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CALL TO ORDER

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

Board 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 Lawrence Koo
 Perry Schwartz Robert Marshall
 James Cleary James Purcell
 Richard Frantz Richard Smith, Jr.
 Barry Jones

Absent: Edward Vernick

Others: Joseph Grabowy, Acting Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, staff members Martha Richardson, Yolanda Winston, and three members of the public, Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS, Charles Bell, Jr., PLS, and Douglas P. Casper, AIA.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

April 19, 2011 - (For information purposes)

The Board noted the minutes of April 19, 2011 for the record.

May 19, 2011 - (Review)

After reviewing the minutes of April 19, 2011, the Board on a motion by VP Schwartz, second by BM Marshall, voted to approve them as amended.

Appearance - Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst

Ms. Greenblatt appeared before the Board to discuss the sunset of its regulations. This matter was discussed and on a motion by VP Schwartz, second by BM Jones, the Board voted to adopt the final regulations with no further changes.

In addition, Ms. Greenblatt discussed with the Board, the proposed continuing education regulations for professional engineers and its consistency with the existing land surveyors continuing education regulations. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

Acting Executive Director Joseph Grabowy, stated that Joseph Simonetta has postponed his appearance today to the July meeting due to a very busy legislative session.

The Board reviewed the 2012 proposed meeting dates and on a motion by VP Schwartz, second by BM Purcell, voted to approve them.

The Board reviewed the April 2011 examination statistics and requested they be sent to the respective schools. A total of 718 candidates registered for the examinations in April 2011.

A.E.D. Joseph Grabowy, stated that the list of municipal professional engineers and land surveyors has been posted to the Board's website.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Tim Miller, PE, NCEES, Dir., of Exam Services,
May 11, 2011
Re: Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Exams and Supporting Material

NCEES is informing the Board that for the October 2011 examinations, NCEES will implement changes on two PE examinations.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

Joseph A. Simonetta, CAE, Exec. Dir.
New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers
April 1, 2011

Re: Proposed Revisions to the Definition of Responsible Charge of Engineering Work

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Bruce Alexander
May 20, 2011

Re: Staking Foundation Locations for Solar Fields

The Board discussed this matter and on a motion by BM Smith, second by VP Schwartz, voted to inform Mr. Alexander that included within the definition of the practice of land surveying codified at N.J.S.A. 45:8-28(e), in New Jersey is “the establishing of horizontal and vertical control as it relates to construction stake-out.” If the basis for the placement of the structure (solar field) has been established by a Professional Land Surveyor, a contractor would be permitted to rely on the surveyor’s horizontal and vertical control. If the basis for the placement of the structure (solar field) is horizontal and vertical control that was established by a Professional Land Surveyor, and the surveyor’s control is reported in a form compatible with GPS based machine control, the contractor would be permitted to utilize GPS equipment to correlate the proposed structure with the surveyors horizontal and vertical control.

Antonio Marino, P.E.
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
May 16, 2011

Re: Continuing Education Requirements and Approved Provider Status

The Board discussed this matter and will thank Mr. Marino for his inquiry and advise that its continuing education regulation, once complete, will provide additional guidance for professional engineers seeking courses to attend.

Richard Esslinger
May 16, 2011

Re: Signing and Sealing of Architectural and Structural Documents of a Personal Residence by a Professional Engineer

The Board discussed this matter and requested that it be referred to the Board of Architects to determine if the architect’s exemption applies.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick M. McGuire, PE
Re: Reinstatement Application

This correspondence was noted for the record.

Albert Faraldi, PLS
Re: Continuing Education

This correspondence was noted for the record.

Norman R. Coltri

Re: Board Regulations

This correspondence was noted for the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- Committee Reorganization -

BP Valenti discussed with the Board the need to reorganize the following Standing Committee's

- Applications Committee

This Committee will be changed to the Review of Applications and Courses, which shall include the approvals of the professional engineering and land surveying continuing competency course applications. BM Marshall is the Chairman.

The following committee was established:

Legislation and Regulations Committee

The following committees were removed:

- Applications Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- Sunset Regulations Committee

I Legislation & Regulations Committee:

No Report

ii Education Committee:

No Report

iii Joint Committee of Architects & Engineer

No Report

iv NCEES and Reports

1. BM Smith informed the Board that he attended the Colonial States Board of Surveyors Registrations meeting on August 27, 2011. Some discussion items included active/retired issues, a drop-off in the number of candidates taking the surveyors examinations, photogrammetry, and GIS licensure according to the Model Law.
2. BM Purcell reported that he and BM Smith attended the 2011 NE Zone Meeting held in Annapolis, MD on May 19 -21, 2011.
3. Trish McAlister, NCEES, Manager of Meetings - (Attached)
February 23, 2011
Re: Information regarding the 2013 (NJ) NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting

The Board discussed this matter and will inform Ms. McAlister that the meeting will be held at Congress Hall in Cape May, NJ, on May 2 - 4, 2013. The Board's work will commence during the one year period before the event, and shall include event planning, social events, and dinner planning and reservations.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Licensure:

The Board, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Cleary, voted unanimously to approve the following applications as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Application #</u>	<u>Comity/Exam.</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Ackerman, Roy	1562594	Comity	Grant License
Albright, Christopher	1543817	Comity	Grant License
Antequino, Ronald	1562571	Comity	AIN
Bullard, John	1569409	Comity	AIN
Carmona, John	1561829	Comity	AIN
Chapin, Justin	1550974	Comity	Grant License
Chen, Hongteng	1548733	Exam.	Take P
Ciarcia, Daniel	1500330	Exam.	Take P
Denisiuk, Mark	1572333	Exam.	Take F
Dzenisavets, Andrei	1538935	Exam.	Take P
Finkbeiner, David	1550770	Comity	Grant License
Gilbert, Kenneth	1548781	Comity	Grant License
Guran, Refik	1546031	Comity	Grant License
Hinton, Steven	1558747	Comity	AIN
Hitt, Jeffrey	1531128	Comity	AIN
Inga, Andrew	1550810	Comity	Grant License
Joshi, Parth	1501959	Exam.	Take P
Klapper, Jeremy	1542117	Exam.	Tale PLS
Kline, Michael	1530380	Comity	AIN
Koestner, James	1499226	Comity	AIN
Lehn, Gregory	1109946	Comity	Grant License
Levene, John	1543603	Exam.	Take P
Liu, Yan	1536813	Exam.	Take P

McCullough, Paul	1465838	Comity	AIN
Mercede, Francis	1541168	Comity	AIN
Mosley, Christopher	1558690	Comity	Grant License
Murtagh, Paul	1493330	Exam.	Take P
O'Neil, Christopher	1546399	Comity	AIN
Ozyemisci, Mehmet	1358763	Exam.	Take F & P
Page, Timothy	928616	Comity	AIN
Patel, Kalpesh	1562834	Exam.	AIN
Paterson, Richard	1516108	Comity	Grant License
Petner, Michael	1545377	Comity	Grant License
Piscsalko, George	1561660	Comity	AIN
Plank, William	1553937	Comity	Grant License
Ricketts, Richard	1568835	Exam.	AIN
Rieger, Scott	1486782	Comity	Grant License
Schneider, Eliyohu	1553184	Comity	AIN
Schwartz, Chad	1499759	Exam.	AIN
Scott, Thomas	1555835	Comity	Grant License
Semioli, John	1533506	Comity	Grant License
Serrao, Robert	1548809	Comity	Grant License
Smith, Travis	1554575	Comity	AIN
St. Germain, Theodore	1501258	Comity	Grant License
Wall, Jr., Terry	1562892	Comity	AIN
Whitney, Reeves	1558517	Comity	AIN

AIN: Additional Information Needed.

Continuing Education Courses:

Professional Engineers -

 Tabled until the next meeting

Professional Land Surveyors

On a motion by BM Smith, second by BM Cleary, the Board voted to approve the following course of continuing education for Professional Land Surveyors with exceptions.

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Professional Development Seminars, inc.	GPS Projects	4

Full Board Review:

Lindon F. Collison, #1528307

The Board discussed this application and on a motion by VP Schwartz, second by BM Purcell, voted to approve Mr. Collison for the principles and practices portion of the engineering examinations.

Joseph Gilboa, #1400728

The Board discussed this application and will advise Mr. Gilboa to address any issues regarding the evaluation of his education with the evaluation company and to provide an updated report for further consideration.

Reinstatements:

Frank Horacio Ramos, PE

The Board reviewed the reinstatement application for Mr. Ramos and on a motion by VP Schwartz, second by BM Marshall, voted to approve it. In addition, Mr. Ramos will be sent a certificate of authorization application and advised it is needed if he offers or performs engineering services in New Jersey.

Certificates of Authorizations:

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

GAHAGAN & BRANT ASSOCIATES, INC. 5803 Kennett Pike, Ste. D Wilmington, DE 19807 Application # 1589826	CYNERGY ENGINEERING, LLC 320 S. Boston Ave., 12 th Fl. Tulsa, OK 74103 Application # 1590414
BOUNDARY STONE ASSOCIATES, LLC 1105 Ford Avenue West Deptford, NJ 08096 Application # 1585785	HARRISON ENGINEERING, LLC 430 Walnut Avenue Klamath Falls, OR 97601 Application # 15
SNYDER HOFFMAN ASSOCIATES, INC. 105 West Lehigh Street Bethlehem, PA 18018 Application # 1589250	

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS, spoke about the calculation of continuing education hours versus contact hours.

Charles Bell, Jr., PLS, President Elect - NJSPLS, spoke about the different continuing education requirements for professional engineers versus those for land surveyors.

Douglas Casper, AIA, requested to be an approved continuing education course provider on behalf of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, for professional engineers and land surveyors.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board, on a motion by BM Purcell, second by BM Smith, 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 Cleary, second by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.

APPROVED BY:

James K. Valenti
President

Joseph P. Grabow
Acting Executive Director