STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Minutes of May 15, 2008
Public Session

CALL TO ORDER

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

Vice-President Valenti 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 Valenti Barry Jones

James Purcell Lawrence Koo Michael Angeline Robert Marshall James Cleary Perry Schwartz

Richard Frantz

Absent: Edward Vernick

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

APPEARANCE BY MS. WARHAFTIG, SECTION CHIEF OF THE PROSECUTION SECTION CHIEF, DIVISION OF LAW

DAG Warhaftig appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed settlement in the matter of Harbhajan S. Braich, PE. The Board reviewed the proposed settlement, as well as Mr. Braich's request for a reduction in the penalty, and on a motion by VP Purcell, second by BM Schwartz, the Board voted to accept the settlement terms as outlined by DAG Warhaftig.

APPEARANCE BY FRANCINE WIDRICH, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION, WEBPOSTINGS

Ms. Widrich appeared before the Board to discuss changes to the Board's website. She suggested that the Board review the website for the State Board of Medical Examiners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Exception Language Committee (formerly the Petition for Rulemaking Committee)

The Board voted to approve the issuance of a notice in The New Jersey Register in connection with its pre-proposal process.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Staff members Sharonda Ridley and Cora Ramirez introduced themselves to the Board and explained their job functions and responsibilities.

ED Russo discussed a list of examination administration providers received from the National Council of Engineering and Land Surveying (NCEES) to be utilized in the public bidding process.

Executive Director Russo indicated that graduating seniors from Stevens Institute of Technology will receive acknowledgment of passing the October 2007 fundamentals of engineering examination at their May 2008 commencement exercises.

Mr. Russo stated that he has the data bank of questions for the NJ state specific land surveying examination available for review by the Board.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

William M. Lund, PE, PP, PLS - Meridian Engineering Group, Inc. Re: Release of Project Files April 29, 2008

Mr. Lund requested guidance in connection with the release of project files.

After reviewing this matter, the Board voted to advise Mr. Lund that release of a project file is regulated at N.J.A.C. 13:40-3.4 and that he should be guided accordingly with the advice of his legal counsel.

Perry M. Schweiss - ASHE National Board Re: Model Law April 23, 2008

On behalf of the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), Mr. Schweiss expresses his concerns over the additional education to be required by professional engineer applicants. This correspondence was noted for the record.

Peter H. Derr Re: Ethical Question April 23 2008

Mr. Derr requests clarification as to the release of construction drawings.

The Board reviewed this correspondence and will inform Mr Derr that there was insufficient information provided to make a determination. The Board voted to send a copy of the regulations to Mr. Derr and advise that he should review N.J.A.C. 13:40-3.5, the enumeration of prohibited acts, and seek the advice of his legal counsel.

Jerry Carter, NCEES Re: Board Appearance on July 17, 2008 April 24, 2008

Mr. Carter requests verification of his appearance along with Eva Adan at the July 17, 2008 Board meeting.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION

Anthony Joseph Sereno, PLS

The Board on a motion by BM Angeline, second by BM Schwartz, voted to approve Mr. Sereno's application for reinstatement. Opposed: BM Jones

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

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

NAME	APPLICATION #	PE/EIT	DECISION
SCOTT MCCLINTOCK	1304714	COMITY	GRANT
MATTHEW VINSOME	1280492	COMITY	GRANT
BRADLEY LANDIS	1254275	COMITY	GRANT
ROY COOPER	1260607	COMITY	GRANT
J. LEMENS	1300414	COMITY	GRANT
T. NATAN	1300339	COMITY	GRANT
ROY TOONE	1316476	COMITY	GRANT
DAVID ALLEN	1282726	COMITY	GRANT
B. BOHLER	1224832	COMITY	GRANT
MONIR SARKER	1309017	PE/EXAM	TAKE P

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

NAME	APPLICATION #	PE/EIT	DECISION
T. HONN	1320344	COMITY	AIN
R. ST. OURS	1263764	COMITY	AIN
NATHAN CHAO	1272664	COMITY	AIN
E. FLEURANVIL	1273050	COMITY	AIN
THOMAS MITCHELL	1273077	COMITY	AIN
AMIR T. BIVIJI	903433	COMITY	AIN
NEAL O'CONNOR	1256690	COMITY	AIN
SIMONA BOTAS	999797	COMITY	AIN
GALE WRIGHT	1296873	COMITY	AIN
STEVEN CONWAY	1270497	COMITY	AIN
VIJAY GUPTA	1296131	COMITY	AIN
EMAD MAKARIOUS	1294256	COMITY	AIN

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Cleary, the Board voted to approve the following Certificates of Authorization:

GENESIS STRUCTURES, INC.

104 W. 9th Street, Ste 103 Kansas City, MO 64105 Application # 1332425

OTT CONSULTING, INC.

4647 Saucon Creek Road, Ste. 103 Center Valley, PA 18034 Application # 1333358

MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS LAND SURVEYING, LLC

56 Main Avenue Ocean Grove, NJ 07756 Application # 1334303

JEN ELECTRIC, INC.

631 Morris Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 Application #1333352

JAED CORPORATION

750 Shipyard Drive, Ste. 200 Wilmington, DE 19801 Application # 1333369

WATERS & BUGBEE, INC.

75 South Gold Drive Hamilton, NJ 08691 Application # 1334367

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS, briefly discussed the Board's telecommunication exemption regulation.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO PUBLIC

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED BY: James K. Valenti. PE Arthur Russo Vice President **Executive Director**

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