
1) **Board Chair**
MOTION by Mr. Wayne to nominate Ms. McNally as Board Chair, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aragon,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstained: Ms. McNally

The motion **Passed**.

2) **Vice Chair**
MOTION by Mr. Wayne to nominate Mr. Aragon as Vice Chair, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstained: Mr. Aragon

The motion **Passed**.

3) **Secretary**

MOTION by Mr. Wayne to nominate Mr. Flores as Secretary, **SECONDED** by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstained: Mr. Flores

The motion **Passed**.

9. **Committee Reports**

   a. **PS Committee**

   Mr. Gromatzky reported that the Committee met on Thursday, June 11, 2026. He noted that the Committee approved the meeting minutes of April 16, 2026, and May 14, 2026. The Committee addressed old business items "Use of Affidavits for Recordation of Plats", "SPCS 2022 Update", and "FFA/4H and Boy & Girl Scouts outreach". In new business he reported that they had election of officers, the new Committee Chair will be John Wayne, and he will be the Committee Vice Chair.

   Mr. Gromatzky stated that the Committee acknowledged the sub-committee and staff reviewed applications. He concluded that the Committee went into closed session and reviewed the status review of complaints and NCA's.

   b. **PE Committee**

   Ms. McNally reported that the Committee met on Thursday, June 11, 2026. She noted the Committee approved the meeting minutes of April 16, 2026. The Committee held election of officers, the new Committee Chair will be Emilie Dohleman, and Karen Nichols will be the Committee Vice Chair. She noted that the Committee acknowledged the sub-committee and staff reviewed applications. She concluded that the Committee went into closed session and there were 2 disciplinary cases, 3 self-reports, 2 PDH audits, and 4 applications for review.

   c. **Executive Committee**

   Mr. Valdez reported that the Executive Committee has not met.

   d. **Joint Practice Committee**

   Mr. Aragon reported that the Joint Practice Committee has not met.

e. Public Information, Exam and Licensure Promotion Committee

1) **Presentation(s)**

2) **Newsletter**

Ms. McNally reported that the Public Information, Exam and Licensure Promotion Committee has not met. She noted that she would like all the members to email her if they would not be able to participate in presenting to students across all schools. Furthermore, she noted that there is a NMSPE meeting on June 26, 2026, in Albuquerque.

Ms. Bustamante reported that she is currently working on the newsletter and there are three articles for review by the Committee.

Ms. McNally requested that there be a bio written for Ms. Schliening.

f. Legal Enforcement Committee

Mr. Valdez reported that the Legal Enforcement Committee has not met.

g. Penalties and Fees Committee

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

h. NCEES Committee Members

Mr. Valdez noted that from the last Full Board meeting he has not had any additional meetings. He did note that he was reappointed to the MBA committee for the next year.

i. Project Steering Committee

Mr. Valdez reported that the Project Steering Committee met prior to the Full Board meeting. He noted that the Committee will be meeting once a month to discuss where the project is at.

Mr. Vincent provided the Board with a project status report. He reported that the project was on track and the go-live date will be February 4, 2027. The project is currently in the 2^{nd} two-week configuration sprint that covers the accounting functionality. He noted that sprint 1 covered the configuration of the back-office.

10. <u>Next Scheduled Meeting Date:</u> August 14, 2026 – Santa Fe/Virtual

11. <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager John Wayne, Board Chair

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