

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND LAND SURVEYOR  
Minutes of September 7, 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  
James Cleary James Purcell  
Richard Frantz Louis Raimondi

Absent: None

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

May 18, 2006

The Board, on a motion by BM Valenti, second by BM Frantz, and with abstentions from BMs Raimondi and Purcell, unanimously approved the minutes of May 18, 2006 as submitted.

June 1, 2006

The Board, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Frantz, and with abstentions by BMs Cleary and Purcell, unanimously approved the minutes of June 1, 2006 as submitted.

July 20, 2006

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Valenti, with an abstention by BM Angeline, unanimously approved the minutes of July 20, 2006 as submitted.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

General Report

Executive Director Russo presented an invoice from the Division of Law for the 4th quarter FY2006 for Board approval. The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Valenti, unanimously approved payment of this bill.

The Board reviewed information relative to the new Internet Based Testing (IBT) for foreign applicants to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. IBT has replaced the previous examinations of TOEFL and TSE. The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Purcell, unanimously voted to require a minimum passing percentage of 80%, which is equivalent to a total score of 96 out of 120. This information will be provided to Betsy Browne at NCEES.

Executive Director Russo informed the Board that the October 2006 examinations will be held on October 27, 2006 (Principles & Practices of Engineering and Land Surveying) and October 28, 2006 (Fundamentals of Engineering and Land Surveying). He indicated that there will only be two examination sites (NJIT and the West Trenton Fire House).

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for the 2007 calendar year. After review, the Board approved the following dates for the 2007 year: January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15, March 1, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21, July 19, September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1, December 6 & 20.

Executive Director Russo informed the Board that the Certificate of Authorization renewals have been mailed out.

The Board noted the following statistical reports for the record: Attendance of the April 2006 Examinations by Examination Sites and A Status Report by School Code for the April 2006 Examinations.

#### Incoming Correspondence

Terry E. Shoup, President/ ASME and John C. Chen, President/ AIChE  
RE: 30 Credit Addition to PE Requirements  
(August 5, 2006)

Mr. Shoup and Mr. Chen encourage the Board to vote against the NCEES Model Law change which would add 30 credits to PE requirements and provides various opinions on same.

The Board noted this correspondence for the record.

John W. Green, President/ Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists  
RE: NCEES Southern Zone Proposed Resolution  
(August 16, 2006)

Mr. Green writes to all member boards to provide a clarification to the NCEES Southern Zone Proposed Resolution whereby he states that the Mississippi State Board has never alleged that geotechnical and geological engineers were violating the Mississippi geological registration law and that the statement in the proposal is inaccurate.

The Board noted this correspondence for the record.

Eva-Angela Adan/ Center for Professional Engineering  
Education Services  
RE: Evaluation Services  
(August 9, 2006)

Ms. Adan informs the Board that the new evaluation services will be available as of September 5th.

The Board, on a motion by BM Purcell, second by BM Angeline, unanimously voted to approve the Center for Professional Engineering Education Services (CPEES) as its second approved evaluation service. Applicants can now choose to have their foreign undergraduate degrees evaluated either by ECEI or CPEES.

Eugene F. Brown, Chair, College of New Jersey Evaluation  
Team (ABET)  
RE: The College of New Jersey  
(July 25, 2006)

Mr. Brown invites the Board to send a representative to sit during the ABET accreditation of The College of New Jersey's engineering programs. He states that the sessions are from September 9-12th.

BM Angeline and BM Purcell advised that they would be available to attend. Mr. Brown will be notified of the Board members attendance.

Julian R. Chianelli  
RE: April 2006 results  
(August 2, 2006)

Mr. Chianelli requests assistance in trying to have his April 2006 PE examination rescored.

The Board requested that the Board Office obtain more information on this matter.

Brian Jillison  
RE: EIT Application #1192832 (Thomas Edison)  
(July 24, 2006)

Mr. Jillison requests further guidance in obtaining the education and experience necessary for licensure.

This correspondence was tabled until the next meeting.

Rino Canzanella  
RE: EIT Application#1080627 (Thomas Edison)  
(May 30, 2006)

Mr. Canzanella requests reconsideration of the Board's decision with regard to his education from Thomas Edison College.

This correspondence was tabled until the next meeting.

## **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

Patricia Smith - #943894  
Robert Shandor - #1215442

These applications for Board review were tabled until the next meeting.

## **CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION**

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

J & B / ENGEL, LLC  
1196 Route 40  
Pilesgrove, NJ 08098  
Application # 1210233

SMITHGROUP MIDATLANTIC, INC.  
1850 K. Street, NW # 250  
Washington, DC 20006

Application # 1211882

HB ENGINEERS, INC.  
2987 Corporate Court, Ste. 3006  
Orefield, PA 18069  
Application # 1212793

PT&C FORENSIC CONSULTING SERVICES CORP.  
615 South DuPont Highway  
Dover, DE 19901  
Application # 1212794

SCHNABEL FOUNDATION COMPANY  
45240 Business Ct., # 250  
Sterling, VA 20166  
Application # 1214694

E & S CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS, INC.  
4326 Mountain Road  
Pasadena, MD 21122  
Application # 1214696

RIMKUS CONSULTING GROUP, INC.  
8 Greenway Plaza, Ste. 500  
Houston, TX 77046  
Application # 1216327

OVE ARUP & MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
155 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10013  
Application # 1218399

## **REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS**

The Board tabled review of the following reinstatement applications:

- \* Geoffrey L. Mahon, PE
- \* Phillip L. Wolstenholme, PE
- \* Joseph E. Keil, PE
- \* Stephen F. Gillen, PE
- \* Daniel Thomas Butler, PE
- \* James A. Baker, PLS
- \* John R. Shuring, Jr., PE
- \* Walter L. Hinman, Jr., PE

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The Board noted the following for the record:

- \* NCEES News Release: New Options for Construction Engineers

## **APPEARANCES** v Patricia Schirpio, Regulatory Analyst

Patricia Schirpio appeared before the Board to discuss the following pending bills:

A3409 increases the number of Home Inspection Advisory Committee members from 5 to 6. The Board indicated that they were in favor of this bill.

A2955 abolishes the Home Inspection Advisory Committee. The Board maintained its prior position with regard to this bill.

A3247 transfers the powers of the Landscape Architect Committee to the State Board of Architects. The Board formed a committee, which includes BM Cleary (Chair), BM Raimondi and BM Kelly, to further review this bill.

Mark Husik, Executive Director and Jay Pierson, President (NJSPLS)

Mr. Husik and Mr. Pierson appeared before the Board to discuss the possible decline in the number of licensed land surveyors and the employment outlook for land surveyors in the state. They discussed a special report prepared by Arthur J. O'Neal, PhD. entitled "Employment Outlook: Surveyors in New Jersey," which was published in the Summer 2006 edition of the "Coordinate" issued by the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

Thomas Lennox (American Society of Civil Engineers)

Mr. Lennox appeared before the Board to discuss changes to the NCEES Model law regarding the need for engineers to obtain additional education. He compares various other professions nationwide with that of professional engineers and indicated that the educational standards for engineers has remained relatively constant, while other professions have increased their educational standards.

#### **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 3:00pm.

#### **APPROVED BY:**

Edward Vernick, PE Arthur Russo  
President Executive Director