

State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of February 17, 2000

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 Robert C. Bogart 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 Bogart 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 Ledger, the Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BMs present:

Robert Bogart	Albert Faraldi
James Kelly	Richard Frantz
Pravin Patel	Theodore Cassera (arrived 9:30 am)
Rishi Raj	Louis Raimondi
Edward Vernick	Robert Marshall

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

APPROVAL / DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The Board reviewed the February 3, 2000 examination/comity applications report and, of the reported applications, voted to approve 2 exam and 9 comity applications and voted to deny 2 exam applications and 1 comity application. (list attached).

On a motion by VP Faraldi, seconded by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to accept the list of approved/denied applications for licensure.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

ED Russo reported that the LGR company has been purchased by Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS). He stated that he was assured by PCS that it will honor all of LGR's contractual obligations to this Board. ED Russo has

written to Joseph T. Cote, Director of Operations, PCS, inviting him to meet with the Board to provide it with additional information about PCS.

Certificate Award Ceremony - October 1999 Licensees

ED Russo reported that the exam results were released for the October 1999 exam. The pass rate for the engineering principles and practices examination was eighteen percent.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

Annual Meeting

ED Russo reported that the Lobster House, Cape May, is not available on May 19, 2000, the scheduled date for the Annual Meeting. The Board discussed this matter and voted to reschedule this meeting on May 5, 2000, a date on which the restaurant is available.

General Report (Continued)

ED Russo reported that the Board office received the NCEES bill for the purchase of the October 1999 exams.

On a motion by BM Patel, seconded by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously authorized payment of the bill.

Incoming Correspondence

Joseph T. Cote, CPA, Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS) (2/1/00)

Re: Information about PCS

This correspondence from the PCS president provided the Board with background information on PCS and the services it offers.

The Board noted this correspondence for the record.

John Sadlon, Land Design Solutions, Inc. (1/13/00)

Re: PE/LS Fall 1999 Newsletter "Petition for Rulemaking"

Mr. Sadlon questioned the Board's procedure, as reported in the Board's Fall 1999 Newsletter, with regard to denying the Site Plan Rule Petition for Rulemaking at an Executive Session meeting.

ED Russo reported that he wrote to Mr. Sadlon advising him that this subject was not discussed at an Executive Session meeting, that the petition was, in fact, denied at the April 8, 1999 Public Session meeting and that the report published in the Newsletter was erroneous. The next edition of the newsletter will include a retraction of that statement.

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 conducting an investigative inquiry.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

DISCUSSION

S1807 - Revision to the Uniform Enforcement Act - An act which provides for uniform rules for revocation of professional and occupational licenses.

Effective January 18, 2000, an applicant seeking reinstatement of a license which has lapsed for five or more years shall be required to successfully complete the principles and practices examination required for initial licensure.

DAG Bradford reviewed and discussed the amendments to the statute contained in this act.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

Recognition Dinner for Fred Rohn

The Board agreed that it would be appropriate to honor Fred Rohn with a dinner for his many years of service to the Board. The affair was scheduled for May 5, 2000, the evening of the Annual Meeting in Cape May.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Raimondi, seconded by VP Faraldi, the Board unanimously voted to move to Executive Session for the purpose of completing the Executive Session agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by VP Faraldi, seconded by BM Patel, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:50 pm.

Approved by:

Robert C. Bogart, PE, PLS
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

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