

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS**

Minutes of December 2, 2004
Public Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Kelly at 8:45 a.m. at 124 Halley Street, 3rd Floor Union Conference Room, Newark New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the time, date and place, with all pertinent material being provided.

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

President Kelly read the statement required by Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 known as the Open Public Meetings Act, and announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Star Ledger, the Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

ROLL CALL

BMs present:

James Kelly
Richard Frantz
James Valenti
Lawrence Koo
Edward Vernick
Robert Marshall
Michael Angeline
Pravin Patel
James E. Cleary
Louis Raimondi

Others present: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Arthur Russo, Executive Director, and staff members: Joseph Grabowy, Ernest Gonzalez, Robert Welsh, and Yolanda Winston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

No Report.

Administration

No report.

Examinations

No report.

Education

BM Frantz expressed the importance of remembering the travesty of Pearl Harbor on December 7th and educating the youth on its history.

Regulations

No report.

Finance

No report.

"NCEES Zone Update"

BM Raimondi informed the Board that a list of approved calculators will be disseminated to all candidates taking the April and October 2005 examinations.

Additionally, he informed the Board that NCEES is meeting with various colleges and universities to determine the feasibility of providing more professional courses rather than research courses in their respective engineering curriculums.

BM Pravin indicated that NCEES will be looking at seating arrangements at examination sites to discourage cheating among candidates.

Special Committee Reports Newsletter

VP Valenti informed the Board that he is waiting for the President's Message to finalize the newsletter.

Joint Committee

BM Patel stated that the December 7, 2004 Joint Committee meeting will be canceled.

Website

Robert Welsh informed the Board that some of the information contained on the Board's website needs to be updated, such as examination dates and due dates for materials to be received in the Board office. A meeting is to be scheduled with Print Production to address this issue.

Licensure Promotion Committee

ED Russo stated that he, VP Valenti, BM Koo and Robert Welsh, attended a meeting with Dr. Michael Klein, Dean of Rutgers University, and his assistant, Dr. Polly Crawford.

BMs Vernick and Valenti are scheduled to speak to Rutgers freshman in February.

Disciplinary Action Committee

No report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

ED Russo informed the Board that a representative of Thomas Edison College will appear before the Board at its January 20, 2005 meeting.

He stated that a notice was mailed to approximately 800 licensees who failed to renew their licenses for the current biennial period (2004-2006). Additionally, notices were sent to all companies which failed to renew their Certificates of Authorization.

BM Koo attended an ABET accreditation review of Fairleigh Dickinson's University's electrical engineering program. He stated that it was very informative and helpful.

Incoming Correspondence

Gary J. Thurman, PLS/ STV Incorporated

RE: Licensing question

(August 17, 2004) (carried over from the Sept. 16, 2004 meeting)

Mr. Thurman wrote to the Board requesting its guidance as to what it considers a geodetic control survey and its interpretation of N.J.S.A. 45:8-40.

After a discussion, Mr. Thurman will be informed that geodetic control is considered to be the practice of land surveying. Additionally, it will request that Mr. Thurman explain his second inquiry in further detail.

Michael Zukauskas, PE, Vice President/ URS

RE: Use of the word "Engineer" in an employee's title

(October 27, 2004)

Mr. Zukauskas requests an interpretation of the use of the word "engineer" as part of employee titles in his firm.

The Board tabled this matter until the next meeting.

Albert N. Faraldi, PLS, PP/ Faraldi Group, Inc.

RE: Emeritus Member Status

(November 2, 2004)

Mr. Faraldi thanked the Board for his appointment as an NCEES Emeritus Member.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

Allan R. Budris

RE: Reinstatement of his NJ PE license

(November 8, 2004)

Mr. Budris wrote to the Board explaining the reasons why his NJ license lapsed. The Board will advise Mr. Budris to submit a professional engineer application for review by the Board.

Manuel Ponte, PE, Vice President/ Jacobs-BBL

RE: New Jersey Water Environment Association Annual Conference, May 2- May 6, 2005 //

Tropicana Casino & Entertainment Center, Atlantic City, NJ

As a follow-up to his previous correspondence, Mr. Ponte wrote to the Board extending an invitation to its members to participate in the professional engineer session at the New Jersey Water Environment Association's Annual Conference.

In order to enable BM Vernick to participate, the Board will request that Mr. Ponte schedule that portion of the meeting pertaining to engineering for Wednesday, May 4, 2005. If the date cannot be changed, Mr. Ponte will be informed that a board member will not be able to attend.

Joseph Donato, Jr., PLS

RE: Online Certificate of Authorization Information

(November 16, 2004)

Mr. Donato expresses his concerns over the need to update the Certificate of Authorization list on its website.

The Board will inform Mr. Donato that it agrees with his concerns and is making attempts to update its website.

Information

The Board noted the following informational items:

- * Architecture as it differs from Engineering
- * Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Examinations
- * NCEES limits calculators allowed in examination room
- * "Codey puts department heads on notice: Cut expenses now" by: Josh Margolin - Star Ledger

The Board discussed the process of reviewing applications from Washington Accord countries. Based on the appearance by ECEI/ABET representatives, all foreign applicants must submit to an ECEI evaluation of their foreign undergraduate degree as part of the application process in compliance with the Board's regulation.

Finally, the Board reviewed correspondence from NCEES regarding Enny Award nominations. It will review the backgrounds of potential recipients and submit the nominations to NCEES.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second BM Frantz, unanimously voted to approve the following applications:

NAME	APP #	PE/EIT	DECISION	NAME	APP #	PE/EIT	DECISION
H. THOMAS	1030570	COMITY	GRANT	J. BASIL	1028667	COMITY	GRANT
T. BABER	1025077	COMITY	GRANT	R. DEPENBROOK	1024430	COMITY	GRANT
N. NEWTON	1031608	COMITY	GRANT	I. SHEYEMAN	870325	COMITY	GRANT
J. PROKOP	1030604	COMITY	GRANT	M. WALSH	1031636	COMITY	GRANT
A. COLAKOGLU	1034637	COMITY	GRANT	F. WALKER	1020854	COMITY	GRANT
R. RUSHWORTH	1023426	COMITY	GRANT	G. ANGYAL	1008494	COMITY	GRANT
B. OLIVER	1021098	COMITY	GRANT	H. DELONG	986122	COMITY	GRANT
M. HOKE	999205	COMITY	GRANT	E. DEVITA	1031606	COMITY	GRANT
J. OVERMILLER	994824	COMITY	GRANT	J. DI DONATO	1020481	COMITY	GRANT
T. BUONINCONTRI	929120	COMITY	GRANT	T. HOVER	1004901	COMITY	GRANT
J. MC GOWAN	1020477	COMITY	GRANT	J. MEYER	1018061	COMITY	GRANT
L. TAYLOR	1023436	COMITY	GRANT	S. SETHI	909300	COMITY	GRANT
N.SAPONARO	1037297	COMITY	GRANT				

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to approve the following Certificate of Authorization applications:

GBC Design, Inc.

3378 W. Market Street

Marc J. Cifone, PLS, LLC
40 Mississippi Trail
Turnersville, NJ 08012

BIOENGINEERING GROUP, INC.
18 COMMERCIAL STREET
SALEM, MA 01970

URBITRAN ASSOCIATES, INC.
71 WEST 23RD STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10010

VOLOSIN ASSOCIATES, LLC
9 OAK TREE ROAD
SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872

YEE ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES, INC.
1017 MAIN STREET
VOORHEES, NJ 08043

ELECON, INC.
424 FRANKLIN AVENUE
DENVER, NJ 07834

GREEN REVIEWS, INC.
169 AMES AVENUE
LEONIA, NJ 07605

FISHBECK THOMPSON CARR & HUBER, INC.
1515 ARBORETUM DRIVE, SE
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546

MONSANTO ENVIRO-CHEM SYSTEMS, INC.
14522 SOUTH OUTER FORTY ROAD
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

SCHWAB LAND SURVEYING AND PLANNING, LLC
8 EAST 10TH STREET
OCEAN CITY, NJ 08226

LEACH BROTHERS, INC.
18 JACKSON AVENUE
WAYNE, NJ 07470

BL COMPANIES ARCHITECTS / ENGINEERS, NEW JERSEY, INC.
355 RESEARCH PARKWAY
MERIDEN, CT 06450

AARON, ISAAC & HILDERBRANT ENGINEERING, INC.
61 CLAREMONT ROAD
BERNARDSVILLE, NJ 07924

AKRF, INC.

117 EAST 29TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10016

IVD, INC.
301 CIRCLE OF PROGRESS
POTTSTOWN, PA 19464

SGARA ENGINEERING, INC.
7 JAMES STREET
FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932

IRVING DESIGN GROUP, LLC
26 S. OAKLAND AVENUE
RUNNEMDE, NJ 08078

MORRIS SURVEYORS, INC.
1119 ARNOLD AVENUE
POINT PLEASANT BEACH, NJ 08742

INDOOR QUALITY SOLUTIONS, INC.
804 BETHLEHEM PIKE
ERDENHEIM, PA 19038

EXPONENT, INC.
149 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

ROBSON LAPINA, INC.
100 HANOVER AVENUE
CEDAR KNOLLS, NJ 07927

WILLSON ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC
15 SHETLAND GREEN
BELLE MEAD, NJ 08502

LLAN ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING, LLC
100 WAVE ROAD
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

ADVANCED SOLAR PRODUCTS, INC.
66 SYNDERTOWN ROAD
HOPEWELL, NJ 08525

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Full Board Review

Barney Hitt - #999789

The Board reviewed Mr. Hitt's application for licensure who disclosed that he was previously disciplined by the Tennessee Board.

After discussing this matter, the Board voted to request all pertinent documents relating to the Tennessee Board's action.

Russell Andersen - #1072866

In the review of Mr. Andersen's application, the Board noted that he was convicted of a felony in 1991. Previously, he informed the Board that he has served time, but sat for and passed the fundamentals of engineering examination. Mr. Anderson has requested to sit for the principles and practices examination.

The Board, after reviewing all the information, and on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to allow him to take the examination.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS asked the Board when licensees can expect to receive the next newsletter. The Board stated that the letter would be finalized and published in the near future.

Mr. Blumeling informed the Board that there is an organization comprised of technical schools, such as UMDNJ, NJIT, Essex County College and Rutgers, which has a panel that addresses concerns of the technical industry. He stated that this panel may consider expanding to include engineering schools throughout the state.

Mr. Blumeling expressed his satisfaction with the topographic notice which was published in The New Jersey Register on November 1, 2004.

Continuing Education

BM Raimondi discussed a continuing education course entitled "Growth Management." On a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Vernck, the Board unanimously voted to reduce the number of requested CEUs to 3 since it involves planning as well as surveying.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Patel, the Board voted unanimously to move to Executive Session to complete its agenda.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

On a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board, on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:30pm.

Approved by:

James D. Kelly
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

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