



# State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of September 19, 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, 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 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:

Robert Bogart (10:00am)	Richard Frantz
Louis Raimondi	Edward Vernick
Albert Faraldi	Pravin Patel
Rishi Raj	James Valenti
James Kelly	Robert Marshall

**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, Kevin Golding, Staff, and Yolanda Winston, Staff.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### General Report

ED Russo informed the Board that the certificate of authorization renewal project has been completed and that 400+ companies have failed to renew for the current period. The staff will forward letters to all companies that have not renewed advising them of the penalties which may be imposed for offering engineering and/or land surveying services

without a certificate of authorization.

ED Russo stated that the Certificate Award Ceremony is scheduled for October 17, 2002 at the Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ, and that all invitations have been mailed.

In addition, he also informed the Board that June Levy, Fiscal Officer, has been invited to attend the next Public Session meeting to discuss the financial issues concerning the Home Inspection Advisory Committee.

Finally, ED Russo mentioned that the office of Dr. Klein called to establish a meeting date for BMS Raj and Vernick to visit Rutgers University in Piscataway. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss PE licensure and other issues affecting the engineering profession.

### **Incoming Correspondence**

**Clement R. Pizzo, Educational Coordinator/ Fairleigh Dickinson University**

**RE: Transfer of Credit**

**(August 21, 2002)**

Mr. Pizzo requests information from the Board regarding the requirements for foreign transfer students, who are enrolled in a United States based university in pursuit of their undergraduate degrees, who wish to take the fundamentals of engineering examination.

After discussing this matter, the Board concluded to refer this matter to the Regulatory Committee for further review. In the interim the Board will inform Mr. Pizzo that this matter is under review and a response shall be forthcoming.

**Renard R. Barnes, Esq., Assistant General Counsel/ Schoor De Palma**

**RE: Design of Bulkheads**

**(September 18, 2002)**

Mr. Barnes submitted an electronic mail message to the Board regarding the design of bulkheads. He states that his company has an engineering services contract with a local township and that a bulkhead design signed & sealed by an architect was rejected by the municipal engineer. The basis for the rejection by the municipal engineer was that local ordinances require all bulkhead designs be signed & sealed by a professional engineer. The architect who designed this project stated that the design of a bulkhead constitutes the practice of architecture.

The Board reviewed this matter and on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to submit this inquiry to the Joint Committee of Engineers and Architects for further review.

### **OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA)**

ED Russo stated that the office has received two informal requests for information. He informed the Board that informal requests for information will be handled by the office staff who will first read a Division wide statement explaining the difference between a formal OPRA request and an informal request. All OPRA requests must be approved by Robert Campanelli prior to the release of any information.

### **APPLICATION FOR FULL BOARD REVIEW**

**Syed M. Tariq-Shuaib - #40493**

The Board reviewed Mr. Tariq-Shuaib's professional engineer's application for licensure and unanimously voted to approve his application by comity.

**Seymour Berkowitz - #52133**

BM Marshall stated that Mr. Berkowitz was initially licensed in New Jersey as a professional engineer in 1963 and has

not renewed his license since 1994. Mr. Berkowitz is currently applying for licensure by comity and has a valid PE license in New York which expires in 2003.

The Board unanimously voted to approve Mr. Berkowitz's application.

## **MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by BM Faraldi, second by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing complaints.

## **RETURN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion contained within the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of adjournment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

## **APPROVED BY:**

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Pravin H. Patel, PE  
President

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Arthur Russo  
Executive Director

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