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Public Session

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Valenti, at 9:02 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 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: James Cleary, PE/PLS
Barry Jones, PLS
Michael Kelly, PE
Richard Smith, Jr., PLS
James Valenti, PE
Edward Vernick, PE

Absent: James Purcell, PE

Others present: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joanne Leone, Executive Director, Joseph Grabowy, Senior Mgt. Assistant, staff members Yolanda Winston, and Peggy Hinkley and five members of the public: Joseph Simonetta, Joseph Danateko, NJ RTB Committee Chair, Thomas Perry, ASME Director, Kim Craft, VP of NJ SME, and Ambrose Gmeiner, NJ SPLS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report

APPEARANCES

Liza Ackerman, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, Re: Sunset discussion and Digital Signature and Seal Rule

ACTION: After discussion, on a motion by BM Jones, duly seconded by BM Kelly, the Board voted unanimously not to pursue a record retention rule.

Joseph Simonetta and Joseph Danatzko met with the Board to discuss the “Raise the Bar” initiative. The program would increase the educational requirements working with ASCE and NJ PELS for future engineering students. The goal is to have an educational requirement as a masters degree prior to sitting for the PE exam. Mr. Simonetta indicated that there is no legislation but a bill is expected in 2017.

ACTION: The Board thanked them for their presentation, however, until there is proposed legislation for the Board to review they would not be providing any comments at this time.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

September 15, 2016

Page 10 – “James Kelly” should read “Michael Kelly.”

ACTION: After reviewing the minutes of September 15, 2016, the Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Jones, voted to approve the minutes as amended. BP Valenti abstained. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. General Report

ACTION: Executive Director Leone reported to the Board that in her four months as Executive Director, the Board’s website and application forms have been updated; open complaints have been reviewed, and outstanding documents for those cases have been or will be requested and the matters placed on future agendas for the Board to review; staff is utilizing the NCEES verification system and accessing documents electronically; staff is performing an audit of Land Surveyor open applications, and applicants will be notified of missing documents to complete their application files.

B. Incoming correspondence

1. September 21, 2016
Jerry Carter, NCEES
Re: Examination Fees

ACTION: Duly noted.

2. SEA Ltd.
Response to UPL

ACTION: After discussion, on a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to re-affirm its decision in this matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standing committees:

I. **Legislation**

The current legislation chart was noted for the record.

ACTION: Duly noted.

II. **Regulation / Sunset Committee**

BM Kelly informed the Board that after the November meeting, the Sunset Committee will meet with DAG Albertson and Liza Ackerman, Regulatory Analyst.

ACTION: Duly noted.

III. **NCEES Committee**

NCEES – Summary of actions at the 2016 Annual Meeting

ACTION: Duly noted.

IV. **Joint Committee**

ACTION: Nothing to report.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND CPC COURSES

A. Routine Licensure

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Jones, seconded by BM Kelly, voted unanimously to approve the following applications as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Comity/Exam.</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Aleo, Vincent	2020853	Comity	Grant License
Andrade, Jimmy	2042309	Comity	Grant License
Chomic, Michael	2022937	Exam.	Take PE
Erickson, Michael	2022224	Exam.	Take PE
Gabrell, Eugene	2047182	Comity	Grant License
Gaspar, Nicholas	2053381	Comity	Grant License
Goodwin, Kevin	1374702	Exam.	Take PE
Habib, Mehrdad	2024262	Comity	Grant License
Hillstrom, Ryan	2051126	Comity	Grant License
Honsey, Bridget	2040698	Comity	Grant License
Kearns, Benjamin	2000877	Comity	Grant LS License
Klock, William	2039208	Comity	Grant License
Kona, Venkata Hareesh	2028519	Comity	Grant License
Kostadinov, Teodor	2041695	Comity	Grant License
Kroschinski, Christopher	2031705	Exam.	Take PE

Lizzo, John	2023070	Comity	Grant License
Loritz, Chad	2053813	Comity	Grant License
McCarty, Travis	2018763	Comity	Grant LS License
McNew, Jason	2040307	Comity	Grant License
Miller, Andrew	2056420	Comity	Grant License
Miller, Wesson	2039177	Comity	Grant License
Napoli, Paul	2052871	Comity	Grant License
Oliver, Jason	2046528	Comity	Grant License

Prasad, Avinash	1731753	Comity	Denied
Presley, Laura	2018365	Comity	Grant License
Salem, Nicholas	2037347	Comity	Grant License
Spivak, Alexander	1693692	Comity	Grant License
Stolowski, Gregory	2038262	Comity	Grant License
Valente, Antonio	2056892	Comity	Denied
Wheat, Maurice	2044463	Comity	Grant License
Wright, Leo	2025054	Comity	Grant License

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Jones, seconded by BM Kelly, voted unanimously to request additional information on the following applications indicated:

Anurudran, Ganesan	2038994	Comity
Beachy, David	2059498	Comity
Bohrman, Bryon	2039071	Comity
Coulson, John	2019553	Comity
Dennedy, Lawrence	2056682	Exam.
Fields, Robert	2053275	Comity
Gonzalez, Kenneth	2022089	Comity
Hinojosa, Robert	2043226	Comity
Nelson, Michael	2001246	Comity

B. Continuing Professional Competency Courses

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Jones, seconded by BM Cleary, voted unanimously to approve the following applications for Land Surveyor CPC Courses:

Sponsor	Courses	PDH
New Jersey Association of Floodplain Management	NJ Association for Floodplain Management 2016 Annual Conference	14
New York State Association of PLS. Inc.	No Other Way Safely: A DOT's Call for Survey Grade Mobile Mapping	1.5
New York State Association of PLS. Inc.	Field-to-Finish: The Good...The Bad...The Ugly...	8

C. Full Board review

1. Avinash Prasad – Applicant #1731753 (LS)

ACTION: The Board voted to deny this application as this applicant lacks an undergraduate degree in land surveying.

2. Eric A. Henderson – Applicant #2036735 (PE)

ACTION: The Board determined to recommend Mr. Henderson approval for licensure.

3. Daniel J. Cronin – Applicant #2028512 (PE)

ACTION: The Board determined to recommend Mr. Cronin approval for licensure.

4. Sean Wichman – Applicant #1971200 (PE)

ACTION: The Board determined to recommend Mr. Wichman approval for licensure.

5. Genesan Anurudran – Applicant #2038994 (PE)

ACTION: The Board determined the applicant needs to provide documentation to the evaluating agency to determine if degree is substantially equivalent.

D. Reinstatements

1. Tina M. Merli – Per Board’s request to provide proof of having completed 24 continuing education credits in engineering.

ACTION: On a motion by BM Kelly, seconded by BM Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to reinstate Ms. Merli’s license.

2. Michael G Shackelford

ACTION: On a motion by BM Jones, seconded by BM Smith, the Board unanimously voted to reinstate Mr. Shackelford’s license.

E. Certificates of Authorization

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Jones, seconded by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to approve the following companies for Certificates of Authorization.

CORNERSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC 100 Crystal Run Road, Ste. 101 Middletown, NY 10941 Application #2061804	ENVINITY, INC. 25 Decibel Road, Ste. 205 State College, PA 16801 Application # 2066904
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ENVIRONETICS DESIGN, LLC 150 W. Jefferson Avenue, Ste. 1300 Detroit, MI 48226 Application # 2066843	POLARIS SURVEY AND DESIGN, LLC 55 Atlantic Drive Brick, NJ 08723 Application # 2066836
ONPOINTE 3D TECHNOLOGIES, LLC 4 Poe Court Morganville, NJ 07751 Application # 2066829	LATTITUDE DESIGN & RESEARCH CORPORATION 38 Wyckoff Avenue. Manasquan, NJ 08736 Application # 2066833
SEA, LTD dba SEA INVESTIGATIONS, LLC 7001 Buffalo Parkway Columbus, OH 43229 Application # 206165	PENTA ENGINEERING COMPANY, LLC 10123 Corporate Square Dr. St. Louis, MO 63132 Application # 2054172
TINTON ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC 55 Oak Lane Eatontown, NJ 07724 Application #2061823	FMC ENERGY SERVICES, LLC 261 West 35 th Street New York, NY 10001 Application # 2061795
K2M DESIGN, INC. 3121 Bridge Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113 Application # 2060440	NEW YORK ENGINEERS LIMITED LIABILITY CO 275 West 39 th Street New York, NY 10011 Application #2067349

INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes, disciplinary matters and conducting an investigative inquiry

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

APPROVED BY:

James Valenti, PE
President

Joanne Leone
Executive Director