

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of February 3, 2005
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present:

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

Absent:

Lawrence Koo
Pravin Patel
Louis Raimondi

Others: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Arthur Russo, Executive Director, and staff members Joseph Grabowy, Ernest Gonzalez, Robert Welsh and Yolanda Winston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

A1704 - Geologist Licensing Act - This bill was introduced and referred to the Assembly Regulated Professions & Independent Authorities Committee.

Administration

No report.

Examinations

ED Russo, BM Vernick and Robert Welsh visited the Holiday Inn site in Runnemeade to determine its suitability for the April 2005 examinations. The maximum capacity at this location is 40.

The Board discussed alternative examination sites to Rowan University in order to avoid any possible scheduling conflicts in the future. The Board will explore the possibility of conducting its future examinations at Stockton State College.

Education

No report.

Regulations

No report.

Finance

No report.

NCEES Zone Update

BM Raimondi will discuss the upcoming NCEES Zone meeting in Kansas City at the next scheduled meeting.

Annual Meeting

BM Angeline informed the Board that all arrangements are progressing smoothly for the Board's annual meeting in Atlantic City on May 6, 2005.

Special Committee Reports

Newsletter

Staff member Joseph Grabowy stated that the newsletter is still under review.

Joint Committee

No report.

Website

Robert Welsh advised that the website is continuing to be updated.

Licensure Promotion Committee

VP Valenti and BM Vernick stated that they will be discussing licensure with the freshman class at Rutgers University.

Disciplinary Action Committee

No report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

ED Russo spoke about various changes suggested by the sub-committee in connection with the State Specific Land Surveying examination. On a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Angeline, the Board voted unanimously to accept the changes to the examination.

ED Russo advised that the principal speaker for the April 2005 Certificate Awards Ceremony on April 14, 2005 has not yet been determined. This matter will be tabled until the next meeting.

ED Russo stated that he has a plaque of recognition to be presented to former Board member Rishi Raj for his outstanding service to the Board. BP Kelly agreed to hand deliver the plaque to him.

ED Russo stated that the statute/regulation booklet is expected to be published within two months. Approximately five hundred copies will be printed.

He spoke about BM Raimondi's candidacy for the position of President-Elect of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. The NCEES meeting will be held in August 2005 in Memphis, TN.

ED Russo spoke about the Board's current contract with PCS to administer its examinations. ELSEES, another provider of administrative examination services, shall be contacted with regard to its services.

Incoming Correspondence

Michael Stossel (BM Marshall to report)

RE: On-line course
(December 2, 2004)

Mr. Stossel requests review of a particular course offered through Kennedy-Western University via the Internet.

The Board reviewed Mr. Stossel's request and determined that this course does not meet requirements and is not ABET accredited. The Board, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to inform him that this course is not acceptable. However, the Board will inform him that Excelsior College, a distance learning academic institution in New York State, is an ABET accredited institution that provides Internet courses.

Thomas J. Bowen, Bureau of Coastal & Land Use Enforcement/ NJ Department of Environmental Protection

RE: Freshwater Wetland Protection Act
(January 19, 2005)

Mr. Bowen advises that he is available to discuss this matter as it pertains to professional engineers.

The Board will schedule his appearance in the near future.

Louis F. Correale, Sr. REHS/ Rockaway Township

RE: Professional engineers and topographies relating to site plan designs
(January 12, 2005)

Mr. Correale requests the Board's interpretation as to whether a professional engineer can use existing topography which is not tied to a property line in the preparation of a site plan for a septic system alteration.

The Board will advise Mr. Correale that a notice was published in The New Jersey Register on this issue, which shall also be sent to him.

Elyssa Loiacono, Environmental Health Specialist/ Washington Township Health Department

RE: Professional engineers and topography as it relates to septic systems
(January 19, 2005)

Ms. Loiacono requests the Board's interpretation as to whether a new topographic survey must be prepared for design of a failing septic system.

The Board will provide Ms. Loiacono with a copy of the notice from the New Jersey Register.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Licensure

The Board, on a motion by BP Kelly, second by BM Angeline, unanimously voted to approve the following applications:

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| P. EZEUKA | 1073718 | PE\EXAM | TAKE F&P | M. ABOUAKIL | 1073756 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| G. SUDAH | 1023409 | PE\EXAM | TAKE F&P | B. TANNENHAUSE | 1025984 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| P. EZEUKA | 1073718 | PE\EXAM | TAKE F&P | J. MANCINI | 1007381 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| M. DINABURG | 980640 | PE\EXAM | TAKE F&P | R. DEWEES | 1073838 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| A. ROESTER | 980460 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | J. WASELEWSKI | 1073867 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| C. CHIN | 1003899 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | D. HORNER | 1073867 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| R.LANCASTER | 980428 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | P. PORCARO | 1072873 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| P. DAVIS | 1011193 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | D. HEALEY | 1074553 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| R. LEWIS | 1071556 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | M. ROESNER | 1073772 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| D. MINNECI | 1018248 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | Y. AUYEUNG | 1073784 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| C. CHIN | 1003899 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | V. WYCKO | 1073807 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| P. DAVIS | 1011193 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | R. TOPLIFF | 1014446 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| K.HOGRELIUS | 1028718 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | J. GRAY | 1077753 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P |
| A. ROESLER | 980460 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | B. YURO | 1007922 | LS\EXAM | TAKE PLS |
| Z. COFFMAN | 1029168 | PE\EXAM | TAKE P | - | - | - | - |

Certificates of Authorization

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

Cary Engineering Consultants
534 Old Howell Road, Suite 100
Greenville, SC 29615

Beacon Engineers, Inc.
16700 NE 79th Street, Suite 101
Redmond, WA 98052

Halcrow, LLC
1209 Orange Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Joseph Staigar Engineering, LLC
17 Tremont Drive
East Hanover, NJ 07936

Korzen Engineering, LLC
26 Berkshire Street
Whippany, NJ 07981

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Full Board Review

James Horton - #1071553

The Board reviewed James Horton's application for licensure by comity. On a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to approve Mr. Horton's application for licensure.

Panner N. Selvam - #949636

The Board discussed Mr. Selvam's application and shall request that he provide a copy of his undergraduate degree from the University of Madras to ECEI. If records of his undergraduate degree are not available for submission to ECEI, he must advise the Board as to what efforts he has made to obtain them.

Allan R. Budris, PE - #1098200

Mr. Budris's license expired on April 30, 1996 and he seeks reinstatement. Since his license has expired for more than 5 years, he must successfully complete the initial licensing examination pursuant to the statute. Further, the Board noted that he had 15 years of engineering experience and therefore voted to waive the FE examination.

DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board briefly reviewed the following items and agreed to discuss them in further detail at its annual meeting on May 6, 2005.

- * Experience credit for academic research for professors seeking licensure
- * Response to DEP concerning Technical Guidance for Inspections of On-Site Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems

RESPONSE(S) TO PREVIOUSLY ISSUED UPLs

Alan Saffner

Mr. Saffner submitted a response to the Uniform Penalty Letter issued by the Board. After reviewing this submission, the Board on a motion by BM Angeline, second by BM Vernick, voted to request copies of 5/6 projects he previously completed for further review.

Leon Jacobs

Mr. Jacobs submitted an explanation in connection with a Uniform Penalty Letter issued by the Board. The Board was unpersuaded by the explanation and, on a motion by VP Valenti, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to reaffirm its prior determination.

Robert Foley, PLS

After reviewing the Provisional Order of Discipline and noting that a response had not been filed, the Board on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Angeline, voted unanimously to issue a Final Order of Discipline.

Samuel M. Ruth, PE

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MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Vernick, second by VP Valenti, 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 Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:10pm.

APPROVED BY:

James D. Kelly, PE
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director