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State Board of Professional Engineers And Land Surveyors Minutes of March 21, 2024 Public Session Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of the scheduled the March 21, 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: Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General; Daniel Roman, Deputy Attorney General; Keith Miller, Executive Director; staff members Lynn Craddock, Valerie Nivose, Shonnette Messiah, Peggy Hinkley and twenty (20) members of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BP Valenti announced that the Election of Officers will be held at the April meeting of the Board. Any board member interested in running for either President or Vice President of the Board is to submit a letter expressing your interest to James Valenti and James Purcell prior to the April meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

February 15, 2024 for review

ACTION: After reviewing the minutes of February 15, 2024, the Board, on a motion by BM Venuto, seconded by BM Paparozzi, unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A General Report

1 Licensing statistics

	Active	Expired	Retired
PE / LS	143	346	103
Professional Engineers	20,752	16,850	3,130
Professional Land Surveyors	692	788	202

2 State Specific Exam

	Total	Passed	Failed
Last test given	8	2	6

Next Test: May 16, 2024 @ 10 am
Deadline to Register May 9, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Standing Committees:

1 Application Improvement Committee – JValenti (Chair) & MVenuto

ACTION: No report.

2 PLS Education Committee – GPaparozzi (Chair) & LPeterson

ACTION: Waiting on the proposed regulation to make its way through new regulation review process.

3 Legislation Committee – MHagag (Chair) & JPurcell

A Chart for review/discussion

ACTION: Review of the legislation on the chart was discussed and the Board determined to forward the list of legislative bills to the Legislative Liaison in the Division of Consumer Affairs to see if they are tracking these bills in the legislature.

4 NCEES Committee – JPurcell (Chair) & M Alsharaa

ACTION: Zone meeting will be held May 2 – 4, 2024, in Washington DC. BMs Alsharaa, Hagag and Purcell will be attending the meeting. NCEES created a Foundation specifically for using funds for advancing the profession as a charitable organization which is separate from Board of Directors. The Annual meeting will be held August 14 to 17, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois.

The Board, on a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Paparozzi, to authorize BMs Alsharaa and Hagag as voting delegates to vote on matters at the meetings.

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

March meeting has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is May 7, 2024.

ACTION: Duly noted.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND CPC COURSES

A Routine Licensure

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

Name	Application #	Comity/Exam	Decision
Aly, Ahmed Shawki	2692293	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Amray, Muhammad	2715483	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ashamala Morcos, Mena G.	2575559	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Awasthi, Vishnu k	2705478	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ayer, Birkie, Jr.	2782587	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Bain, Phillip Katz	2745153	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Barnes, Thomas J	2781685	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Barrett, Taylor	2679275	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Begley, Jeremy J	2790101	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Biddle, Callan	2694501	Comity	LS Licensure Granted
Bowen, Nicholas James	2763587	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Casey, Christopher Patrick	2766125	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Celona, Jared Michael	2767626	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Charlton, Nathan	2794114	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ciocco, Marissa Nicole	2785373	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ciruela Ochoa, Francisco Jose	2777024	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Cleofe, Immanuel Rodriguez	2761993	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Costa, Phillip J	2751795	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Crespo, Vivian	2756665	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
DeVitis, Sam Lawrence	2760120	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Edwins, Andrew	2751947	Exam	Grant PE Licensure

Ellman, Philip	2717081	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Escobar, Jose Alejandro	2788684	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Fadel, Theodoros	2686390	Exam	EIT Granted
Fergen, Matthew Robert	2781915	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Gao, Shengyan	2772808	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Garrett, Kathryn	2796250	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Gutierrez, Jesus	2727157	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Hagan, Charles Tilden, IV	2783274	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Hansl, Mario	2716127	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Hosseinibalajadeh, Seyedsheil	2708379	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Jaskiewicz, Timothy Curtis	2699614	Comity	LS Licensure Granted
Johnson, Erik Michael	2791851	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Johnson, William Leo, IV	2794291	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Kachwalla, Abbas Shiraz	2775837	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Kempainen, Paul	2713088	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Little, Jelyssa Krystal	2746156	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ma, Yinghong	2726464	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Maqellara, Betim	2770623	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Marzello, Joseph	2791708	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mavalankar, Amit V.	2776979	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
McClure, Ryan William	2761242	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
McGonigle, Nicholas	2793501	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Miller, Casey	2690340	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Miyoshi, Issei	2749511	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Nugent, Megan	2759887	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Onorati, Jeffrey Gordon	2773557	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Powell, Traci	2802072	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Rehman, Humza M.	2774953	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Retta, Amanda Claire	2773211	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ritchie, Michael	2698300	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Sachs, Derek	2739001	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Saeed, Basit	2761902	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Seiwell, Patrick	2776058	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Shaffer, Robert Andrew	2792124	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Shirtz, Jamie A	2763229	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Singh, Deepinder	2742220	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Sosnowski, Piotr Andrzej	2748018	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Spencer, Melinda Duplan	2797485	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Thapa Magar, Kamal	2789690	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Uthayakumaran, Murugesu	2660270	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Venditti, Charles Edward	2740329	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Walter, Scott A	2788700	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Wyrick, Douglas Dale	2753437	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Yap, Han Sheng	2683251	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Zimmerman, Taylor	2733611	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Zygmunt, Robert Andrew	2777407	Comity	Grant PE Licensure

B Continuing Professional Competency Courses

No courses presented for approval

C Full Board Review

- 1 Troy Dittenhofer – Applicant 32721953 (T. Sillick)
Reason: Some experience was gained while applicant was still in school and needs to be evaluated.

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Sillick, seconded by BM Alsharaa, the Board unanimously voted to advise Mr. Dittenhofer his application submittal is pre-mature at this time and he needs to provide additional experience.

- 2 Ethan Scully – Applicant #2770255 (J. Purcell)
Reason: The applicant has military experience to be considered.

ACTION: After some discussion, on a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Sillick, the Board unanimously voted to request Mr. Scully provide explanation of work experience under Mr. Hickey, identify the responsible PE in charge, what projects he worked on and references from those licensees.

D Reinstatement

No applications submitted for review

E Certificates of Authorizations

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

SURINAK ENGINEERING, LLC
3819 N Delaware Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2647
Application #2774851

ERCOLANO ENGINEERING LLC
826A Lincoln Avenue
Maywood, NJ 07607
Application #2792785

ADAMS & CHRISTENSEN ENGINEERING, INC
782 Wexford Court
Garylake, IL 60030
Application #2792777

STRUT ENGINEERING & INVESTMENT, INC

3017 Randolph Rd NE
Atlanta, GA 30345
Application #2792792

EQUAGEN ENGINEERS LLC

8045 Arco Corp Dr - Suite 220
Raleigh, NC 27617
Application #2785487

DANSCO ENGINEERING, LLC

5912 Fortune Place
Apollo Beach, FL 33572
Application #2778551

GEORGETOWN ENGINEERING PLLC LLC

5005 3rd Avenue S
Seattle, WA 98134
Application #2775035

PM GROUP USA

200 Summit Drive, Suite 105
Burlington, MA 01803
Application #2771608

LAPORTE CONSULTANTS CORP

200 N Warner Rd. - #201
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Application #2757519

17 ENGINEERING LLC

42 Cove Ct.
Oriental, NC 28751
Application #2792746

CANYONS STRUCTURAL, INC

1245 E Brickyard Rd. #200
Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Application #2801374

HIRSCHMUGI, HEINE & ASSOCIATES, INC

554 Sierra Springs Drive
Crowley Lake, CA 93546
Application #2801370

HGS LIMITED D/B/A CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC

3260 Devon Drive
Windsor Ontario, Canada N8X 4L4
Application #2757080

TK ENGINEERING, LLC

9 Brook Avenue
Montvale, NJ 07645
Application #2801394

CALLIOTT CONSULTING LLC

1905 Mistflower Glen Ct.
Chesterfield, MO 63005
Application #2792769

GEMINI ENGINEERING GROUP LLC

101 Nightlinger Lane
Millsap, TX 76066
Application #2797482

INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nothing discussed

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Michelle Donarski
February 6, 2024 email
Re: Question on Engineer Corporation

ACTION: The Board determined that they can provide engineering services in New Jersey as long as there is a New Jersey licensed Professional Engineer, in responsible charge, with the firm in Minnesota.

B Thomas Lemanowicz
March 14, 2024 email
Re: Digital signatures

ACTION: The Board determined that however the Municipality requests plan submittal, whether digitally or on paper, shall be in conformance with the regulations that plans that are submitted digitally, must contain a digital seal and signature. If the plans are submitted on paper, a raised seal and wet signature is required on the plans.

C Mary Beth Straguzzi
February 20, 2024
Re: Signatures on plans

ACTION: The Board determined that if plans are submitted digitally, they must contain a digital seal and signature. If the plans are submitted on paper, a raised seal and wet signature is required on the plans.

BP Valenti opened the comment session to any members of the public present to raise their hand, identify themselves and make their comment to the Board.

After hearing no one from the public present and having received no other written comments from members of the public, BP Valenti proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board, on a motion by BM Hagag, seconded by BM Pappozzi, 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

April 18, 2024 - In-person meeting - Union Conference Room, 3rd Floor
May 16, 2024 - virtual meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED BY:

James Valenti, PE
Board President

Keith Miller
Executive Director