

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of June 1, 2006
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

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

President Vernick 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:

Edward Vernick
James Kelly
Michael Angeline Lawrence Koo
James Valenti
Robert Marshall
Richard Frantz

Absent:

James Cleary
Louis Raimondi
James Purcell

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to cancel its regularly scheduled meeting of July 6, 2006.

Upon reviewing the New Jersey Land Surveyor State Specific examination, the Board shall request that Professional Credential Services delete one question since it pertains more to the profession of engineering rather than land surveying.

The Board elected BM Valenti to represent it at the annual NCEES meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Board reviewed and noted the licensing renewal statistics.

Executive Director Russo informed the Board of a memorandum submitted by the Director's Office outlining the new guidelines for travel payments. The Board noted this memorandum for the record.

Incoming Correspondence

George D. Peterson, Ph.D., P.E.

RE: ECEI
(May 5, 2006)

Mr. Peterson updated the Board on ABET's improvements.

The Board tabled this matter until the next meeting.

Jason Chang
RE: Home Inspector Application
(May 8, 2006)

Mr. Chang expressed concern to the Board regarding the length of time being taken to review his home inspector application.

The Board will request a status from the Home Inspection Advisory Committee.

Joseph Donato, P.L.S.
RE: Map Filing Law
(May 19, 2006)

Mr. Donato wrote to the Board concerning the proper procedure for the filing of government maps.

This correspondence was noted for the record since the Board has previously responded to this inquiry.

John Mc Monagle, PE
RE: Acceptance of Metropolitan State College of Denver's Bachelor's Degree in Surveying
(March 21, 2006)

Mr. Mc Monagle submitted information regarding the land surveying program at Metropolitan State College to determine if the Board would accept it.

The Board will advise Mr. Mc Monagle that Purdue University is the only school that offers a Bachelors of Science in Land Surveying.

Outgoing Correspondence

Arthur Russo
RE: Map Filing Law
May 18, 2006

Executive Director Russo wrote to Mr. Donato in response to his letter dated March 9, 2006.

The Board noted this correspondence for the record.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Valenti, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted on the following applications:

NAME	APPLICATION #	PE/EIT	DECISION
A. ZELOYLE	1185401	COMITY	GRANT
A. ZORN	1160277	COMITY	A.I.N.
B. HALL	1147817	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.

C. LUO	1154117	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
C. POMERANTZ	1173594	COMITY	GRANT
C. RICHARD	1145993	COMITY	GRANT
D. HUNTINGTON	1173432	COMITY	GRANT
D. SMITH	1165632	COMITY	GRANT
D. WEGNER	1178503	COMITY	GRANT
D. WENZEL	1173520	COMITY	GRANT
D. WHITAKER	1166563	COMITY	GRANT
E. BIER	1176069	COMITY	A.I.N.
E. TOMPOS	1172395	COMITY	A.I.N.
G. DAVENPORT	1179338	COMITY	A.I.N.
G. MCCLEAN	1166380	COMITY	GRANT
G. SHORT	1124961	COMITY	GRANT
G. SMITH	1173474	COMITY	GRANT
G. STEIN	1166335	COMITY	GRANT
G.LOHSE	1166293	COMITY	GRANT
H. HITLE	1166447	COMITY	GRANT
I. ABOULAFIA	1178500	COMITY	GRANT
J. MROSZCZYK	1168363	COMITY	A.I.N.
J. CHAMPLIN	1155839	COMITY	GRANT
J. DOBIS	1160399	COMITY	GRANT
J. LEKSE	1168342	COMITY	GRANT
J. MITCHELL	1154663	COMITY	A.I.N.
J. MITCHELL	1129420	COMITY	GRANT
J. PALIN	1136401	COMITY	GRANT
J. SPEICHER	1169092	COMITY	GRANT
K. BUXTON	1185407	COMITY	GRANT
K. CLARK	1160526	COMITY	GRANT
K. JONES	1176344	COMITY	GRANT
K. KARNATZ	1181855	COMITY	GRANT

K. LOFTUS	1169205	COMITY	GRANT
L. CHAPMAN	1181357	COMITY	GRANT
L. SCHORR	1173583	COMITY	A.I.N.
M. HU	1155702	COMITY	GRANT
M. KENNEALLY	1168211	COMITY	GRANT
M. LIRIANO	1187924	PE\EXAM	TAKE F&P
M. MECKLER	1162821	COMITY	GRANT
M. MENNO	1184543	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
M. MISRAHI	1185185	COMITY	A.I.N.
M. WASKOVICH	1169141	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
M. WILLIAMSON	1155764	COMITY	GRANT
M.WILLIAMSON	1155764	COMITY	GRANT
N. WHETTAN	1169074	COMITY	A.I.N.
P. MILLER	1180213	COMITY	GRANT
PRICE	1178505	COMITY	GRANT
R. HASEMIER	1148649	COMITY	GRANT
R. MANIKALA	1144016	COMITY	A.I.N.
R. MCCOMBS	1143052	COMITY	GRANT
R. MINESINGER	1155764	COMITY	A.I.N.
S. AHMED	1088531	COMITY	A.I.N.
S. CHELL	1119167	COMITY	A.I.N.
S. EASON	1172461	COMITY	A.I.N.
S. HOTRA	1155610	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
S. JANUSKO	1134451	COMITY	GRANT
S. SMITH	1181234	COMITY	GRANT
T. FUCHS	1157287	COMITY	GRANT
V. CICHOCKI	1155622	COMITY	GRANT
W. MCGINNTY	1165639	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
W. OFF	1162804	COMITY	A.I.N.
Z. KARIM	1178523	PE\EXAM	TAKE P

ZHU LIU	1102715	COMITY	GRANT
A. RAY	1104886	COMITY	A.I.N.

A.I.N. = Additional Information Needed

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

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

Sharpe Engineering, Inc. 555 Second Ave., Suite G-250 Collegeville, PA 19426

KRW Consulting Group, LLC 1881 W. Commerce Drive, Suite 111 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Pinpoint Surveying, LLC 108 S. 16th Street East Orange, NJ 07018

Axis Design Group International, LLC 23 Waterford Drive Montville, NJ 07045

ABR Consultants, LLC 129 N. Broadway Camden, NJ 08102

Rogers Surveying, LLC 1632 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, NY 10310

GSC/ Kleinfelder 5015 Shorham Place San Diego, CA 92122

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REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

Kenneth S. Gayer, PE - The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to reinstate Mr. Gayer’s license.

Robert Walz, PE - The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to reinstate Mr. Walz’s license.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Educational Requirements

The Board held a discussion regarding the matter of additional education as a requirement for licensure as a professional engineer. There has been general discussion in the engineering community sponsored by the ASCE, of changing the current education requirement of a Bachelor’s degree in engineering by adding a Masters degree or, an additional 30 credit hours of graduate work to sit for the Principles & Practices of Engineering examination.

Recognizing there is not any pending legislation in the State of New Jersey to change the education requirement, the Board discussed the merits of additional education and limitations of doing so beyond the requirement of graduation from a Board approved curriculum in engineering or engineering technology as set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:8-35. At the current time the Board was of the general opinion it does not support the need to increase the education requirement for licensure as a professional engineer. The Board has not observed a significant volume of complaints filed against licensees based upon a lack of competency in their academic training. Thus, it does not appear that the consumers in the State of New Jersey are being harmed or damaged as a result of its current education law set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:8-35.

The Board was also concerned with the potential adverse impact such a proposal may have in the quantity of engineers to meet the needs of the profession in the State of New Jersey. The Board was of the general opinion that the current education requirement appears adequate for individuals to function at the level necessary to pursue licensure and to protect consumers in the state. Further, the Board noted that many licensees pursue additional education and degrees as appropriate to gain higher skill levels in particular disciplines such as transportation, structural or environmental engineering.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, PE/PLS requested additional information relative to a complaint filed with the Home Inspection Advisory Committee against a home inspector who is also licensed as a professional engineer. The Board advised Mr. Blumeling to speak with the Home Inspection Advisory Committee regarding this matter.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Valenti, second by BM Koo, 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 BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:20pm.

APPROVED BY:

Edward Vernick, PE Arthur Russo
President Executive Director