

State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of March 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-Ledger, the Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BMs present:

Albert Faraldi	James Kelly (departed 12:00 pm)
Theodore Cassera	Robert Bogart (arrived 9:30 am)
Richard Frantz	Robert Marshall
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.

APPROVAL/DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The Board reviewed the March 1, 2001 Examination/Comity Applications Report and voted to approve 4 exam and 23 comity applications, and to deny 1 exam and 9 comity applications. (list attached).

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

APPLICATION - FULL BOARD REVIEW

Akbar Khan - #47943

BM Raimondi reported that Mr. Khan is licensed professional engineer in Delaware and is applying for comity licensure in NJ. He stated that Mr. Khan received a degree in Industrial Engineering and has experience in the quality assurance and time and motion studies field.

The Board reviewed and discussed this application and on a motion by BM Raimondi, seconded by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to grant Mr. Khan a license by comity.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Professional Credential Services, Inc - Renewal of Contract

At the March 1, 2001 meeting, ED Russo stated that the Board's contract with Professional Credential Services (PCS) is coming up for renewal and that the April 2001 examinations will be the last to be administered under the existing contract. The Board indicated they would like to invite PCS to come in to discuss a new contract. BMs were asked to submit questions regarding a new contract to BM Frantz before scheduling a meeting.

ED Russo stated that he has contacted PCS, and they expressed an interest in meeting with the Board. The Board suggested the following topics for discussion: Increasing the data bank of questions for the New Jersey State Specific examination, the location of exam sites, Internet violations, exam security breaches before and after examinations and methods of test administration. The Board staff will make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Garden State Land Surveyors Alliance (GSLSA) - March 29, 2001

The GSLSA will hold its Expo 2001 meeting in Keyport, NJ on March 29, 2001.

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. President Faraldi, BM Raimondi and ED Russo will be in attendance. ED Russo stated that BM Raimondi expressed an interest in running for Assistant Zone Vice-President.

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted to support BM Raimondi in his election run.

Professional Engineers Performing Land Surveying

ED Russo stated that a meeting of NJSPE and NJSPLS representatives was recently held in Trenton to discuss reaching common ground in establishing educational requirements to qualify professional engineers for licensure as professional land surveyors. The Board felt that accomplishing such a task would require that NJIT tailor a civil engineering curriculum to include qualifying land surveying courses.

Proposed New Format for Pocket License

At the February 15, 2001 meeting 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 at that meeting, the Board directed ED Russo to determine the feasibility of this change with Catherine Farley, Assistant Director, Administration. ED Russo has since been contacted by Ms. Farley who indicated that this matter has been referred to Debra DeFrancesco, Centralized Licensing for consideration. Ms. DeFrancesco has requested that ED Russo inquire of the Board if the existing format of the current paper pocket license was acceptable.

The Board reviewed the license format and on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted that no changes be made to the format of the existing pocket license.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CONTINUED)

Incoming Correspondence

Stephen Higgins, III (January 23, 2001)

Re: Land Surveyor Licensure

Mr. Higgins sent a correspondence to the Board asking if he would qualify for a land surveyor licensure without a four year degree, having been initially licensed as a land surveyor in Pennsylvania in 1976. The Board stated that there were no land surveyor undergraduate degree requirements in NJ until 1991. The Board recommended that he submit a land surveyor application to the Board for its review.

Joseph A. Simonetta, NJSPE (March 15, 2001)

Re: Assembly Bill-3154

In a facsimile to ED Russo, Mr. Simonetta has requested that a member of the Board be present at the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee hearing for Assembly Bill-3154 on March 22, 2001 in Trenton. The matter was referred to Assistant Director Anthony Miragliotta who stated that Division policy prohibits BMs or staff members from appearing before legislative committees in official capacities.

Annual Meeting

The Board's Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2001 at the Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Review of New Jersey State Specific Exam

President Faraldi reported that the Committee reviewed the New Jersey State Specific Exam prepared by PCS and recommended that the Board approve it for the April 2001 exam.

The Board reviewed and discussed this matter and on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to accept the Committee's recommendation.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Frantz, seconded by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing complaints.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Frantz, seconded by BM Patel, 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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