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State Board of Professional Engineers And Land Surveyors Minutes of February 15, 2024 Public Session Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of the scheduled the February 15, 2024 meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was not held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, but remotely. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, adequate notice was made by mailing and posting in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-18. The meeting was called to order by President James Valenti at 9:02 am and conducted virtually.

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

President Valenti 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 Newark Star-Ledger, Trenton Times, the Camden Courier Post, Bergen Record, and the Atlantic City Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Manar Alsharaa, PE James Purcell, PE
Magdy Hagag, PE Tam Sillick, PE
Gary Paparozzi, PLS James Valenti, PE
Lisa Peterson, PE, PLS Michael Venuto, PE, PLS

Others present: Dan Roman, Deputy Attorney General; Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General; Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst; Keith Miller, Executive Director; staff members Lynn Craddock, Yolanda Winston and Peggy Hinkley and five members of the public.

APPEARANCES

Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs
10:15 am – Investigative inquiry with respondent ENG-2022-05886

REVIEW OF MINUTES

January 19, 2024 for review

Clarification was made to the motion under continuing education credits.

ACTION: After reviewing the minutes of January 19, 2024, the Board, on a motion by BM Alsharaa, seconded by BM Hagag unanimously voted to approve the minutes as amended.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A General Report

1 Licensing statistics

	Active	Expired	Retired
PE / LS	147 (same)	346 (same)	103 (same)
Professional Engineers	20,749 (+149)	16,854 (same)	3,078 (+2)
Professional Land Surveyors	704 (+1)	788 (same)	196 (same)

2 State Specific Exam – upcoming administrations

March 14, 2024 @ 10 am Must Register by March 7, 2024

3 Comparison of NJ Regulations and NCEES Model Regulations and Law – J. Valenti

ACTION: The Board reviewed and discussed the information.

4 NCEES Northeast Zone Interim Meeting

Board to approve Manar Alsharaa and Magdy Hagag to attend the NCEES meeting as funded delegates

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Sillick, seconded by BM Venuto, unanimously voted to approve Manar Alsharaa and Magdy Hagag to attend the meeting as funded delegates. BM Purcell will also be attending the meeting as Past President of NCEES.

5 Questions regarding signing and sealing

Q1 - The CEO of an engineering firm travels quite extensively and is not often in the office. Can the chief legal advisor sign the COA application in his stead?

Q2 - The regulations state that the COA # is included in the seal if appropriate however in this case, they do not have a COA # because as a partnership, they are not required to have one.

ACTION: In response to #1, the Board determined that the CEO of an engineering firm needs to sign the application form. As for question #2, the Board determined that the COA license number, if the firm has one, should be noted in the title block and provide the title block regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed regulation change to 13:40-11.3 and 13:40-13.1 limiting the completion of continuing professional competency (CPC) courses to 8 hours within a 24-hour period.

2/15/2024 Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs

ACTION: After some discussion, it was determined that “24-hour period” be changed to ‘calendar day’ and will start the process of review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Standing Committees:

I Application Improvement Committee – JValenti (Chair) & MVenuto

ACTION: Board reviewed the information submitted by BP Valenti. Also the question of when the renewal information be mailed out to licensees. ED Miller stated he would check with the appropriate office.

II PLS Education Committee – GPaparozi (Chair) & LPeterson

ACTION: Board discussed this item earlier with Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst.

III Legislation Committee – MHagag (Chair) & JPurcell

ACTION: A list will be provided for review at the next meeting.

IV NCEES Committee – JPurcell (Chair) & M Alsharaa

ACTION: Upcoming Zone meeting in Washington DC

V Joint Committee – M Alsharaa, MHagag and TSillick (alt member)

ACTION: The next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2024.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND CPC COURSES

A Routine Licensure

ACTION: On a motion by BM Hagag, seconded by BM Purcell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following applications as indicated:

Name	Application #	Comity/Exam	Decision
AbiSaab, Nidal	2698847	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Al-Shammari, Abeer Hussein Hasson	2723655	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Ambrogio, Louis Joseph	2710711	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Arroyo, Marvin M	2782659	Comity	Grant PE Licensure

Bandaru, Ravi Kishore	2735697	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Beliveau, Chantal Louise	2773278	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Benevento, Marc	2722527	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Berra Kossik, Fernando Enrique	2769425	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Betteridge, Thomas	2756118	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Bhuiyan, Mohsin	2721683	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Bishop, Alexander Bach	2785900	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Caden, Andrew Hyatt	2762457	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Celona, Jared Michael	2767626	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Cerbin, Mark Anthony	2766748	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ciruela Ochoa, Francisco Jose	2777024	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Cleofe, Immanuel Rodriguez	2761993	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Connor, Kyle Patrick	2765913	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Cremeans, Jay C	2630141	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Cyr, Randall	2384478	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
DeWolfe, Phillip Kent	2760011	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
DiSalvo, C Garr	2745361	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Donahue, Raquel	2773996	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Dubadi, Anish Sharma	2767016	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Dudnik, Vasily	2790392	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Eisen, Adam	2769766	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Ericson, Nils V, III	2754424	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Fan, Xiaohu	2770034	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Fergen, Matthew Robert	2781915	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Fey, Daniel	2660915	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Flocco, Joseph Richard, III	2773765	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Foote, Dean Lewis	2743473	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Fucci, Steven	2764588	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Gavula, Stephen	2711939	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Geiger, Matthew James	2738394	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Gentz, Barry Joseph	2700388	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ghaly, Magdy	1486787	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Grassi, Joseph Andrew	2758396	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Guertin, Jake Oliver	2743144	Exam	EIT Granted
Guido, Jakob Dylan	2734617	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Hampsey, James Jensen	2702653	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Hasan, Atiya	2789036	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Hayes, Jeremy Tyler	2616782	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Hill, William Lee	2779621	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Hipp, Starke Winston	2790231	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Jabo, Joseph	2698720	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Johnson, Erik Michael	2791851	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Jones, Ryan	2783612	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Kachwalla, Abbas Shiraz	2775837	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Kim, Jay	2787276	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Kindberg, Gregory Michael	2644660	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Kowaleski, Paul Michael	2772369	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Little, Jelyssa Krystal	2746156	Comity	Grant PE Licensure

Liviapoma Misquero, Jorge	2729681	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Lopez-Ona, Eugene William	2790388	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Love, Nathan Thomas	2714302	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Maguire, Michaela	2761757	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Makaruk, Yevhen	2727788	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mall, Benjamin James Conrad	2780582	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mallavarapu, Annapurna Surya Sravani	2725047	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Markle, Jared	2667648	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
McClure, Ryan William	2761242	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
McSorley, Matthew Francis Donald	2765242	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Menzer, Joseph	2772005	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mercado Nunez, Jorge	2680878	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Michial, Adel Fawzi	2749721	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Misner, Kelly	2591170	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Molendyk, Brent Laroy	2783877	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Moran, Brendan Curtis	2785415	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mori, John David	2786111	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Nugent, Megan	2759887	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Ober, Eric R	2730027	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Onodera, Maki	2775348	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Paredes, Paloma	2782683	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Patel, Deven R	2732270	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Patel, Ravi B.	2769547	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Patel, Taj N.	2767272	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Patel, Tarang Ghanshyambhai	2687130	Exam	EIT Granted
Peek, Jennifer L	2774315	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Petrucci, Matthew Louis	2692854	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Pfeifer, Brian George	2779191	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Pichardo, Luilfy Miguel	2760418	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Pomerleau, Lucas Thomas	2666896	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Porzilli, Dante Vincenzo	2777183	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Poulimenos, Demetrius J	2751300	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Qadir, Samir Aslam	2711655	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Qorri, Elio	2765311	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Ramirez, Miguel	2733592	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Rosenthal, Zachary	2769870	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Ryan, Matthew Joseph	2733526	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ryan, Steven Armendarez	2720784	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Schubert, Nancy Elaine	2763335	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Schulte, Robert	2776345	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Seiling, David	2782900	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Seiwell, Patrick	2776058	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Silverstein, Andrew J	2788088	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Sison, Erik Greyson	2687200	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Sluzynski, Jacek	2745692	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Stevens, David Allan	2730933	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Story, Jonathan L	2786468	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Stuart, Connor	2768998	Exam	Grant PE Licensure

Tachdjian, Peter Ohan	2765654	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Tigua Gomez, Ricardo Alberto	2728780	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Tihonichev, Anton	2718833	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Tortorella, Nicholas Stephen	2764689	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Trivedi, Maulik Haresh	2758261	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ward, Harvey L	2750311	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Whittaker, Mark Anthony, Jr.	2669975	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Wininger, James Carlisle	2776372	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Wong, Wing	2767702	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Xiao, Hua	2754154	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Zdanis, Lawrence Michael	2544682	Exam	Grant PE Licensure

B Continuing Professional Competency Courses

ACTION: None submitted for review.

C Full Board Review

- 1 Egidijus Bulcis – Applicant #2739739 (M Alsharaa)
Reason: Seeking clarification on our standards when a supervisory reference provides negative feedback about an applicant, especially when other references provided positive input.

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Alsharaa, seconded by BM Purcell the Board unanimously voted to table the application and request a further clarification of his statements from the individual providing the reference and request the applicant provide additional references.

- 2 Murugesu Uthayakumaran – Applicant #2660270 (M Hagag)
Reason: At issue is the question of international experience vs US based experience.

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Hagag, seconded by BM Purcell, the Board voted to approve the application, as submitted, for licensure. BM Alsharaa is recused from voting on this application. Motion carried.

D Reinstatement

- 1 Michael San Buenaventura PE – 24GE04599400 Inactive – 2006

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Peterson, the Board voted to approve for reinstatement. BM Paporozzi abstained from voted. Motion carried.

- 2 Joshua D. Meles PE – 24GE05548800 Exp April 2022

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Venuto, seconded by BM Paporozzi, the Board voted to table this application and request more information of his cpc credits.

- 3 Andres E. Abreu – 24GE03902700 – 4/30/2002 exp Re-review
Summary: On January 18, 2024, after some discussion, the Board unanimously voted to request he resubmit his application and provide specific info on his immediate supervisor as requested on the form and if he has not provided a reference from an immediate supervisors he needs to supply one.

2/15/2024 Board to review application

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Hagag, the Board unanimously voted to reinstate his license.

E Certificates of Authorizations

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Venuto, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following companies for Certificates of Authorization.

JACOBS CIVIL CONSULTANTS, INC.

One Penn Plaza, Suite 2400
New York, NY 10119
Application #2771267

RMA GROUP INC.

936 South Oyster Bay Road
Hicksville, NY 11801-1141
Application #2785534

NICODEMUS ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS LLC.

5 Edgewater Drive
Hainesport, NJ 08036
Application #2785538

MJE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC.

52 Sheffield Ave.
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831
Application #2785544

MAXWELL ENGINEER INC.

2552 Ponce DeLeon Blvd. - Ste 220
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Application #2652115

HIVE POWER ENGINEERING LLC

968 Postal Road - Suite 310
Allentown, PA 18109
Application #2785557

DENALI ENGINEERING LLC.

PO Box 84
Blackwood, NJ 08012
Application #2785549

INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Home Inspection regulations pertaining to the requirements of licensed professional engineers applying for home inspector license for review.

ACTION: Duly noted. Good resource for board members when reviewing PE home inspector applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ED Miller informed members of the public at the meeting that the Board will not comment on the status of applications. Any questions regarding the status of applications can be emailed to ED Miller at millerk@dca.njoag.gov

James Nicodemus commented that he tried to renew his license but received a message online that there is no license to renew.

ED Miller stated he would check with the appropriate office for a status update on the renewal site.

Mike San Buenaventura informed the Board that he will re-submit his continuing education credits to ED Miller.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION for the purposes of reviewing Executive Session minutes, review of complaints, consideration of disciplinary actions and advice of counsel.

On a motion by BM Hagag, seconded by BM Purcell, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing Executive Session minutes, review of complaints, consideration of disciplinary actions and advice of counsel.

NEXT MEETINGS

March 21, 2024

April 18, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Pappozzi, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

James Valenti, PE
Board President

Keith Miller
Executive Director