

>



State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of July 25, 2002

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by Board President Pravin Patel at 9:00am at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Hudson 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 Patel 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 Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BM's present:

James Kelly	Richard Frantz
Louis Raimondi	Edward Vernick
Albert Faraldi	Pravin Patel
Rishi Raj	Robert Marshall

BM's absent:

Robert Bogart	James Valenti
---------------	---------------

Others present: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, William Mandeville, Program Development Assistant, Ernest Gonzalez, Senior Clerk Transcriber, Joseph Grabowy, Auditor/Accountant Assistant, Deputy Attorney General Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General Megan Matthews, Yolanda Winston, staff, and one public member.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Faraldi, second by VP Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Executive Session agenda.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion contained within the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously agreed to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

President Patel took the opportunity to thank Theodore Cassera for all his hard work and dedication to the Board and the citizens of New Jersey during his 10 year tenure. President Patel presented Mr. Cassera with a plaque honoring him for his many contributions to the Board.

On a motion by BM Faraldi, second by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to elect Theodore Cassera as an Emeritus Member of the Board. NCEES will be informed that Theodore Cassera has been named Emeritus Member of the Board.

ED Russo informed the Board that a notice will be sent to NCEES regarding the appointment of James K. Valenti by Governor James McGreevey to succeed Board Member Theodore Cassera.

ED Russo stated that 56 applications for home inspector licensure under the grandfathering provision have been received by the Board office.

Finally, ED Russo informed the Board that the Certificate of Authorization renewal process is not yet complete. The Board staff is working vigorously to complete this task.

President Patel informed the Board that he is still compiling newspaper and magazine articles regarding the World Trade Center disaster and reminded Board Members to submit any such material that they may encounter.

Incoming Correspondence

Gary C. Mc Knight
RE: Consent Order
(July 11, 2002)

Mr. Mc Knight informs the Board he has completed an ethics course as required and is seeking the Board's approval of this course toward the two courses required to comply with the Board's previous Consent Order.

On a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to approve this course and requested the name and course description of the second ethics course he plans to take.

Dorothy M. Day

Ms. Day writes to the Board with regard to a matter involving a residential property survey and corner marker settings raising questions about the validity of a revised survey and the recapping of existing corner markers.

Upon review of this correspondence, the Board requested that Ms. Day submit a copy of the contract showing the total cost of the survey and additional information provided by the surveyor in order to effectively respond to her inquiry.

NCEES NATIONAL PASS RATES

The Board reviewed this information and noted it for the record.

DISCUSSION ON THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (OPRA)

DAG Albertson updated the Board on the status of the new Open Public Meetings Act ("OPRA"), which would allow the public easier access to public records. After she led a discussion on this matter, she stated that she would continue to keep the Board informed of any changes in the implementation of this Act.

REVIEW OF DRAFT REFERENCE FORMS, DRAFT , & FILE JACKET

The Board reviewed the draft versions of reference forms, applications and file jackets for professional engineers spearheaded by former BM Theodore Cassera, who constructed the drafts while still on the Board.

The Board reviewed the drafts and requested that Mr. Cassera make the Board recommended amendments to the draft versions and to forward the final product to William Mandeville.

REVIEW OF DRAFT PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER/HOME INSPECTOR APPLICATION

The Board reviewed a draft version of the Professional Engineer/ Home Inspector application, which has been sent to the Division's Print Production Unit for approval. This draft was noted for the record.

Once approved by the Division, the Board will post the application on its website and publish an article on this subject in its next newsletter.

The Board, after discussing some monetary concerns, will request that June Levy, Fiscal Budget Officer, appear to discuss the budgets which are allocated to the Board and the Home Inspection Advisory Committee.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Ping Guo - #863525

President Patel informed the Board that while Mr. Guo passed the EIT and the PE examinations (in South Dakota and California respectively) he lacks engineering experience in the United States and the references received are not from professional engineers licensed in the United States.

Upon a review of this application, the Board will request that Mr. Guo submit proof of two years of work experience in the United States and additional references from professional engineers licensed in the United States.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED BY:

Pravin H. Patel, PE
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors	Other Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards	Feedback Survey -	Consumer Affairs Home Page	NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety Home Page	State of NJ Home Page
---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	---------------------------------------

Posted November 2002