

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of March 1, 2007
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President Edward Vernick at 9:00 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 Vernick 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.

Present:

Edward Vernick Lawrence Koo
Michael Angeline Robert Marshall
James Cleary James Purcell
Richard Frantz James Valenti
James Kelly

Absent: Louis Raimondi

Others: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, staff member Yolanda Winston, and nine members of the public.

DISCUSSION WITH NJIT STUDENTS REGARDING A3753

Bill Di Bartolo, President of the Student Chapter of Land Surveyors, represented the NJIT student body of land surveying students, some of whom were present at the meeting. He provided their opposition to A3753 which would revise the qualifications for licensure as a land surveyor in New Jersey.

REVIEW OF BOARD MINUTES

November 7, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes of November 7, 2006. On a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Frantz, with an abstention from BM Valenti, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of November 7, 2006 as amended.

December 7, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 7, 2006. On a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Purcell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of December 7, 2006 as submitted.

December 21, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 21, 2006. On a motion by BM Cleary, second by BM Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of December 21, 2006 as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

A3753/S2565 - Revised the qualifications for licensure for land surveyors and for certificates of registration for surveyors-in-training. On December 4, 2006, it was referred to the Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee. On February 26, 2007 the Senate bill was introduced and it was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee. The Board generally supports the Bill with amendments. Its position was previously communicated to the Director's Office.

S2263/A3644 - State Authorities Reform Act. This bill sets minimum standards for the practice and procedure of State Authorities, including awards for professional or technical services. On November 9, 2006 the Assembly bill was introduced and referred to the Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee.

Regulations

No report.

NCEES Representative

Executive Director Russo informed the Board that the State of Wyoming is celebrating its 100th anniversary of licensing professional engineers. He indicated that Wyoming was the first state in the nation to require licensure for engineers offering and/or providing professional engineering services to the public.

President Edward Vernick stated that he would take the initiative to arrange for Governor Corzine to prepare a proclamation to recognize this celebration.

In addition, ED Russo indicated that a Computer Based Testing format has been a recent discussion topic at the NCEES level.

Education

No report.

Finance

No report.

Examinations

No report.

Licensure Promotion Committee

President Vernick has requested that meetings be scheduled with the various engineering schools in the near future.

Website

No report.

Newsletter

No report.

Joint Committee

BM Valenti indicated that there will be a Joint Committee meeting on March 6, 2007.

Continuing Education Committee

No report.

Rulemaking Committee

The Board, based on a recommendation from the Sub-Committee, and on a motion by BM Valenti, second by VP Angeline, voted to grant the Petition for Rulemaking.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Incoming Correspondence

Donald C. Meserlian, PE
RE: S2296
(February 9, 2007 facsimile)

Mr. Meserlian requests that it make a determination on S2296 as currently written.

The Board noted that this is the same issue he continues to raise. Accordingly, the Board noted this for the record. Mr. Meserlian shall be advised to review the Board's minutes for positions on pending legislation.

Robert Reid/ Marathon Consultants
RE: Clarification
(February 12, 2007)

Mr. Reid wrote to the Board in response to a previous correspondence.

The Board will advise Mr. Reid that he should seek advice from his legal counsel on this matter.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Purcell, second by BM Cleary, unanimously approved the following applications:

NAME	APPLICATION #	PE/EIT	DECISION
A. KHAIKIN	1226421	PE/EXAM	A.I.N.
A.COHEN	1224361	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
B. BOHLER	1224832	PE/EXAM	A.I.N.
D. MACE	1213861	COMITY	GRANT
D. MENAKER	1226813	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
E. SCERBO	979692	PE/EXAM	A.I.N.
F.MALTIS	1231092	COMITY	GRANT
G. MCGRATH	1229041	PE/EXAM	A.I.N.

H.ASAD	1228442	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
H.HUI	1226832	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
J. ASBURY	1189704	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
J. FRIEDMAN	1231819	COMITY	A.I.N.
J. GALLAGHER	1228128	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
J. PARIKH	1228057	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
J. RYAN	1192317	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
J. WIBLE	1229035	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
J. YU	1229170	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
KARL NEELY	1166581	COMITY	GRANT
R. BADNARCZYK	1229147	PE/EXAM	TAKE P
R. CANZANELLA	1080627	EIT/ EXAM	A.I.N.
R.CYR	1231226	COMITY	A.I.N.
T. SHORTER	1237104	EIT/ EXAM	A.I.N.

A.I.N. = Additional Information Needed

Additionally, the Board has requested that the staff contact CPEES and advise it that the evaluations being provided for foreign applicants do not follow our breakdown of courses required. Thus, it will request that future evaluations provide the correct breakdown.

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Kelly, unanimously voted to approve the following Certificates of Authorization:

Foster Wheeler USA Corp.
2020 S. Dairy Ashford
Houston, TX 77077
Application # 1248648

Wolverton & Assoc., Inc.
6745 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 100
Duluth, GA 30097
Application #1248793

Crafton, Tull, Sparks & Assoc., Inc.
901 N. 47th Street, Suite 200
Rogers, AR 72756
Application # 1249169

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board noted the following articles:

- EES Board Report - October 2006
- Expo 2007

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling informed the Board that there is a proposed bill to rename the Open Public Meetings Act to the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act. He further commented that the presentation provided by the students from NJIT was interesting and that he was glad to see their keen interest in the profession.

Bruce Rigg requested that the Board oppose the diminishment of the licensure standards for land surveyors.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Valenti, second by BM Koo, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to review disciplinary matters.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

On a motion contained within the Executive Session minutes, the Board re-entered into Public Session to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm.

APPROVED BY:

Edward Vernick, PE Arthur Russo
President Executive Director