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### State Board of Professional Engineers And Land Surveyors Minutes of May 21, 2020 Public Session Minutes

#### CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current state of emergency, the May 21, 2020 meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was not held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, but remotely. Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1 notice was provided within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Michael Kelly at 9:13 am and conducted electronically only. All parties were duly notified of the time, date 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 Newark Star-Ledger, Trenton Times, the Camden Courier Post, Bergen Record, and the Atlantic City Press.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Manar Alsharaa, PE  
Michael Kelly, PE  
Gary Paparozzi, PLS  
Edward Vernick, PE  
James Purcell, PE  
Richard Smith, Jr., PLS  
James Valenti, PE

Absent:

Others present: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Michael DeFrancisci, Acting Executive Director; Mahnaz Rahim, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs; staff members Yolanda Winston and Peggy Hinkley

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election and installation of officers

Mr. Vernick announced that the nomination committee received a letter of intent for the office of

President of the Board from James Valenti, PE, which he read aloud to all board members.

**ACTION:** The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Smith, voted to elect James Valenti as President of the Board. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Vernick announced that the nomination committee received two letters of intent for the office of Vice President of the Board from Richard Smith, PLS, which he read aloud to all board members.

**ACTION:** The Board, on a motion by BM Paporozzi, seconded by BM Purcell, voted to elect Richard Smith as Vice President of the Board. It passed unanimously.

## **APPEARANCES**

10 am – Daniel Hewitt, DAG Prosecution pertaining to ENG-2016-00197

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

February 20, 2020 for review

**ACTION:** After reviewing the minutes of February 20, 2020, the Board, on a motion by BM Paporozzi, seconded by BM Purcell, voted to approve the minutes as presented. BM Vernick abstained. Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

A General Report

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci congratulated the new board officers. He thanked Michael Kelly for his attention to Board matters while serving as Board President for the last two years.

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci informed the Board that since March 18, 2020 the building has been closed to non-essential staff, which includes the Board staff. In the beginning staff had limited access to voice mail and e-mails. Electronic submissions of applications is in the works. Paper applications are still being mailed to the Board office and are currently backlogged in processing. There is a possibility that future applications can be scanned and uploaded to the Box for Board members to access and review. Staff would compile lists of application names for each board member for easier tracking.

B Standing motion review/approval next agenda

The Board hereby authorizes the Board President to take action regarding certain events arising between Board meetings, where time is of the essence. Such actions include:

- 1 Issuing an Order to Show Cause upon the filing by the Attorney General of a Verified Complaint seeking emergent relief;

- 2 To call a meeting of a committee of the Board to conduct an emergent Temporary Suspension hearing based upon such Complaint and issuing an Order to be ratified by the Board at its next meeting and having immediate effect, or call a meeting of the full Board to conduct an emergent Temporary Suspension hearing based upon such Complaint and issuing an Order having immediate effect;
- 3 Determining settlement terms of a disciplinary case pending review and approval of the full board, including but not limited to, those cases where a final determination by the board must be made on short notice to effectuate global settlement with other civil or criminal authorities or where there is an immediate danger to the public health safety and welfare should a licensee remain in practice; and
- 4 Approving minutes in case a meeting is cancelled.

The above actions are subject to review by the full Board at the next meeting. The full Board may then ratify, amend or vacate the action taken by the President. Further, the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Board to approve applications from applicants seeking to be licensed and/or certified that meet the statutory and regulatory requirements; and upon meeting all requirements, issue said license and/or certification.

C Discussion on issuance of temporary licenses pending exam

**ACTION:** After some discussion, on a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Kelly to recommend waiving the State Specific Exam for Land Surveyors and issue temporary licenses until such time the examination can be administered by the Board office. It was unanimously approved.

D Incoming Correspondence

*Nothing to review*

E Outgoing Correspondence

*Nothing to review*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A Standing Committees:

BP Valenti requested that all chairs of the sub-committees provide status updates by the first of the month to be included in future agendas.

- I Legislation Committee
  - i Legislation Chart

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

II Application / Licensure Improvement Committee

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

III NCEES Committee

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

IV State Specific Exam Committee

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

V Joint Committee

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

### **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND CPC COURSES**

A Routine Licensure

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

B Continuing Professional Competency Courses

**ACTION:** On a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Smith, the Board unanimously voted to approve all courses as noted. Motion carried.

C Full Board Review

*Nothing to report*

D Reinstatement

William Myers, PE – 24GE03932400 – Exp 2014

**ACTION:** On a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to reinstate Mr. Myers' license.

E Certificates of Authorizations

**ACTION:** The Board, on a motion by BM Purcell, seconded by BM Paparozzi, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following companies for Certificates of Authorization and put the Schwerzler Land Surveying, LLC, application on hold for discussion in Executive session, and was subsequently approved.

**ADVANCEON ENGINEERING LLC.**

5 Evans Ct.  
Bedminster, NJ 07921  
Application #2368761

**FCNA PARTNERS, INC.**

256 Columbia Turnpike - Ste 206  
Florham Park, NJ 07932  
Application #2368756

**SCHAFFER KIENINGER ENGINEERING GROUP**

613 South Rt9 Ste A  
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210  
Application #2368764

**MP ENGINEERING LLC.**

247 Vail Road  
Parsippany, NY 07054  
Application #2368627

**SORKIN ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC.**

208 Anderson Parkway  
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009  
Application #2368651

**THE EVERLY GROUP**

1406 Crabapple Drive  
Manasquan, NJ 08736  
Application #2366946

**THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS GROUP, INC.**

601 W Golf Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056  
Application #2365055

**THE OHMEGA GROUP INC**

1756 Silver Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32206  
Application #2365248

**ARTHUR A SWALLOW ASSOCIATES, LLC.**

6971 Mountain Rd.  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Application #2368719

**WARE MALCOMB (INC.)**

10 Edelman  
Irvine, CA 92618  
Application #2379639

**SCHWERZLER LAND SURVEYING, LLC.**

305 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, NJ 07652  
Application #2296295

**ROSS ASSOCIATES CONSULTING, LLC.**

408 Millers Lane  
Wynnewood, PA 19096-1008  
Application #2379693

**RU2 ENGINEERING LLC.**

2 Melinda Drive  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
Application #2368037

**DOMANI INSPECTION SERVICES, INC.**

226 East Merrick Rd.  
Valleystream, NY 11580  
Application #2380596

**MORRISON HERSHFIELD ENGINEERS**

1455 Lincoln Parkway Suite 500  
Atlanta, GA 30346  
Application #2335284

**INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Continuing Professional Competency providers

As a result from an earlier discussion, the Board staff will follow up with providers advising that they need to comply with the Board's regulations concerning the time allotted for the courses and how it is recorded for licensees, who partake in courses provided by them.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci informed the Board that no comments were received prior to today's meeting. Mr. Valenti proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:30 am, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes and other items on the executive agenda.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

June 18, 2020

July 16, 2020

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED BY:

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James Valenti, PE  
Board President

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Michael DeFrancisci  
Acting Executive Director