STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Minutes of November 3, 2005 Public Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Valenti at 9:00 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor Morris 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 Star Ledger, the Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

Present:

James Valenti
James Cleary
Edward Vernick
Richard Frantz
James Kelly
Robert Marshall
Michael Angeline
Lawrence Koo

Absent: James Purcell Louis Raimondi

Others: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, and staff members Robert Welsh, Yolanda Winston, and 13 members of the public.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

October 6, 2005

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 6, 2005 as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

BM Vernick informed the Board that the Legislature is in recess.

Regulations

BM Kelly advised the Board that the comment period for its proposed regulations during its sunset will end on November 5, 2005.

NCEES Representative

Education
No report.
Finance
No report.
Examinations
BM Marshall informed the Board that he visited the West Trenton Firehouse to observe the administration of the principle and practices of the engineering and land surveying examinations and did not observe any problems.
ED Russo stated that the examinations at Rowan University went well, but that an alternate site on campus will be provided for the April 2006 examination since the main ballroom is reserved for another event. He expressed concern over the alternate site due to the location of the restrooms.
After further discussion, the Board, on a motion by VP Vernick second by BM Kelly, unanimously voted to utilize two examination sites going forward and to revisit this matter at some future point. However, at the same time, BM Vernick will explore the possibility of utilizing Burlington County College as a third examination site.
Licensure Promotion Committee
Robert Welsh informed the Board that there is a meeting scheduled with the College of New Jersey on December 8, 2005.
Website
The Board was advised that there was an online renewal process for the 2006-2008 biennial renewal period, which the Board fully supports.
Newsletter
President Valenti said that the Board's Spring 2006 newsletter is progressing smoothly.
Joint Committee
No action.
Continuing Education Committee
BM Angeline stated that all continuing education matters are current.
Application Review Committee
President Valenti will discuss this topic at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION ON TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS

No report.

Larry Powers, Esquire and Bernie Berson, PE, PLS appeared before the Board to provide the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers' position on topographic surveys and how the subject pertains to the functions of a professional engineer.

Other individuals that were in attendance included Greg Ratta, Joseph Simonetta, NJSPE, Mark Husik, NJSPLS, and Matthew S. Helpin, NJSME.

The following individuals provided public comments: Ed Gross, Esq., NSPLS, Louis Conley, PLS/NJSPLS, Bruce Rigg, PE, PLS, Al Faraldi, PLS/NJSPLS, Richard Smith, PLS/NJSPLS, Donald Meserlian, PE, and Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

Executive Director Russo informed the Board that 53 out of 88 professional engineers and 8 professional land surveyors will be in attendance to receive their professional certificates at the Certificate Award Ceremony. He expressed concern over the lack of new professional land surveyors entering the profession offset by those retiring from the industry.

He provided the Board with its licensing statistics for the month of October.

He advised the Board that the Home Inspection Advisory Committee has started to implement the amendments to the revised home inspector licensure requirements, which was recently signed into law on August 18, 2005 by Acting Governor Codey.

Incoming Correspondence

Judy/ GC Stewart Associates, Inc.

RE: Request for Board review of a draft Corner Marker Waiver (September 29, 2005)

The writer submitted this correspondence on behalf of GC Stewart Associates, Inc. and requested that the Board review a proposed corner marker waiver that the company wishes to utilize. She asked if this waiver would be acceptable as per the Board's regulations.

After discussing this matter the Board will advise GC Stewart Associates that its corner marker waiver form appears inconsistent with the Board's regulations.

Outgoing Correspondence

The Board noted the following outgoing correspondences:

James S. Hsu, Executive Director/ Joint Committee of Architects & Professional Engineers RE: Referral by the Board of Professional Engineers of a correspondence from Wayne Miller, PE

James S. Hsu, Executive Director/ Joint Committee of Architects & Professional Engineers RE: Referral by the Board of Professional Engineers of a correspondence from Carl E. Peters, PE/PLS

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by VP Vernick, unanimously voted on the following applications:

NAME	APPLICATION #	PE/EIT	APPROVED/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED
A. COOK	1125007	COMITY	GRANT

A. LOTHIAN	1114857	PE\EXAM	AIN
A. SHELTON	1004954	COMITY	GRANT
A. SOSA	1109922	PE\EXAM	AIN
B. GENT	1141597	COMITY	AIN
C. OFOSU-NYANTAKYI	1020852	PE\EXAM	AIN
C. TURNISKY	1114657	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
D. CHETKOWSKI	1037326	COMITY	GRANT
D. FRITZ	1141558	COMITY	GRANT
D. HARRIS	1124969	COMITY	GRANT
D. MEHTA	1139890	COMITY	GRANT
E. PARRONE	1097065	COMITY	GRANT
F.WARREN	1128693	COMITY	GRANT
G. PIERCE	1133523	COMITY	AIN
I. ENIZHNIK	1079287	COMITY	GRANT
J. CROZIER	1140426	COMITY	AIN
J. DERUSSO	1127102	COMITY	GRANT
J. HUTCHISON	1129191	COMITY	GRANT
J. JOSEPH	1115828	COMITY	TAKE F - AIN for TAKE I
J. JUZWIAK	1129400	COMITY	GRANT
J. MOMPOINT	1122701	PE\EXAM	TAKE P WAIVE F
J. PRIESTNER	1116864	LS\EXAM	TAKE FLS & PLS
J. ZEBALLOS	1076564	COMITY	GRANT
L. ANDERSON	1116775	LS\EXAM	TAKE FLS
M. LETOURNEAU	1134440	COMITY	GRANT
M. SHEMIE	1108456	COMITY	AIN
M.LEVAN	1113389	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
P. CREMIN	1103544	COMITY	GRANT
R. FISCHER	1131035	COMITY	GRANT
R. GOLDBLATT	988256	COMITY	AIN
R. SMITH	1113709	LS\EXAM	TAKE FLS

S. BAUER	1120716	COMITY	AIN
S. TAILOR	1098257	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
T. SNOW	48926	COMITY	GRANT
V. SIEFERT	918445	COMITY	GRANT

Continuing Education Courses

The Board, on a motion by BM Angeline, second by BM Frantz, unanimously voted to approve the following continuing education course:

SPONSOR	COURSE	PDH
Rutgers University	Fundamentals of Remote Sensing	15
Rutgers University	ARC Introduction	12
Rutgers University	Fundamentals of GIS	15
NJ Society of PLS	Calibration Baseline Workshop	1
International Right of Way Assoc.	Legal Aspects of Easements	8
NY State Association of PLS	Understanding Colonial Surveying	8
Lorman Business Center Inc	. Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Law	7
Delaware Association of Surveyors Survey 2005	- will list course on internet	Var.

Certificate of Authorization

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by VP Vernick, unanimously approved the following applications for Certificate of Authorization:

EHM ENGINEERS, INC. 621 North College Road, Ste., 100 Twin Falls, ID 83301

BSA LIFESTRUCTURES OF NEW JERSEY ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEER, LLC 9365 Counselors Row Indianapolis, IN 46240

R.A. WOODCOCK ASSOCIATES, LLC 17 Morgan Drive Barnegat, NJ 08005

BREVARD SURVEYING AND MAPPING, LLC 337 Heywood Avenue Orange, NJ 07050

CLEARPOINT SERVICES, LLC 312 Park Avenue Lakewood, NJ 08701

DAVIS & DAVIS ENGINEERS, LLC 310 Rockland Avenue River Vale, NJ 07675

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS commented on a recent news article from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) periodical regarding ethical conduct in the profession regarding the banning of political contributions by professional engineers.

Louis Conley, PLS, spoke about NCEES preparing an examination review test booklet on land surveying for potential applicants.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Kelly, second BM Angeline, 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 for the purpose of adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED BY:

On motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Vernick, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm.

James K. Valenti, PE Arthur Russo President Executive Director