

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of May 19, 2005
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Valenti at 9:00 a.m. at 124 Halley 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

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 Star Ledger, the Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

Present:

James Valenti
James Cleary
Edward Vernick
Richard Frantz
James Kelly
Robert Marshall
Michael Angeline
Pravin Patel

Absent: Lawrence Koo Louis Raimondi

Others: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, and staff members Ernest Gonzalez, Robert Welsh, Yolanda Winston, and 2 members of the public.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

December 2, 2004

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to approve the minutes of December 2, 2004 as amended.

December 16, 2004

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 7, 2004 as amended.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

The Board extended its best wishes for a quick recovery to Arthur Russo. In the interim, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, will oversee all Board office matters until the return of Executive Director Russo.

Mr. Grabowy presented the Board with Assembly bill 3897 which revises the home inspection licensing law. VP Vernick will review the bill and present an analysis to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board briefly acknowledged the future appearance of Lawrence Powers, counsel to the NJSPE, to discuss the issue of professional engineers and the preparation of topographic surveys. The Board will inform Mr. Powers, along with the other professional societies, that it will hold this meeting in September.

Mr. Grabowy presented the Board with materials stemming from a prior audit of continuing education course sponsors. BM Angeline will review the submitted materials and present his report at a future meeting.

The Board discussed the purchasing of new lapel pins. Former Board Member Paul Webber presented it with various price quotes and ordering options, which the Board will review.

Patsy Steele, PCS, has requested that the Board review various questions and answers to the recent State Specific land surveying examination. BMs Angeline and Cleary will review and inform the Board accordingly.

Incoming Correspondence

Jeffrey J. Careaga, PE/ Careaga Engineering, Inc.

RE: Preparation of topographical surveys and supply of sealed boundary surveys septic system alterations
(April 21, 2005)

Mr. Careaga asks the Board to reconfirm that a licensed land surveyor is the only individual allowed to perform topographic survey work. Additionally, he asks whether a sealed copy of a referenced property boundary survey be submitted to the Health Department for all septic alterations.

The Board will inform Mr. Careaga that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:40-7.2(a)1, a signed and sealed copy of the survey shall be submitted to the reviewing governmental body with the site plan submission. In addition, he will be advised that only licensed land surveyors may perform topographic surveys and will be sent a copy of the Board's Notice on this matter as published in the New Jersey Register on November 1, 2004 for further clarification.

Hamilton V. Bowser, Sr., PE/ ME Builders, LLC

RE: Design/Build Service
(April 18, 2005)

Mr. Bowser asks the Board whether it has taken a position requiring companies that state it provides "design/build" services to acquire a certificate of authorization or other license.

The Board was unable to determine if ME Builders, LLC performs or offers to perform engineering services. He will be advised that any corporate entity offering to provide and/or providing engineering services in this State is required to obtain a Certificate of Authorization with this Board.

Brandon Hayes, PE

RE: Use of the title Software Engineer
(April 27, 2005)

Mr. Hayes would like to know if a company utilizing the job title "Software Engineer" would be in violation of the Board's statutes or regulations.

The Board will refer Mr. Hayes to N.J.S.A. 45:8-28 regarding the use of the word "engineer".

Donald C. Meserlian, PE

RE: Request to reverse the Board's previous determination in a closed complaint matter
(April 21, 2005)

Mr. Meserlian writes to the Board with regards to Larry Powers' letter and his closed complaint.

The Board reviewed Mr. Meserlian's request again to reverse its prior determination concerning professional engineers performing topographic surveys. He will be informed that the Board denied his request. In addition, he will be instructed to direct all correspondence to the Board Office and not to individual board members.

Tony Czapka/ Tricarico Architecture & Design, PC
 RE: Architectural Engineering
 (April 19, 2005)

Mr. Czapka requests that the Board explain the types of documents a professional engineer, with education in architectural engineering, is allowed to sign and seal.

After discussing this matter the Board shall advise him that he must practice within his engineering discipline. A copy of the applicable statutes addressing this matter will be sent to him.

APPEARANCES

Devon Graf, Regulatory Analyst

Mr. Graf appeared before the Board to discuss the comments and responses to the corner marker waiver regulation and the sunset of its regulations. He will be scheduled to appear at subsequent Board meeting to discuss these matters.

Brian Strizki, PE, Director/NJ Department of Transportation

Mr. Strizki appeared before the Board to discuss PE licensure among NJDOT employees. He stated that while there is not any incentive program at the NJDOT to become licensed as a PE, there is a push toward licensure for those individuals already licensed in other states to become licensed in New Jersey.

He requested that the Board consider bridge repair design as qualifying design experience toward the Board's 2 year design experience requirement. He provided the Board with a copy of the other states' Department of Transportation PE licensure requirements.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Licensure

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Patel, unanimously voted to approve the following applications:

NAME	APP#	PE/EIT	DECISION	NAME	APP#	PE/EIT	DECISION
K. ROWAN	1097720	COMITY	GRANT	T.KEYS	1097778	COMITY	GRANT
T. SABOL	1086525	COMITY	GRANT	M. SWEENEY	954845	COMITY	GRANT
R.AIELLO	1099193	COMITY	GRANT	D. BUTLER	1082615	COMITY	GRANT
B. FIORENTINO	1011151	COMITY	GRANT	F. THOMPSON	1084881	COMITY	GRANT
A. RONG	1028814	COMITY	GRANT	A. PARASHARAMI	865475	COMITY	GRANT
R. HAZELTON	1031633	COMITY	GRANT	D. KELLY	1102674	COMITY	GRANT
R. PANUTO	1098164	COMITY	GRANT	T. DEVRIES	1101284	COMITY	GRANT

L. JONES	1103841	COMITY	GRANT	T. FRANKLIN	1103084	COMITY	GRANT
R. MCFALL	1099381	COMITY	GRANT	P. DIMAGGIO	1035624	COMITY	GRANT
D. JONES	1104628	COMITY	GRANT	J. WILLIAMSON	1075893	COMITY	GRANT
J. SKOWRONSKI	1100729	COMITY	GRANT	A. HENDERSON	1034793	COMITY	GRANT
R. FAIR	1102697	COMITY	GRANT	M. BYLE	1037299	COMITY	GRANT
E. HAGGERTY	1027254	COMITY	GRANT	P. HOMAI	1094810	COMITY	GRANT
J. FREEMAN	1079289	COMITY	GRANT	K. CHOWDHURY	974413	COMITY	GRANT
J. STRATTON	1095588	COMITY	GRANT	J. SHELBY	1102657	COMITY	GRANT
W. PHILLIP	1016609	COMITY	GRANT	R. JACOBBER	1100721	COMITY	GRANT
K. ARTZBERGER	1034652	COMITY	GRANT	D. JAKIEL	1017374	COMITY	GRANT
K. MCLEOD	1097193	COMITY	GRANT	P. KAMIS	1037295	COMITY	GRANT
M. NELSON	1037320	COMITY	GRANT	M. ANDERSON	1013039	COMITY	GRANT
M. DENTINGER	52002	COMITY	GRANT	JUN MA	1097080	COMITY	GRANT
M. SODL	1004959	COMITY	GRANT	W. GERSTLE	1018106	COMITY	GRANT
A. ERDMANN	1094424	COMITY	GRANT	J.CONN	1106933	COMITY	GRANT
C. MESSINA	1097072	COMITY	GRANT	J. JETTON	1104205	COMITY	GRANT
R. CHENG	1023485	COMITY	GRANT	J. CONVERY	1109436	COMITY	GRANT
D. LOWDERMILK	1088070	COMITY	GRANT	K. HASAN	936482	PE\EXAM	TAKE F&P
S. LEMMO	1080026	COMITY	GRANT	R. CROSSAN	1073890	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
T. OSBORNE	1098269	COMITY	GRANT	A. MASTROLIA	1072848	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
J. CRABTREE	1096786	COMITY	GRANT	S. SADLER	1076019	PE\EXAM	TAKE P

Certificates of Authorization

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to approve the following Certificates of Authorization:

Engineering Arresting Systems Corp
2550 Market Street
Aston, PA 19014

Korzen Engineering, LLC
26 Berkshire Street
Whippany, NJ 07981

Ibberson Engineering, Inc.
828 Fifth Street South
Hopkins, MN 55343

Peel, Kehrley, Inc.
205 Main Street
Chatham, NJ 07928

MCB Engineering Associates, LLC
11 Furler Street
Totowa, NJ 07511

CMW, Inc. d/b/a CMW Architecture & Engineering, Inc.
400 E. Vine Street, #400
Lexington, KY 40507

Landtech Engineering, Inc
9 Pine Way
Long Valley, NJ 07853

Gillespie Engineering, Inc.
201 Arnold Ave., Suite F
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rinehart, Inc.
33 E. Pine Street
Orlando, FL 32801

RC Associates Consulting, Inc.
617 Route 71, Bldg. 3, Suite 14
Brielle, NJ

New Energy Options, Inc.
410 Great Road, B-6
Littleton, MA 01460

Harrison French & Associates, Ltd.
809 SW A Street
Bentonville, AR 72712

ENK Solutions, LLC
21 Main Street
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Caputek Engineering Services, LLC
621 Kirwan Court
Freehold, NJ 07728

Ramaker & Associates, Inc.
1120 Dallas Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

THP Limited, Inc.
100 E. Eighth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Linde Boc Process Plants, LLC
8506 East 61st Street
Tulsa, OK 74133

HGA Architects & Engineers, LLC
701 Washington Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55401

TN & Associates, Inc.
1033 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 200
Milwaukee, WI 53226

The Mills Pond Group, Ltd.
Mills Pond Conservatory
46 Belmar Blvd.
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Full Board Review

Mehedi Rahid - #1101251

The Board reviewed Mr. Rahid's application for licensure. It determined that he has received a graduate degree from the United States but his undergraduate is from a foreign university. Based upon his ECEI evaluation, Mr. Rahid has a credit deficiency in math and basic sciences and in engineering design courses.

The Board, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Patel, unanimously voted to accept his graduate degree as a substitute for the credit deficiency, but he will be informed that he is lacking 6 months of engineering design experience.

Roberto J. Ramos - #922574

This application was tabled until the next meeting.

Doyle Magnus - #1093347

After reviewing this application the Board noted that Mr. Magnus received a B.S. degree in architectural studies from Oklahoma State University which was not ABET accredited in 1982. However, the undergraduate architectural engineering program from Oklahoma State University was ABET accredited in 1986. The Board will request that he submit a course work analyses for its review.

Igor Maevski - #918368

This application was tabled until the next meeting.

Michael Slack - #1107135

The Board reviewed Mr. Slack's application for licensure and noted that he was arrested in 2000 for driving while under the influence. He has had no other arrests or convictions.

Based on its review, the Board, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Kelly, unanimously voted to approve Michael Slack's application for licensure.

Rashid Siddiqui - #961708

Based upon its review, the Board determined that the references submitted on behalf of Mr. Siddiqui were either from co-workers or friends, and that his ECEI evaluation indicated he did not meet ABET standards.

After a review the Board, on a motion by BM Patel, second by VP Vernick, unanimously voted to request that Mr. Siddiqui provide references from 2 additional professional engineers who supervised his work.

Marco Avila - #49525/1098680

Mr. Avila appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the fundamentals of engineering examination based upon his years of experience.

After learning more about his background, the Board decided that Mr. Avila did not have 15 years of acceptable experience from the date of his college graduation. In order to receive possible credit for his work experience gained while attending college, Mr. Avila was requested to provide the Board with an entire analysis of his work experience.

DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

"DEP may fine engineer over flawed plans: Tinton Falls housing project would've violated wetlands" by: Bill Bowman - Asbury Park Press: published April 7, 2005

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Patel, unanimously voted to move this matter in Executive Session.

New Jersey Department of Transportation: Baseline Document Change Announcement

This matter will be carried over to a future meeting.

Funded Delegate for the 2005 NCEES Annual Meeting - Betsy Browne, Executive Director/NCEES

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Kelly, unanimously appointed President James Valenti as the delegate. President Valenti, VP Vernick, BMs Patel & Raimondi and Executive Director Russo are expected to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were expressed.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by VP Vernick, second BP Valenti, the Board 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 Frantz, second by VP Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm.

APPROVED BY:

James K. Valenti, PE
President

Joseph Grabowy
Assistant to the Executive Director