

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND LAND SURVEYORS**

Minutes of December 16, 2004  
Public Session

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

BMs present:

James Kelly  
Richard Frantz  
James Valenti  
Lawrence Koo  
Edward Vernick  
Robert Marshall  
Michael Angeline  
Pravin Patel  
James E. Cleary  
Louis Raimondi

Others present: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; and staff members: Joseph Grabowy, Ernest Gonzalez, Robert Welsh, and Yolanda Winston.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

General Report

ED Russo advised the Board that the scheduled appearance by William Seaton, Vice-President & Provost, and Dr. Marcus Tillery, Dean of the School of Applied Science & Technology/Thomas Edison State College has been rescheduled for January 20, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

Lynn Craddock, staff member, informed the Board that notices were mailed to randomly selected course sponsors as part of the continuing education audit. The continuing education audit for licensees has resulted in 6 licensees failing to respond. A follow-up letter has been sent to these individuals.

Robert Welsh informed the Board that he continues to coordinate efforts to update the Board's website. One topic of discussion was the Board's statutes and regulations which will be posted to the website. In light of the upcoming sunset period in August 2005, the Board instructed the staff to have 500 statutes and regulations booklet printed if finalized by March 31, 2005. If finalization of the booklet is not complete by March 31, 2005, the Board requested that the publication be deferred until after sunset to include any updates to its regulations.

Martha Richardson, staff member, informed the Board that 227 companies have failed to renew their Certificates of Authorization; 1,853 companies have renewed their certifications.

ED Russo stated that the Missouri State Board has requested a survey be completed by sister boards with regard to state specific examinations. BMs Raimondi and Angeline will review this survey.

Incoming Correspondence

Michael Zukauskas, PE, Vice President/ URS

RE: Use of the word "Engineer" in an employee's title  
(October 27, 2004) (carried over from the Dec. 2, 2004 meeting)

Mr. Zukauskas requests an interpretation of the use of the word "engineer" as part of employee titles in his firm.

Mr. Zukauskas will be informed that the use of the term "engineer" as part of an individual's job title requires that the individual is a licensed professional engineer. Mr. Zukauskas will be provided with a copy of the statutes and regulations.

Clay E. Standish, PLS/ Standish Surveying

RE: Site Plan  
(November 30, 2004)

Mr. Standish asks if a land surveyor can draw items such as covered porches on surveys if requested by the client. He believes it is the function of an engineer, but would like the Board's interpretation.

The Board will inform Mr. Standish that the site plan rule sets forth the functions of each profession and that his scenario constitutes the unlicensed practice of engineering.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

The Board, on a motion by BM Vernick, second BM Patel, unanimously voted to approve the following applications:

NAME	APP #	PE/EIT	DECISION	NAME	APP #	PE/EIT	DECISION
J. VLADYKA	1035588	COMITY	GRANT	P. DESAI	1073405	COMITY	GRANT
W. BECKMAN	1007279	COMITY	GRANT	A. WILLIAMS	1072899	COMITY	GRANT
S. VERTNER	1072825	COMITY	GRANT	W. RINKER	1037430	COMITY	GRANT
S. MCFARLAND	1071548	COMITY	GRANT	J. BUTTERFIELD	1071404	COMITY	GRANT
P. FLIS	943891	PE\EXAM	TAKE P	J. HAIR	1072922	COMITY	GRANT
T. PEYTON	1011130	COMITY	GRANT	J. HELWIG	956742	COMITY	GRANT
R. HERZIG	1022060	COMITY	GRANT	H. JOBS	1011157	COMITY	GRANT
C. PAN	51163	COMITY	GRANT	J. MUSTO	1008463	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
J. BRUNEAU	998463	COMITY	GRANT	E. SVENSON	980470	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
B. EUBANKS	1026345	COMITY	GRANT	C. GUNSTEN	1009726	PE\EXAM	TAKE F&P

B. WELSEY	1024424	COMITY	GRANT	-	-	-	-
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The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted to approve the following Certificate of Authorization applications:

IMAGE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
5855 KOPETSKY DRIVE, SUITE G  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217

SCOPE ENGINEERING, INC.  
463 STUEBEN AVENUE  
FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731

OWEIS ENGINEERING, INC.  
143 WASHINGTON STREET, 2ND FL.  
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.  
THE TOWER - 270 DAVIDSON AVENUE  
SOMERSET, NJ 08873

MEINHARDT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.  
2828 ROUTH STREET, STE 300  
DALLAS, TX 75201

DeGRACE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC.  
1440 HAMBURG TURNPIKE  
WAYNE, NJ 07470

Full Board Review

Patricia Smith - #943894 (carried over from the Oct 7 and Dec 2, 2004 meetings)

The Board tabled this application until the next meeting.

Richard J. Giffen - #1035583

Mr. Giffen graduated from an english college with an engineering degree and is applying for licensure by comity. The evaluation provided by ECEI indicates that the curriculum is not equivalent to an ABET degree.

Based on a further review of the application, the Board, on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Patel, determined that the curriculum appeared to be equivalent and unanimously voted to approve his application.

Tayyab A. Ansari - #898261

Mr. Ansari is applying for licensure by comity. Based on verifications from New York and Pennsylvania, it was not clear if he had passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination.

Upon review of his application, the Board concluded that Mr. Ansari is deficient in courses and did not provide proof that he has the adequate design experience. The Board noted that he received a graduate degree in the United States. Therefore, on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Raimondi, the Board concluded to request the following: an original copy of his graduate transcript be sent directly by the school; a clarification of whether he passed the FE examination; and a more detailed description of his design experience.

Barney Lee Hitt - #999789

Mr. Hitt is applying for licensure by comity. After reviewing his application the Board determined that he was previously found guilty of plan stamping in Tennessee.

The Board, on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to request further information from the Tennessee Board concerning this violation.

George D. Mac Kellar - #1072548

After reviewing Mr. Mac Kellar's application for licensure by comity, the Board noted that he graduated in 1974 from an institution that was not accredited until 1977.

The Board, on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to grant his licensure by comity.

Roy V. Taliaferro - #1029206

Mr. Taliaferro, a comity applicant, initially received his license in Texas, which has since lapsed. He provided proof that he has a current license in New York.

The Board, on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Vernick, unanimously voted to approve his application for licensure by comity.

Kurt D. Fisher - #1073870

Mr. Fisher, as part of his engineer-in-training application, indicated that approximately 8-9 years ago while in college, he was convicted of a crime. Since then he has satisfied the conditions of his sentencing and shall graduate from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2005.

The Board, on a motion by BM Valenti, second by BM Patel, unanimously voted to approve his application to sit for the fundamentals of engineering examination.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS, provided the Board with copies of articles relating to naval architects and engineers for its information.

He also asked the Board if it is permissible for a land surveyor to attach a signed copy of an engineering plan to a survey. After discussing this matter, the Board believes this practice is not recommended and that a joint title block be utilized.

## **MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by BM Vernick, second by BM Patel, the Board voted unanimously to move to Executive Session to complete its Executive Session agenda.

## **RETURN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board, on a motion by BM Patel, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:30pm.

Approved by:

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James D. Kelly  
President

Arthur Russo  
Executive Director

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