

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of January 19, 2006
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Valenti at 9:05 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 Star Ledger, the Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

Present:

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

James Cleary Absent: Louis Raimondi Lawrence Koo

Others: Anthony Miragliotta, Division of Consumer Affairs Deputy Director, Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, Barbara Cook, Managing Executive Director and staff members Ernest Gonzalez, Robert Welsh, and Yolanda Winston.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

ED Russo stated that the Home Inspection Advisory Committee drafted a curriculum addendum which comprises recommendations regarding the 180 hour course of program study pursuant to P.L. 2005,c.201. ED Russo stated that the curriculum had been reduced from 300 hours to 180 hours, which includes not less than 40 hours of unpaid field-based inspections to be completed in the presence, and under the direct supervision, of a licensed home inspector. These inspections shall be provided by the home inspection school providing the approved course of study. ED Russo stated that the Committee worked very hard to draft the curriculum addendum and stated that the 180 hour curriculum needed to be drafted and finalized as soon as possible.

President Valenti stated that the proposed changes to the application review process were ready for further review by the Board. He further stated that the Board staff will be researching the number of applications which have not been approved by the Board for licensure via comity and/or examination. He reiterated that the Board wishes to administratively close all inactive applications 2 years or older from the date of the initial application.

BOARD APPEARANCES

Home Inspection Advisory Committee member Michael Fitzpatrick appeared before the Board and stated that the Committee has worked extremely hard in drafting the addendum to the curriculum. He stated that the addendum includes recommendations as to how home inspection schools should implement the new curriculum pursuant to P.L. 2005,c.201. He further stated that the Committee is dedicated to issuing licenses to the most qualified applicants that are competent in performing home inspections.

Deputy Director Anthony Miragliotta stated that all parties would meet before the next Board meeting to work out any details of the 180 curriculum and that he felt it was important that the Board and Committee keep the lines of communication open in order to implement P.L.2001,c.201 in a timely and efficient manner.

Darlene Kane, Budget Officer, appeared before the Board and stated that its finances were on target with budget projections and that revenues were covering expenditures. She also stated that the Board may have to increase its renewal fee in two years because of inflation.

DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items were noted for the record:

Jerry Carter/ NCEES re: ABET Concerns

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Angeline, 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 Purcell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:45pm.

APPROVED BY:

James K. Valenti, PE Arthur Russo
President Executive Director