

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND LAND SURVEYORS  
Minutes of June 3, 2004  
Public Session**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Kelly 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 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 Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

**ROLL CALL**

BM's present:

James Kelly  
Richard Frantz  
James Valenti  
Robert Marshall  
Edward Vernick  
Louis Raimondi  
Albert Faraldi

BM's absent:

Robert Bogart  
Rishi Raj  
Pravin Patel

Others present: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, and staff members Joseph Grabowy, Ernest Gonzalez, Martha Richardson, Robert Welsh, and Yolanda Winston.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 19, 2004

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 19, 2004 as amended.

President Kelly abstained from this motion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Legislation

President Vernick presented the Board with the following legislative information:

S297/A2809 - Requires a value engineering clause in specifications for certain construction contracts under the

Local Public Contracts Law. This bill was reported out of the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee on May 27, 2004. The Board, on a motion by President Kelly, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to take no position on this bill.

A2772 - Revises filing requirements for minor subdivisions. This bill was introduced on May 10, 2004 and was referred to the Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee. After a discussion of the bill, the Board, on a motion by BM Faraldi, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to support it since it will benefit the public.

A2897 - Clarifies the functions of a land surveyor as distinguished from the functions of licensed professional engineers. This bill was introduced on May 24, 2004 and referred to the Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee. After a careful review of the bill, the Board, on a motion by BM Faraldi, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to oppose this bill since it undermines the Board's regulations and fails to protect the consumer.

A2611 - Requires the DEP to establish a certification program for environmental consultants. This bill was introduced on May 3, 2004 and referred to the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee. The Board, on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to support the bill and suggested that the function be assigned to this Board.

A2052 - Regulates contractors engaging in home improvements. This bill which was introduced on February 5, 2004 was passed in both the Assembly and Senate and approved and signed into law by the Governor on May 13, 2004.

#### Administration

No report.

#### Examinations

The Board, on a motion by BM Faraldi, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to approve the release of the April 2004 examination results by PCS when received from NCEES.

#### Education

No report.

#### Regulations

No report.

#### Finance

BM Faraldi indicated that the Board's finances are sound.

#### NCEES Report

BM Raimondi informed the Board that the NCEES Annual Meeting will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 21-23, 2005.

The Board previously voted that ED Russo shall be the Board representative at this meeting and VP Valenti shall be the Board delegate.

#### Special Committee Reports

#### Newsletter

VP Valenti informed the Board that additional articles are needed to complete the next newsletter.

Joint Committee

No report.

Website

Robert Welsh informed the Board that changes and updates continue to be made to the website.

Applications: Revisions PE/LS and Design Experience

No report

Licensure Promotion Committee

No report.

Disciplinary Action Committee

No report.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

General Report

Joseph Grabowy informed the Board that S1467/A2519, which extends the deadline for licensure of home inspectors from June 30, 2004 to December 30, 2005, passed both the Assembly and the Senate. He indicated that this bill is presently under review by the Governor's Office.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2005 meeting dates and unanimously approved the dates.

The Board reviewed and noted the Certificate of Authorization Report. There were 11 newly issued C/As, 193 have not renewed and 1,787 certificates have been issued year to date.

Incoming Correspondence

Ronald Dalrymple, CPM, Executive Director/ Arizona Board of Technical Registration  
RE: Statistically Defensible Professional Examination for Geological Engineers  
(May 21, 2004)

Mr. Dalrymple writes to all state licensing boards informing them of the Arizona Board's development of a statistically defensible practice examination (PE) for geological engineers.

The Board will advise Mr. Dalrymple that it has no interest at this time in administering this examination in New Jersey. John E. Fee, PE  
RE: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
(May 11, 2004)

Mr. Fee writes to the Board requesting assistance in obtaining licensure in Puerto Rico.

The Board reviewed this matter and will inform Mr. Fee that this matter should be handled through NCEES.

Information

The following informational item was noted by the Board:

\* "Is it just me, or are surveyors getting older?" by: Martin Pedersen, PLS NCEES Licensure EXCHANGE - May 2004

## REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

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

| NAME                 | APP #   | DECISION        | NAME                | APP #   | DECISION        |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|
| G. CHIERUZZI         | 1004876 | GRANT           | S. IZHAR            | 972629  | GRANT           |
| D. MAZZEI            | 1004883 | GRANT           | J. FERRY            | 1001478 | GRANT           |
| K. MOTIWALA          | 998472  | GRANT           | R. SHIFLETT         | 1006037 | GRANT           |
| T. RAMSEY            | 998467  | GRANT           | P. PELZER           | 1003906 | GRANT           |
| S. GRANT             | 995877  | GRANT           | B. HEALY            | 1005739 | GRANT           |
| M. LOMBARDI          | 1002639 | GRANT           | M. CARNIVALE        | 990822  | GRANT           |
| L. BLACK             | 1003876 | GRANT           | SAI BARADE          | 989008  | GRANT           |
| D. HEYER             | 995862  | GRANT           | M. GRAY             | 992021  | GRANT           |
| R. REES              | 992072  | GRANT           | J. JACKSON          | 992961  | GRANT           |
| R. LEFEVER           | 990477  | GRANT           | E. BOSCO            | 997491  | GRANT           |
| R. EWING             | 995891  | GRANT           | C. CIRO             | 1008466 | GRANT           |
| N. OPPENHEIMER       | 969045  | GRANT           | H. PANG             | 947477  | TAKE F          |
| C. SCHARFF           | 996632  | GRANT           | B. SCOTT            | 994797  | TAKE F&P        |
| A. BAKI              | 983459  | GRANT           | F. GARCIA           | 978788  | TAKE F&P        |
| T. GUSTAFSON         | 970819  | GRANT           | M. VENUTO           | 1004096 | TAKE<br>FLS&PLS |
| A. BOROJERDI         | 986120  | GRANT           | K. ELMHURST         | 979552  | TAKE P          |
| G. TINERVIA          | 1001461 | GRANT           | P. NEWTON           | 979690  | TAKE P          |
| C. CONLIN            | 999198  | GRANT           | S. NELSON           | 1001695 | TAKE P          |
| T. AMOIA             | 999733  | GRANT           | J. ALEXIOUS         | 1012119 | TAKE P          |
| US. AMBEKAR          | 891427  | GRANT           | S. CHITIKELA        | 991429  | GRANT           |
| C. CAVANAGH          | 1003882 | GRANT           | ROBERT<br>JANKOWICZ | 101325  | 8 H.I. LICENSE  |
| MEHDI<br>MOHAMMADISH | 1013133 | H.I.<br>LICENSE | -                   | -       | -               |

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Faraldi, unanimously voted to deny the following applications:

| NAME      | APP #   | DECISION | REASON     | NAME       | APP #  | DECISION | REASON     |
|-----------|---------|----------|------------|------------|--------|----------|------------|
| M. CHO    | 962069  | DENIED   | Experience | M. ALBERS  | 998387 | DENIED   | Experience |
| J. MOY    | 972586  | DENIED   | Experience | R. FILKINS | 990474 | DENIED   | Education  |
| S. BRAY   | 990076  | DENIED   | Education  | B. DAY     | 976362 | DENIED   | Experience |
| M. GARCIA | 1000487 | DENIED   | Experience | T. Waltzer | 981980 | DENIED   | Experience |
| H. PANG   | 947477  | DENIED   | Experience | -          | -      | -        | -          |

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Faraldi, unanimously voted to approve the following Certificate of Authorization applications:

The Great Meadows Design Group, LLC  
 24 Far View Road  
 Great Meadows, NJ 07838 URS Corporation - New York  
 One Penn Plaza, Suite 610  
 New York, NY 10119  
 Owen Ayres and Associates, Inc.  
 3433 Oakwood Hills Parkway  
 Eau Claire, WI 54701 Construction Technology Laboratories, Inc.  
 5400 Old Orchard Road  
 Skokie, IL 60077

Full Board Review

Mohammad Vatan - #52344

Mr. Vatan applied for licensure by comity. The Board requested additional information from Mr. Vatan, who in turn requested that the Board reconsider his initial submission.

The Board, on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to request that Mr. Vatan submit three additional references for consideration.

Geoffrey Krenkel - #997515

The Board reviewed Mr. Krenkel's application and documentation pertinent to a conviction in 1993 of harassment and ethnic intimidation. The judge presiding over this matter submitted a letter to the Board advising that Mr. Krenkel's conviction is one that usually is not repeated since it was committed during the applicant's youth.

The Board, after discussing this information and on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to approve Mr. Krenkel to sit for the principles and practices portion of the engineering examination.

Dana Martinez - #973302

The Board reviewed this application, and on a motion by President Kelly, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously

approved Mr. Martinez for licensure by comity.

Frank Primich - #979764

Mr. Primich was previously approved for licensure. However, the company with which he is affiliated, NorthStar Engineering, has yet to receive a Certificate of Authorization.

The Board will continue to monitor this matter.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Board reviewed an updated submission by the Garden State Land Surveyors Alliance (GSLSA) for consideration of its continuing education courses.

Upon review, the Board determined that GSLSA is still submitting course dates and course site locations with a "To Be Announced" designation. The Board noted that this practice is not accepted for other applications and therefore has determined that GSLSA must provide specific dates on which the courses are to be offered.

### **MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Vernick, the Board voted unanimously to move to Executive Session to complete its agenda.

### **RETURN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Faraldi, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Approved by:

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James D. Kelly  
President

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Arthur Russo  
Executive Director

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