



State Board of Professional Engineers And Land Surveyors

Minutes of April 18, 2002

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 James Kelly at 9:00 am in the Union Conference Room, Third 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 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 Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BMs present:

James Kelly	Theodore Cassera
Robert Bogart	Richard Frantz
Rishi Raj	Louis Raimondi
Edward Vernick	Albert Faraldi
Pravin Patel	Robert Marshall

Others present: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, William Mandeville, Program Development Assistant, Joseph Grabowy, Auditor/Accountant Assistant, Ernest Gonzalez, Senior Clerk Transcriber, Martha Richardson, Staff, and Deputy Attorney General Michelle Albertson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 21, 2002, and on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to approve the minutes as amended.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

William Mandeville informed the Board that new licensees will be required to place full license numbers with the appropriate acronyms (i.e., GE012345) on their embossed seals. He stated that with the new licensing system, (License-2000), license numbers can be duplicated. The only way to distinguish between licensees with the same license numbers will be to identify the type of license (GE, GS, GB) held. Anyone issued a license prior to the implementation of the License-2000 system will not be affected and will therefore, not be required to obtain a new seal.

Outgoing Correspondence

Edward A. Lane, PLS, PP/ Stavola, Inc.

**RE: Renaissance Project/ Manchester Township, NJ
(April 8, 2002)**

BM Raimondi drafted a response to Mr. Lane's March 2002 letter after receiving a new map which he prepared. The following recommendations were suggested by BM Raimondi in response to Mr. Lane's correspondence.

- Future monumentations shall be installed as called for on the filed maps
- All existing monumentations in Sections 1 and 2A should be categorized and shown in the plan and profile as typical
- Reference should be made on the monumentation map to be recorded of the previously filed maps
- In light of the curvilinear nature of rights-of-way, survey control monuments should be set in all sections, as supplemental to those required by the Map Filing Law.

On a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Faraldi, the Board unanimously voted to accept the drafted response to Mr. Lane as presented.

J.C. Burgess, PE, President/ Burgess Technical Resources, Inc.

**RE: Title Blocks
(April 5, 2002)**

Mr. Burgess requests from the Board its guidance on certain matters regarding title blocks and certificate of authorization.

President Kelly presented a draft letter to Mr. Burgess informing him to review the Board's statutes and regulations, more specifically N.J.A.C. 13:40-1.1(b)1, (d) & 1.2 relative to Title Blocks and N.J.S.A. 45:8-56 relative to the Certificate of Authorization.

The Board unanimously voted to accept this drafted response and forward it to Mr. Burgess as presented.

Certificate Award Ceremony

ED Russo informed the Board that 38 recipients of certificates of licensure attended the April 2002 certificate award ceremony held at the Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ. The events of the evening and distribution of the certificates proceeded flawlessly.

ED Russo requested suggestions from Board members on ways to attract a greater response from the newly licensed to attend the ceremony. This discussion item will be placed on the May 17th, 2002 annual meeting agenda.

Examinations

ED Russo stated that the NCEES examinations will be conducted on April 19 & 20, 2002 at three sites: NJIT, Rowan University and the West Trenton Fire Company.

Due to the unseasonably hot weather, the Board expressed concerned with the air ventilation at the exam sites. ED Russo stated that he will monitor this matter and report back to the Board as to the conditions found.

ED Russo also stated that due to religious reasons two candidates will be tested on April 23, 2002 at the Board office by PCS proctors. The Board expressed concern about allowing examinees to take examinations after the exam was exposed to the public.

License Certificates

ED Russo displayed a copy of the new paper stock that will be used for printing the licensure certificates for the Division of Consumer Affairs.

A discussion ensued and the Board, on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Cassera, unanimously voted to inform the Director of its desire to continue to use the old stock instead of the newly issued material. The Board cited overall quality concerns with the new stock.

WEBSITE

William Mandeville discussed a memorandum indicating that, through a directive from Acting Director Sharon Joyce and Deputy Director Anthony Miragliotta, street addresses for all licensees searched through the Licensee Directory will no longer be given. Information displayed will include licensees' names, and the city, state, and zip code portions of an address.

The Board noted this memorandum for the record.

FULL BOARD REVIEW

APPLICATION # 52367 - George H. Abdou

VP Patel informed the Board that Mr. Abdou is applying for a professional engineer's license by comity. He indicated that Mr. Abdou received his undergraduate degree from a foreign institution and acquired two graduate degrees from universities in the United States. He further stated that Mr. Abdou is a professor at NJIT and has performed consulting work under the supervision of professional engineers.

On a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted to grant Mr. Abdou a professional engineer's license.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Faraldi, second by VP Patel, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to review the Executive Session agenda.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion contained in Executive Session, the Board unanimously approved to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

ABET ACCREDITATION

BM Raj distributed to the Board his assessment of the ABET accreditation program of the Bioresource curriculum at Rutgers University. The Board noted BM Raj's report for the record.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

BM Frantz submitted to the Board a brochure indicating that a company called Materials Testing, Inc. is providing engineering services but does not possess a Certificate of Authorization (C/A), as required.

The Board will inform the company of its requirement for a C/A to offer or provide engineering and/or land surveying services.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Raj, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:20pm.

APPROVED BY:

James D. Kelly
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

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