

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of November 6, 2008
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by Board President James Valenti 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

Board 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.

Present: James Valenti Lawrence Koo Michael Angeline Robert Marshall James Cleary Perry Schwartz Richard Frantz Edward Vernick

Absent: James Purcell and Barry Jones

Others: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, staff members Martha Richardson, Yolanda Winston, and one member of the public.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

October 2, 2008

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Marshall, the Board voted to accept the minutes as amended.

October 16, 2008

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Marshall, the Board voted to accept the minutes as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

Appearance by Patricia Schiripo, Regulatory Analyst Ms. Schiripo appeared before the Board to discuss the Board's position on the following bills:

A-3361 - Map Filing Law - The Board directed that staff send a letter to the NJ Society of Professional Land Surveyors requesting its position on this bill. This matter will be tabled for the next meeting.

S-1897 - Site Remediation - This program administered by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, is attempting to license/certify individuals, who are not licensed professional engineers, to perform site remediation work, which jurisdiction falls under regulations already covered under statute.

On a motion by BM Schwartz, seconded by BM Cleary, the Board voted to oppose this proposed legislation

since the proposed work is already covered by the Board's existing statutes and regulations.

Licensure Promotion

BP Valenti and ED Russo met with Dean of Engineering at Rutgers University, Yogesh Jaluria, to discuss licensure promotion. The focus of discussion centered on encouraging students to take the E-I-T examination prior to graduation, and promoting licensure to the faculty staff.

Continuing Education

On a motion by BM Cleary, second by BM Angeline, the Board voted to approve the following continuing education course:

SPONSOR COURSE PDH

Lorman Business Center Inc. Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Law 7

Contract Renewal Committee

The Committee is continuing to work with Ken Dietel of Purchase and Property on the RFP.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

ED Russo informed the Board that an approved vendor will commence the electronic scanning of all Board licensure records in an effort to eliminate paper files and documents.

ED Russo reported that there were no exceptions arising from the two examination sites during the October 2008 examinations.

ED Russo informed the Board that NCEES' Board Presidents Assembly will be held on February 20-21, 2009 in Atlanta, Ga. BP Valenti will consider attending.

ED Russo stated that Nikki Davis, Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property, indicated that the Division has given pre-approval for a waiver in connection with the October 2008 examination. The Board requested that Hiran Patel, Fiscal Dept., be notified that applications for the April 2009 examinations will begin to be received and processed in early December. Accordingly, a waiver in connection with the 2009 examination is required unless the bidding process is completed and a vendor selected.

ED Russo stated that the Board had previously requested that Lewis Conley, Al Faraldi, BM Jones, BM Angeline, and BM Cleary review the PCS databank of questions for the state specific law examination.

ED Russo discussed the annual NCEES distinguished service award. The Board previously approved the submission of a nomination request for former Board President, Louis Raimondi, PE, PLS,

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Charles W. Kelly, PE

Re: Necessity of requiring a college degree, in order to sit for the PE examination
October 15, 2008

Mr. Kelly asked whether there is a way around the requirement of needing a college degree in order to sit for the PE exam.

The Board will inform Mr. Kelly that he must meet the minimum statutory requirements concerning education.

Raymond L. Holmes, PLS, PP
Re: Preparation of Maps and Legal Descriptions
October 12, 2008

Mr. Holmes requested clarification of three questions regarding the preparation of maps and legal descriptions.

Mr. Holmes shall be advised that he must comply with the Board's regulations on this topic.

Joseph M. Sullivan, PE
Re: Speciality Identification License
October 16, 2008

Mr. Sullivan's stated his concern whether New Jersey will address the adoption of the NCEES' speciality format for licensing.

Mr. Sullivan will be informed that the Board does not issue speciality certifications or licenses by engineering discipline.

Jerry Carter, Exec. Dir., NCEES
Re: Foreign Evaluations
October 20, 2008

Executive Director Carter is proposing to make an exception for candidates from Iraq and Afghanistan, who need to provide original copies of their educational transcripts.

The Board discussed this matter and determined that if an approved evaluation provider is unable to obtain the educational transcript, and informs the Board of this fact, the Board will review each matter on a case by case basis. The Board would also determine what information was relied upon by the education evaluation provider in rendering its decision.

Lesley Rosier-Tabor, PE, Executive Director, WV Board of Engineers
Re: NCEES Engineering Award Jury
October 22, 2008

ED Rosier-Tabor requested the names of the Deans of Engineering Colleges in the Northeast Zone to possibly serve as part of a jury team, in deciding award winners for the NCEES Engineering Award for Connection Professional Practice and Academia.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

Jimmy Smith, Ph.D., P.E. Director,
Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism
Re: New Engineering Ethics Courses Offered by Distance Learning
October 24, 2008

Mr. Smith informed the Board of some updated engineering ethics courses available by distance learning.

This correspondence was noted for the record.

William Honachefsky, PLS
Re: Sealing of a Letter / Expert Report

October 27, 2008

Mr. Honachefsky requested a decision as to whether it is a requirement to seal letters/ expert reports in Superior Court matters.

Mr. Honachefsky will be informed that the Board does not regulate this subject area and thus, has no jurisdiction in the matter.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

A list of letters previously sent by the Board staff in response to incoming correspondence was noted for the record. However, the Board requested that copies of the actual letters be included in all future agendas.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Marshall, voted unanimously on the following applications as indicated:

NAME APPLICATION # PE\COMITY DECISION

Kevin J. Wisniewski 1354283 Comity Grant License
Shane Warren 1330207 Comity Grant License
Randy Heard 1344269 Comity Grant License
William P. Larson 1344358 Comity Grant License
Thomas Doyle 1342578 Comity Grant License
Paul J.Fettinger 1303042 Comity Grant License
Dimitri Papagiannakis 1333343 Comity Take P
Ernest Iannucci 1342630 Comity Grant License
Mark Robison 1338772 Comity Grant License
Charles Constantine 1332379 Comity Grant License
Erik Spicker 1352713 Comity Grant License
Mark Awmiller 1352589 Comity Grant License
Robert Loomis 1329111 Comity Grant License
Zhong Liu 1354401 Comity Grant License
Michael Brown 1320653 Exam Take P
Jia Jeng Chu 1332390 Exam Take P
Kamalavathany Ravishankar 1258261 Comity Grant License
Alexander Nizov 1309138 Comity Grant License
Joseph Manzella 1342621 Comity Grant License
Paul Douglas 1323895 Comity Grant License
Leonard J. Kafer 1342635 Comity Grant License
Michael Corder 1344288 Comity Grant License
Matthew Daw 1342557 Comity Grant License
Edward Reagle 1331396 Comity Grant License
Quentin Johnson 1356261 Comity Grant License
Sean Bluni 1354355 Comity Grant License
Richard Forest 1318219 Comity Grant License
Matthew J. Butcher 1355144 Comity Grant License
Steven Bowker 1337669 Comity Grant License
Joseph Boris 1339039 Exam Take F & P
Roland Paradis Jr. 1289612 Comity Grant License
Kenneth Watters II 1326187 Comity Grant License
Kurt Ewert 1340748 Comity Grant License
Matthew Macey 1354304 Comity Grant License
Burak Ergezen 1322319 Exam Take FE

Mahmudur Rahman 1304606 Exam Take P
Klan Moorar 1225885 Comity Grant License
Matthew Stiles 1303093 Comity Grant License
Timothy Janof 1332501 Comity Grant License
Darry J. Lightcap 1359908 Comity Grant License
Gregory Landry 1364922 Exam Take P
Derek Gould 1363014 Comity Grant License
Michael Viglianco 1330722 Exam Take P
Nghy Reilly 1320336 Comity Grant License
Kirtesh Ladwa 1358602 Exam Take P
Jeffery Durand 1356361 Comity Grant License
Robert Louie 1303358 Comity Grant License
Jeffrey Mullikin 1118840 Comity Grant License
Mark R Brengman 1286038 Comity Grant License
Brett Rylands 1270227 Comity Grant License
Nomikos Sdregas 1329400 Comity Grant License
Ryan Vaughn 1280464 Comity Grant License
Seboh Galestarian 1286065 Comity Grant License
Larry Hiner 1309127 Comity Grant License

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Marshall, voted unanimously to request additional information for the following applicants for licensure:

Earl W. Boulware 1333511 Comity AIN
Matthew Goss 1320628 Comity AIN
Michael Palestini 1338771 Comity AIN
Alberto De la Torre Lucas 1330270 Comity AIN
Jefferson Kim 1326176 Comity AIN
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John Zoller III 1331405 Comity AIN
Aleksander Treyger 1303273 Comity AIN
Philip Doti 1344250 Comity AIN
Daniel Turner 1333461 Comity AIN
Zak Nakhoda 1320567 Comity AIN
Matthew Connors 1344309 Comity AIN
Thomas W. McNeilan 1344265 Comity AIN
Nicholas P. Haas 1359652 Exam AIN
Christophe Woodney 1332525 Comity AIN
Enid Cammarata 1353299 Exam AIN
David Leiffer 1339042 Comity AIN
Richard Donaldson 1340771 Comity AIN
Andrew Grant 1315916 Comity AIN
David Mahoney 1333526 Comity AIN
Ramon Lucero 1359701 Comity AIN
Peter Balogh 1354343 Exam AIN
Kenneth Hipsky 1355201 Comity AIN
Carl Cesare 1358800 Comity AIN
Paul Serrano 1313746 Comity AIN
Eric Miller 1150643 Exam AIN
Mario Toscan 1363032 Comity AIN
Bruce Hunt 1355151 Comity AIN
Homa Ghaemi 1313678 Comity AIN
Michael McKain 1326213 Comity AIN
Nathan Brochstein 1369398 Exam AIN

A.I.N. = Additional Information Needed

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Angeline, voted to approve the following companies for a Certificate of Authorization: (BM Schwarz was recused as to V-Comm, L.L.C.)

OAK RIDGE ENGINEERING, LLC

37 Starling Drive
Branchburg, NJ 08876
Application #1374342

SCHNACKEL ENGINEERS

3035 s. 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68124
Application # 1375795

V-COMM, L.L.C.

3 Cedar Brook Drive
Cranbury, NJ 08512
Application # 1374313

THE PROCZ GROUP, INC.

18 Appaloosa Court
Holland, PA 18966
Application # 1375956

TRO JUNG/BRANNEN, INC.

22 Boston Wharf Road
Boston, MA 02210
Application #1375844

FULL BOARD REVIEW

Appearance by Robert Posch, Application #1294287

Mr. Posch appeared before the Board, regarding his application for licensure as a professional engineer. On a motion by BM Cleary, second by BM Vernick, the Board voted to grant licensure to Mr. Posch.

Appearance by Brian M. Cooper, Application #13229434

Mr. Cooper appeared before the Board, regarding his request to sit for the PE examination. After discussing this application, the Board on a motion by BM Schwartz, second by BM Angeline voted to approve Mr. Cooper's request to take the PE examination. BP Valenti was recused.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

Andrew A. Matyas, PE

The Board reviewed the reinstatement application for Mr. Matyas and, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Cleary, voted to approve reinstatement.

Thomas F. Doherty, PE

The Board reviewed Mr. Doherty's application for reinstatement and will request that he demonstrate

proficiency by providing a more detailed explanation of the work performed for the last 14 years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS, provided comments on the Map Filing Law.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Angeline 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 VP Purcell the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00pm.

APPROVED BY:

James K. Valenti, P.E.
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director