

State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of June 21, 2001

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by the Board President James Kelly at 9:00 am in the Hudson Conference Room, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, 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 Meeting 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 Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BM's present:

James Kelly Pravin Patel (departed 12:30 pm)
Robert Bogart Theodore Cassera (arrived 10:00 am)
Richard Frantz Albert Faraldi (departed 12:30 pm)
Robert Marshall Louis Raimondi
Edward Vernick Rishi Raj

Others present: William Mandeville, Program Development Assistant, Joseph Grabowy, Management Assistant, Sadiqa Smith, Recording Secretary, Martha Richardson, Board Staff and Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General.

APPROVAL/ DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The Board reviewed the June 7, 2001 Examination/Comity Applications Report and voted to approve 59 exam and 18 comity applications, and to deny 4 exam and 9 comity applications (list attached).

On a motion by BM Bogart, seconded by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted to accept the June 7, 2001 list of approved/denied applications for licensure.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Bogart, seconded by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Executive Session items.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained in Executive Session, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PCS - Determination of PLS Cut-Off Scores

BM Faraldi reported that the cut-off score for passing the New Jersey State Specific Land Surveying examination is 24. The Board reviewed and discussed the results of the April 2001 examination where 7 of 12 candidates failed resulting in a 58.3% failure rate. The Board concluded that there may be some discrepancies with the test and the corresponding answer key. President Kelly delegated BM Faraldi and BM Raimondi to review the test and the answer key. Upon a thorough review and assurance that the answer key is accurate, the Board will authorize the release of these scores.

On a motion by BM Bogart, seconded by BM Cassera, the Board unanimously voted to release the scores upon the completion of the review by BM Faraldi and BM Raimondi.

General Report

Newsletter - 3rd Edition

William Mandeville reported that the 3rd Edition of the Newsletter will be printed in July 2001.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Patel, the Board unanimously voted to move into Executive Session for the purpose of continuing the discussion of Executive Session items.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained in Executive Session, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

GOODKIND & ODEA, INC.

Louis K. Robbins -Promotional advertisement from Goodkind & ODea, Inc.

Previously, at its March 1, 2001 meeting, the Board reviewed an advertisement from Goodkind & ODea, Inc. in which it appeared that one of its employees was engaging in the unlicensed practice of engineering. The employee, Ileana S. Ivanciu, a professional geologist, was being promoted in the company advertisement as having been in responsible charge of numerous high-profile private and public-sector projects including landfill closures, chemical facilities decontamination and demolition projects, and hazardous site characterization and remediation projects. The Board contacted Mr. Robbins and expressed its concerns that the advertisement is misleading and not in compliance with the Boards regulations.

Mr. Robbins responded to the Boards correspondence of March 9, 2001, in which he stated that the company would fully cooperate with the Boards request to revise its marketing materials, and that it has made changes to all of its promotional materials regarding this matter. BM Marshall stated that Goodkind has been very responsive to the Boards concerns and has modified its advertising to adhere to the Boards rules and regulations.

PROPOSED EXAMINATION SITE

As a follow-up to his initial discussion with the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to consider the school as the northern examination site for the October 2001 examinations, BM Cassera reported that he was informed that NJIT

could accommodate 184 examines between its main ballroom, adjacent gallery, and three office rooms. He further stated that once completed, the new ballroom, now under construction, will double the size of the existing ballroom.

The Board discussed this matter and expressed concern with NJIT's current limited capacity. The Board staff will research the attendance numbers of past examinations at the northern location to determine if the 184 falls within that range required. The Board generally concluded that should the number of examines requesting to take the exams at the northern site exceed the capacity of the site, they would be relocated to the southern location.

BM Cassera will inquire of NJIT if additional capacity could be made available for the October 2001 examination. Based on this additional information, it was indicated by BP Kelly that a decision will be made on whether to retain Vernon Valley, NJ, as the only northern examination site for October 2001.

Incoming Correspondence

June Levy, Division of Consumer Affairs (June 7, 2001)

Re: Year End Guidelines/Cutoff Date for Processing Travel Reimbursement requests and payment vouchers

In her correspondence, Ms. Levy notified the Board that all payment vouchers for travel must be submitted to the fiscal unit no later than July 6, 2001, since the current fiscal year ends on June 30, 2001.

The Board noted this correspondence for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Frantz, seconded by BM Bogart, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Approved by:

James D. Kelly, PE
President

William Mandeville
Program Development Assistant

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