

State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of February 15, 2001

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by the Board President Albert Faraldi at 9:00 am in the Hudson Conference Room, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the time, date and place, with all pertinent material being provided.

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

President Faraldi read the statement required by Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 known as the Open Public Meeting 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-Ledge, the Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BM's present:

Albert Faraldi
James Kelly
Robert Bogart (arrived 10:30am)
Theodore Cassera (arrived 10:45am)
Richard Frantz
Robert Marshall (departed 2:00 pm)
Pravin Patel
Rishi Raj
Louis Raimondi
Edward Vernick

Others present: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, William Mandeville, Program Development Assistant, Joseph Grabowy, Management Assistant, Sadiqa Smith, Recording Secretary, Yolanda Winston, Board Staff, and Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

BP Faraldi spoke about the disappointment expressed by the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors (NJSPLS) of the Board's absence at its recent annual conference in Atlantic City. As a result, the Board will reconsider attending the 2002 conference when several important issues will be coming on line once pending legislation becomes effective. One regulatory matter involves the requirement of setting of corner markers, when to set them and under what circumstances.

APPROVAL/DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The Board reviewed the February 1, 2001 Examination/Comity Applications Report and voted to approve 15 exam and 7 comity applications, and to deny 3 exam and 6 comity applications. (list attached).

On a motion by BM Patel, seconded by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted to accept the February 1, 2001 list of approved/denied applications for licensure.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2001 at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. BM Patel is responsible for making the necessary arrangements.

Meeting with the Chinese Delegation

ED Russo reported that NCEES has informed him that a delegation of structural engineers from mainland China will be traveling to the Board office on March 5, 2001 to discuss licensure. President Faraldi, BM Frantz, BM Patel and Lou Raimondi will represent the Board at this meeting.

NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting - March 29-31, 2001

ED Russo indicated that the NCEES Northeast Zone meeting will be held in Delaware on March 29 thru March 31, 2001. BP Faraldi, BM Raimondi and ED Russo will be in attendance.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Patel, seconded by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to move to Executive Session for the purpose of an investigative inquiry.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained in Executive Session, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session.

APPLICATION - FULL BOARD REVIEW

Peter Sutherland - #51170

BM Patel reported that Mr. Sutherland earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology and accumulated 174.3 credits toward this degree, overly concentrating in science courses. In addition, the applicant has the required four years of experience and is a licensed PE in New York. The Board reviewed and discussed this application.

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by VP Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to grant Mr. Sutherland a PE license by comity.

POSSIBLE EXAM SITE CHANGE

ED Russo reported that Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS) is considering a change of the northern examination location to William Paterson University and the southern location to the Wildwood Convention Center. The Board members expressed their concerns and indicated that the current locations in West Trenton, NJ and Vernon, NJ are satisfactory and that no changes are necessary at this time. ED Russo will convey the Board's decision to PCS.

PROPOSED NEW FORMAT FOR POCKET LICENSE

VP Kelly requested that a plastic credit card size pocket license, similar to the type issued in Florida, be considered for issuance to licensees instead of the paper format type currently utilized. After a brief discussion, the Board directed ED

Russo to determine the feasibility of this change with Catherine Farley, Assistant Director, Administration.

PCS CONTRACT RENEWAL

ED Russo provided a copy of the Board's contract with LGR Corporation, former examination administrators, to BM Frantz for review. This contract was assumed by Professional Credential Services. The last examinations to be administered under this contract are in April 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Frantz, seconded by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Approved by:

Albert N. Faraldi, PLS
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

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