

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of May 7, 2009
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by Board President James Purcell 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

Board President Purcell 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 Newark Star-Ledger, Trenton Times, the Camden Courier Post, Bergen Record, and the Atlantic City Press.

Present: James Purcell Richard Frantz
Barry Jones Robert Marshall
James Valenti Perry Schwartz
Michael Angeline Edward Vernick
James Cleary

Absent: Lawrence Koo

Others: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, staff members Martha Richardson, Yolanda Winston, and two members of the public.

APPEARANCE BY PATRICIA SCHIRIPO, REGULATORY ANALYST

Ms. Schiripo appeared before the Board to discuss Assembly Bill # 3835, which requires professional engineers to complete 24 hours of continuing professional competency during each biennial licensure period.

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Angeline, voted to oppose this bill since the issue of competency is already addressed in its regulations at N.J.A.C. 13:40-3.1(a)12, that one practices within his/her area of expertise, and also considering the Board's current licensing standards which already exceed the national model.

On a second motion pertaining to A3835 made by BM Vernick, second by BM Cleary, the Board reaffirmed its comments previously submitted and further voted to add language which would allow the Board to approve all continuing education courses and sponsor providers and to allow 12 carry-over credits.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

April 2, 2009

After reviewing the minutes of April 2, 2009 and on a motion by BM Jones, second by BM Angeline, the Board voted to accept the minutes as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

BM Vernick informed the Board that Bill #3835 will go to the full Assembly on May 21, 2009.

Sunset Regulations Committee

BP Purcell discussed the focus and issues to be taken to renew the Board's regulations on various subjects such as: topography issue, engineering measurement, telecommunications, comity and reinstatement applications, reference forms and college faculty licensure.

Joint Committee

BM Schwartz informed the Board that the May 5, 2009 Joint Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2009.

Licensure Promotion

The Board cancelled its May 6, 2009 meeting with Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ. It will reschedule the meeting. BP Purcell also informed the Board that plans should be made to visit The College of New Jersey. In addition, the Board's visit to Rowan University is still pending.

Contract Renewal Committee

BM Valenti informed the Board that he was advised by Kenneth Dietel, Division of Purchase and Property, Purchase Bureau, Treasury Department, that he is waiting for final approval before the final contract can be awarded.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

On a motion by BP Purcell, second by BM Angeline, the Board voted to continue scheduling one Board meeting per month.

BP Purcell informed the Board of the need to re-align its various sub-committees and establish new titles in order to combine the Licensure Promotion, Continuing Education and Education Committees. He will present the new committee structure at the next meeting.

Executive Director Russo informed the Board of the total number of examinees who sat for the April 24 -25, 2009 PE, PLS, E-I-T, and FLS examinations. A total of 381 candidates sat for the fundamentals of engineering examinations, 264 candidates sat for the principles and practices portion of the engineering examinations, and 10 candidates sat for the principles and practices of land surveying examination.

BM Valenti informed the Board of the various discussions held at the Northeast Zone Interim Meeting on April 16-18, 2009 in Norfolk, VA. Discussions geared towards the structural examinations that will consist of two 8-hour exams and their compatibility with various state policies took place, as well as discussions regarding computer based testing (CBT), which may be inevitable by the year 2013. BM Valenti stated that 12 states do not have continuing education requirements. During the engineering forum, it was recommended to the National Council that one additional funded delegate be added. He also informed the Board that the NE Zone luncheon concluded with former BM Raimondi receiving his Distinguish Service Award, the "Enny".

Board Member Valenti also informed the Board that NJ must confirm its commitment to host the 2013 Northeast Zone Meeting. BP Purcell informed the Board that a sub-committee will be set up discuss this matter.

BM Valenti mentioned the bachelor's degree + 30 is now considered a masters or equivalent. This matter will be carried over to the next agenda.

- Letter from Delaware Association of Professional Engineers

Executive Director Russo discussed the various changes to its internal policies and procedures implemented regarding the licensure verification process.

- Colonial States Boards of Surveyor Registration

This correspondence will be addressed at the next meeting. VP Jones and BM Angeline will review the benefit of NJ maintaining its membership in the organization and report with a recommendation.

- Request for Proposal - Mercer County

Board President Purcell discussed this matter concerning the public bidding of professional consulting/planning services for a county-wide radio communications interoperability implementation plan, and concluded this practice does not rise to the level of engineering. He assigned this topic to the Education Committee to determine how best to educate the public so as to avoid this from reoccurring.

- Land Surveyors - Continuing Education Report (Re: Pending Applications)

The Board recommended that follow-up letters be sent to land surveyors who did not respond or answered no to the CEU inquiry and that copies of continuing education submissions be reviewed by VP Jones and BMs Angeline and Cleary.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Kim Battles

Re: Engineering Certificate of Authorization (C/A) Question

April 8, 2009

Ms. Battles inquired whether a C/A is needed for a company working off the NJ shore.

The Board discussed this matter and on motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Angeline voted to inform Ms. Battles that a C/A is needed if the project is within the jurisdictional limits of New Jersey or if the project is reviewed by any NJ agency, and that she seek legal counsel for advice.

Ralph Heil (PLS - NY)

Re: Land Surveying in New Jersey

March 18, 2009

Mr. Heil has questions regarding the performance of a topographic survey of a Veterans Affairs campus in NJ.

After reviewing this matter, the Board, on a motion by BM Angeline, second by BM Jones, voted to inform Mr. Heil that only a NJ licensed professional land surveyor shall sign and seal a topographic survey on a project located in this State.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

This correspondence was noted for the record.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Schwartz, second by BM Cleary, voted unanimously to approve the

following applications as indicated:

NAME APPLICATION # PE/EIT DECISION

Todd Watson 1300060 Comity Grant License

Thomas Gallagher 1371652 Comity Grant License

Pedro Pinto 1374723 Comity Grant License

Marek Ostrowski 1374821 Comity Grant License

Tyler Schott 1375865 Comity Grant License

Theresa Shepard 1393584 Comity Grant License

Kunjan Shukla 1381483 Exam Take P

Lawrence Kern 46006 Exam Take P

John Roll 1313663 Comity Grant License

Randall Bagwell 1388988 Comity Grant License

Shane Park 1235864 Comity Grant License

Xin Dai 1331379 Comity Grant License

Frank Buczek 1391271 Comity Grant License

e John Daza 1393541 Comity Grant License

Neesha Desai 1393564 Comity Grant License

Contreras J. Felipe 1396691 Comity Grant License

Robert Gelu 1370763 Comity Grant License

Michael Palestini 1338771 Comity Grant License

Thomas McNeilan 1344265 Comity Grant License

Mushtaq Nasim 1280442 Comity Grant License

Akin Gogus 1326732 Exam Take F & P

Paul Bergman 1330621 Comity Grant License

Michael Weseloski 1371052 Exam Take P

Jeffrey McKenna 1379324 Comity Grant License

Ethan Love 1398059 Comity Grant License

Benjamin Foster 1356355 Comity Grant License

Michael Bubano 1379388 Comity Grant License

Terrance Liette 1381591 Comity Grant License
Richard Adams 1391298 Comity Grant License
Andrew Baxter 1300206 Comity Grant License
Richard Fromuth 1320362 Comity Grant License
Vijay Puppala 133457 Exam Take P
Rodney Dellas 1339057 Comity Grant License
Chad Moore 1355140 Comity Grant License
John Rosenquist 1366639 Comity Grant License
David Caggiano 1320268 Comity Grant License
Michael Louis 1329152 Comity Grant License
David Evans 1391302 Comity Grant License
Daniel Agramonte 1381594 Comity Grant License
Darko Dimitroski 1388938 Comity Grant License
Daniel O'Mantey Jr. 1379231 Exam Take F & P
Jerod Faris 1369364 Comity Grant License
Andres Matias 52223 Exam Take P
Brent Leisenring 1320476 Comity Grant License
Babar Imtiaz 1353340 Comity Grant License
Manik Arora 1375954 Comity Grant License
Jeffrey Cerquetti 1395811 Comity Grant License
Wayne Ingram 1369384 Exam Take P
Jigar Shah 1316486 Comity Grant License
David Keener 1354346 Comity Grant License

The Board, on a motion by BM Schwartz, second by BM Cleary, voted unanimously to request additional information from the following applicants for licensure:

Bernard Petro 1397971 Comity AIN
Jere Murdoch 1320237 Exam AIN
Eric Benstock 1366711 Comity AIN
Ho Jen Chueng 1330202 Comity AIN

Harvey Hnatiuk 1394329 Comity AIN
Charles Kutz 1388926 Comity AIN
Michael Romes 1312767 Comity AIN
Jason Ocharsky 1312797 Comity AIN
Martin Konikoff 1342570 Comity AIN
John Morrow 1363002 Comity AIN
Charles Ridgway 1361640 Comity AIN
Bartley Eckhardt 1326344 Comity AIN
Darryl Ruehle 1323760 Comity AIN
Romulo Lakip Jr. 1313526 Comity AIN
Jonathan Greenberg 1355199 Exam AIN
Scott Nottingham 1344158 Comity AIN
John Hobden 1370532 Comity AIN
Martin Barenbaum 1337602 Comity AIN
Robert Neary 1323764 Comity AIN
Jim Kapuranis 1323846 Exam AIN
Nicholas Cavaluzzi 1358610 Comity AIN
William Turner 1403161 Comity AIN
Jeffrey Patterson 1379271 Exam AIN
John Bianco 1369402 Comity AIN
Stephen Yuan 940716 Comity AIN
Anna Goldberg 1153228 Comity AIN
Devendra Dave 1192293 Exam AIN
Richard Loucks 1375615 Comity AIN
Thomas Patterson 1375620 Comity AIN
Thomas Chartier 1300179 Comity AIN
Kenneth Kapusniak 1011120 Comity AIN
Donovan Fairclough 1387882 Exam AIN

Buck Wooten 1395831 Comity AIN

William Collins 1333547 Comity AIN

Carroll Kirkpatrick 1370457 Comity AIN

Michael Mazur 886862 Exam AIN

Shazad Hassan 1270223 Comity AIN

Jason Lang 1379397 Comity AIN

A.I.N. = Additional Information Needed

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

The Board on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Schwartz, voted to approve the following companies for a Certificate of Authorization:

FCG FITZPATRICK CONSULTING GROUP

96 E. Main Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866
Application # 1417182

MCMULLAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

8381 Old Courthouse Road
Vienna, VA 22182
Application #1169873

INNOVATIVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING MD, INC.

1917 Glenroths Drive
Abindgon, MD 21009
Application # 1415941

STREAMLINED SURVEYS, LLC

634 Lost Pine Way
Galloway, NJ 08205
Application #1415934

BLUE MARSH ASSOCIATES, INC.

2385 Tabatha Drive
Warrington, PA 18976
Application # 1415555

VIEWTECH INC.

4205 Beltway Drive
Addison, TX 75001
Application #1412606

BLAZOSKY ASSOCIATES, INC.

2525 Green Tech Drive, Ste. D
State College, PA 16803
Application #1414334

INFINITY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

80 Elm Road
Caldwell, NJ 07006
Application # 1414134

L.A. FUESS PARTNERS, INC.
3333 Lee Parkway, Ste. 300
Dallas, TX 75219
Application # 1233529

R J CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC
22 Meadow Avenue
Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750
Application # 1413252

INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC
1601 S. Main Street, Ste. 305
Tulsa, OK 74119<

PCC ENGINEERS, LLC
340 W. Broadway
Haledon, NJ 07508
Application #1410406

C. BERNARD BLUM, LLC
60 Washington St.
Rumson, NJ 07760
Application # 1416981

UCI SERVICES CO dba UTILITY CONSULTANTS 1810 Water Place, Ste. 200
Atlanta, GA 30339
Application #1416972

AMALI ENGINEERING, LLC
18 West Blackwell Street
Dover, NJ 07801
Application #1414334

HOUSER ENGINEERING, LLC
17 Marion Drive
Highland Lakes, NJ 07422
Application # 1416889

RODRIGUEZ CONSULTING LLC
1817 Arlington Drive
Williamstown, NJ 08094
Application # 1410408

NOR EAST MAPPING, INC.
76 Larson Road
P.O. Box 270
Kylertown, PA 16847
Application #1375824

FULL BOARD REVIEW

Contreras J. Felipe, Application #1396691

After Board review of this application and on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Angeline, the Board determined that Mr. Felipe needs to acquire two (2) additional years of experience under the regular and effective supervision of a United States professional engineer. BM Vernick was recused.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

Salvatore Scardigno, PE

The Board reviewed the reinstatement application of Mr. Scardigno and on a motion by BM Schwartz, second by BM Vernick, voted to reinstate his license.

Thomas Lee Miller, Jr., PE

The Board reviewed Mr. Miller's application for reinstatement and on a motion by BM Schwartz, second by BM Vernick, requested that he demonstrate proficiency by providing a more detailed explanation of his work performed during the past five (5) years, using the Board's detailed statement of experience form.

Lalsinh A. Yadav, PE

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Re Structure Exam - News Release
March 25, 2009

This correspondence was noted for the record.

Edward L. Robinson, PE., PLS
West Virginia State Board of Registration
April 22, 2009

This correspondence was noted for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Schwartz unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to review disciplinary matters.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

On a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board re-entered into Public Session to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Jones the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00pm.

APPROVED BY:

James J. Purcell, P.E.
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director