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### State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Minutes of June 15, 2017 Public Session Minutes

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by Board President James Valenti, at 9:02 a.m. at 124 Halsey 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 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: James Cleary, PE/PLS  
Michael Kelly, PE  
Richard Smith, Jr., PLS  
James Valenti, PE  
Edward Vernick, PE

Absent: Barry Jones, PLS  
James Purcell, PE

Others present: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joanne Leone, Executive Director, Joseph Grabowy, Senior Mgt. Assistant, staff members Yolanda Winston and Peggy Hinkley.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

#### APPEARANCES

9:30 am - Interview with Jami M. Bjornstand, PE Exam Applicant #2095587

**ACTION:** Subsequent to her interview with the Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to accept Ms. Bjornstad's design experience and to approve her to take the Principles and Practices of Engineering examination. Motion carried.

10 am - Investigative Inquiry (#ENG-2016-02469) - canceled

11 am - Investigative Inquiry (#ENG-2017-00149)

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*May 18, 2017* for review

**ACTION:** After reviewing the minutes of May 18, 2017, the Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Cleary, voted to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### A. General Report

#### 1. April 2017 PE test results

**ACTION:** Noted for the record.

#### 2. Procedural Updates

The instructions for both the Engineer-in-training and Land Surveyor-in-training applications have been revised and submitted for further review before posting to the Board's website. The PE and LS Applications have been updated to conform to the requirements of the Division of Consumer Affairs. Other application changes may be made subsequent to the promulgation of new regulations in 2018.

**ACTION:** Noted for the record.

#### 3. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Law Exam

The Board discussed the elimination of the current law exam and the possibility of requiring licensees to certify at biennial renewal that they have reviewed the Board's statutes and regulations.

**ACTION:** After discussion, on a motion by BM Cleary, seconded by BM Smith, the Board voted unanimously to eliminate the law exam in its current form and to explore the possibility of having licensees certify that they have reviewed the Board's statutes and regulations at biennial renewal. Motion carried.

#### 4. Engineer-in-Training Certificates

**ACTION:** After discussion, the Board voted to keep issuing the 8.5" by 11" Engineer-in-Training Certificate to applicants who complete this process.

B. Incoming Correspondence

1. June 2, 2017  
Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator, South Carolina Board of  
Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors  
Re: NCEES Treasurer Nomination Timothy W. Rickborn, MS, PE

**ACTION:** Noted for the record

2. 2017 NCEES Engineering Education Award Winners

**ACTION:** Noted for the record

3. June 7, 2017  
Edgar Alden Dunham, IV Esq.  
Requests Board clarification regarding whether his client must obtain a Certificate  
of Authorization.

**ACTION:** Subsequent to some discussion, on a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by  
BM Smith, the Board unanimously voted to advise Mr. Dunham that his client must  
obtain a Certificate of Authorization. Motion carried.

C. Outgoing Correspondence

**ACTION:** None were discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Standing Committees:

- I. Legislation Committee
  - i. Legislation Chart - BM Vernick stated that A760/S1599, which requires  
certain professional boards to report licensure exam passage rates was  
reported out of Committee on 6/12/17.

**ACTION:** Noted for the record.

II. Regulations / Sunset Committee

**ACTION:** BM Kelly informed the Board that the subcommittee held a conference call to  
discuss the regulations. Continued discussion by the subcommittee for the remaining  
regulations will be held in the upcoming months.

III. NCEES Committee

**ACTION:** BP Valenti stated that he and Board Members Smith, Purcell, Kelly and Executive Director Leone will be attending the upcoming NCEES Annual meeting in August.

IV. Joint Committee

**ACTION:** The next scheduled meeting of the committee will be September 12, 2017.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND CPC COURSES**

A. Routine Licensure

**ACTION:** On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Cleary, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following applications as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Comity/Exam</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Alexiades, Nicholas	2071372	Exam.	Take PE
Al-Khusaibi, Hazim	2089565	Comity	Grant License
Aroz, Halie	2112331	Comity	Grant License
Aucoin, David	2071426	Comity	Grant License
Austin, Steven	2109948	Comity	Grant License
Ayithi, Aditya	2112596	Comity	Grant License
Ayoub, Feras	2095404	Exam.	Take PE
Barger, Jon	2080067	Comity	Grant License
Barkho, Patricia	2092828	Exam.	Take PE
Baske, Michael	2103520	Exam.	Take PE
Beaver, Timothy	2087561	Comity	Grant License
Bonsu, Jude	2087844	Comity	Grant License
Breinholt, Kyle	2095147	Comity	Grant License
Brown, Nathaniel	2093503	Comity	Grant License
Cheng, Sinh Man Kevin	2085790	Comity	Grant License
Clark, Kevin	2083084	Comity	Grant License
Clarke, Nicole	2066782	Exam.	Take PE
Desai, Tejas	2037262	Comity	Grant License
Finzel, Kelly	2116451	Comity	Grant License
Fitzpatrick, Andrew	2080163	Comity	Grant License
Gardner, James	2085226	Comity	Grant License
Griffith, Daniel	2105712	Comity	Grant License
Haberek, Daniel	2109267	Comity	Grant License
Halteman, Richard	2117444	Comity	Grant License
Heinze, Jason	2097856	Comity	Grant License
Jenkins, James	2039008	Comity	Grant License
Khan, Nicole	2113896	Exam.	Take PE
Kipp, James	2108095	Exam.	Take PE
Kossmann, Kimberly	2113905	Comity	Grant License
Leatherman, Brent	2114426	Comity	Grant License

Little, Ryan	2105984	Exam.	Take PLS & NJ State
Lopez, Anthony	2063140	Exam.	Take PE
Mangan Michael	2108910	Exam.	Take PE
Martin, Andrew	2063757	Comity	Grant License
Mashhad, Amir	2090533	Comity	Grant License
Mathers, William	1895809	Comity	Grant License
Matthews, Jared	2091667	Comity	Grant License
Mayer, Brendan	2088820	Comity	Grant License
Midwig, Joseph	2113739	Exam.	Take PE
Miles, Phillip	2103947	Comity	Grant License
Morley, Mark	1994965	Comity	Grant License
Paton, Peter	2103930	Comity	Grant License
Patterson, Curtis	2043647	Comity	Grant License
Piotrowski, Phillip	2109898	Exam.	Take PE
Preston, John	2084742	Comity	Grant License
Quigley, Matthew	2073672	Comity	Grant License
Scullion, Ryan	2099367	Comity	Grant License
Shemanski, Daniel	2101724	Exam.	Take PE
Stringfellow, Alan	2094145	Comity	Grant License
Turley, Andrea	2115612	Comity	Grant License
Wajda, Robert	2107880	Comity	Grant License
Welch, Nicholas	2107807	Comity	Grant License

**ACTION:** On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Smith, the Board unanimously voted to request additional information for the following applications as indicated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Comity/Exam</b>
Adnan, Mohsin	1985895	Comity
Dennedy, Lawrence	2056682	Exam.
Mahmood, Ashar	2095026	Comity
Ward, Jon	2030739	Comity

B. Continuing Professional Competency Courses

*No courses submitted for review*

C. Full Board Review

William J. Chomic - applicant # 1987514

**ACTION:** Subsequent to reviewing his application, on a motion by BM Cleary, seconded by BM Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to grant a professional engineer license to Mr. Chomic. Motion carried.

D. Reinstatement

*No applications submitted for review*

E. Certificates of Authorizations

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

**A.D. MARBLE & CO., INC.**  
2200 Renaissance Blvd.  
Suite 260  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Application#2116682

**STRUCTURAL ENGINUITY, INC.**  
959 Larchmont Ct.  
Aurora, IL 60504  
Application#2125070

**JOSEPH BARBATO ASSOCIATES, LLC.**  
National Corporate Research Ltd.  
14 Scenic Drive  
Dayton, NJ 08810  
Application#2108489

**FLATIRON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
19 Blackburn Place  
Summit, NJ 07901  
Application#2126221

**724 CONSULTING, INC.**  
119 Balch Springs Cir SE  
Leesburg, VA 20175  
Application#2128456

**HIGHLANDER CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC.**  
3223 Revere Road  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
Application# 2124288

**KRECH, O'BRIEN, MUELLER & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
6115 Cahill Avenue  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076  
Application#2111987

**INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None for discussion

**CLOSED CASES**

The Board closed the following cases today:

- 1 ENG-2016-02538 Robert Busch, PE
- 2 ENG-2016-02516 David Faccas, PE
- 3 114668 Richard B. Lukoff, PE
- 4 ENG-2017-00615 Mary McElroy, PE,

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Seeing no one from the public present, BP Valenti proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Cleary, the Board voted to go into executive session for the purposes of conducting an investigative inquiry as well as reviewing the minutes and other executive session agenda items.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

July 20, 2017	Regular Meeting	Union Room, 3rd Floor
No August Meeting		
September 21, 2017	Regular Meeting	Union Room, 3rd Floor

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Cleary, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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James Valenti, PE  
Board President

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Joanne Leone  
Executive Director