

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of July 21, 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, 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 Star Ledger, the Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Others:

Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, and staff members Ernest Gonzalez, Robert Welsh, Yolanda Winston, Alok Jain, Managing Assistant, and 1 member of the public.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

June 16, 2005

The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by VP Vernick, unanimously voted to approve the minutes of June 16, 2005 as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

VP Vernick provided the Board with the following legislative activity:

A2897 - Clarifies functions of land surveyor as distinguished from functions of licensed professional

engineers - Introduced on May 24, 2004 and referred to the Assembly Regulated Professions & Independent Authorities Committee. The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted that it was not in favor of this bill.

A1351 - Requires disclosure by contractor of cost of construction permits required for construction or reconstruction of residential premises - This bill was provided to the Board by the Division for comment. It will inform the Division that this bill does not appear to be applicable to this Board.

Regulations

BM Kelly advised the Board that the regulations shall be published for comment in the near future. The Board was further informed that the corner marker regulation will be published soon in the New Jersey Register.

NCEES Representative

BM Raimondi informed the Board that the annual meeting will be conducted in Tennessee in August. He indicated that there are various issues that will be addressed at this meeting. The Board discussed the issues and gave guidance to the Board's representative.

The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by VP Vernick, unanimously voted that the Board's representative shall have discretion in voting on behalf of the Board after hearing all discussions at the NCEES annual meeting.

Education

BM Frantz reiterated his position regarding the "watering" down of school curriculums.

Finance

No report.

Examinations

Robert Welsh informed the Board that Rowan University has agreed that the Board may utilize its ballroom area for the October 2005 examinations. It has also agreed to use the multi-purpose room for the April 2006 examinations.

Licensure Promotion Committee

Robert Welsh indicated that efforts are being made to coordinate meetings with Fairleigh Dickinson University, Monmouth University and The College of New Jersey. He also will be keeping the Board informed on the annual dean's meeting.

Website

Robert Welsh informed the Board that its website is current. The minutes approved today will be posted in the near future.

The Board has requested that Mr. Welsh provide a status on whether all application forms will be in a read-write format.

Newsletter

Joseph Grabowy indicated that the Board's newsletter should be published by late August.

Joint Committee

The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted to appoint President Valenti and BM Kelly to the Joint Committee with VP Vernick as an alternate.

Continuing Education Committee

The Board has received responses from providers pertaining to a previous audit. The Board will review these responses.

The Board has requested that staff review future audits and applications for continuing education and advise the Board if a particular issue arises.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

President Valenti thanked Pravin Patel for his long tenure as a Board member and past president. The Board, on a motion by VP Vernick, second by BM Kelly, unanimously voted to elect Pravin Patel as Emeritus Member for both the Board and NCEES.

Newly appointed member, James Purcell, introduced himself to the Board.

Mr. Grabowy informed the Board that ED Russo is recovering and is expected to return in the near future.

The Board discussed the upcoming Certificate Award Ceremony and will coordinate with staff as to an appropriate date in the Fall.

Mr. Grabowy introduced Latesha Jenkins who is a summer intern with the staff.

Incoming Correspondence

Charles Digney, PE/ DIG Engineering, Co.

RE: Clarification

(June 9, 2005)

Mr. Digney requests clarification on whether he is permitted to locate various existing conditions.

The Board will inform Mr. Digney that only a licensed land surveyor may locate existing conditions. It will provide him with a copy of the Notice published in The New Jersey Register. A copy of this information will be sent to the Township of Sparta. The Board will also direct Mr. Digney to N.J.S.A. 45:8-44 regarding the authority of land surveyors to onto the property of others during reasonable hours.

Jonathan Grove/ Stephen M. Perlitsh, PC,

RE: Licensure of a senior quality engineer

(June 30, 2005)

Mr. Grove requests clarification as to the need for a PE license as an industrial engineer whose responsibilities are to work within research and development teams and provide guidance on designing control activities.

The Board will request additional information regarding this matter.

Joseph E. Maloney, PE

RE: Land surveying licensure

(June 8, 2005)

Mr. Maloney asks if the curriculum at Old Dominion University would satisfy the educational requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor.

The Board will request that he provide a breakdown of the courses that are in the curriculum and will evaluate his request based on previously approved curriculums.

James M. Bell
RE: Jacques Magloire
(June 24, 2005)

Mr. Bell submits a letter to the Board regarding his client's request for reinstatement of his PE license.

The Board will advise Mr. Bell to submit a reinstatement application for review.

Outgoing Correspondence

Donald C. Meserlian, PE
RE: Topographic Surveys
(July 13, 2005)

The Board noted this correspondence for the record.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Licensure

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted to approve the following applications for licensure as home inspectors:

Harris S. Gross - #1130029
Jose Luis Diaz - #1131032

Certificates of Authorization

The Board, on a motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Marshall, unanimously voted to approve the following Certificates of Authorization:

GBC DESIGN, INC.
3378 W. MARKET STREET

AKRON, OH 44333 IAQ SYSTEMS, INC.
12 REINMAN ROAD
WARREN, NJ 07059

KUPPER ENGINEERING, INC.
669 WYNKOOP AVENUE B HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA 19006

KNUDSEN ENGINEERING, INC.
955 HORSHAM ROAD, STE. 301
HORSHAM, PA 19044

ABACUS ENVIRONMENT INC
1763 RT. 70 EAST, 3RD FL., STE. 320
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

CARROLL ENGINEERING OF NJ, LLC
 ILENE COURT, BLDG. #12, STE. 18
 HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844

URBAN TRANS ENGINEERING, LLC
 160 OVERPECK AVENUE
 RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ 07660

GREY FOX CONSULTING
 57 COOPER AVENUE
 CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002

CLAYTON BLOCK CO., LLC
 P.O. BOX 3015
 LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701

BAYNIT ENGINEERING, INC.
 8400 E. CRESCENT PARKWAY, STE. 400
 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

LEHIGH VALLEY ENGINEERING, INC.
 ONE WEST BROAD STREET, STE 500
 BETHLEHEM, PA 18018

Continuing Education Courses

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

SPONSOR	COURSE	PDH
NY State Association of PLS	Cutting Edge Issues in Photogrammetry	4
NY State Association of PLS	GPS Data Processing and Computations	4
NY State Association of PLS	OGS- Riparian/Littoral Rights (Lands Under Water)	4
NY State Association of PLS	Resolving ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys	4
NY State Association of PLS	Using GPS for Reconnaissance in Surveying	3
Professional Education Systems	A Easements : Rights of Way & Other Encumbrances	8
Lorman Business Center Inc.	Documentation Issues For Condominiums Planned Communities and Urban Development	3
MALSCE - Massachusetts Assoc.	Boundary Surveys A-Z	8
Pennsylvania Society of		

LS	Field to Finish Data Collection with Topcon	7
Pennsylvania Society of LS	A GIS Workshop for the Survey Community	7
Pennsylvania Society of LS	Understanding Real-Time Kinematic Positioning	7

Full Board Review

Harry Pratt III - #1126286

Mr. Pratt is applying for licensure by comity.

Upon review of his application, the Board noted that Mr. Pratt is currently licensed in the State of Tennessee and graduated in 1974 from the Christian Brothers University. It determined that Christian Brothers University was not ABET accredited until 1983.

Therefore, on a motion by BM Marshall, second by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to request that Mr. Pratt provide a curriculum breakdown of the courses he took at Christian Brothers University.

DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items were noted for the record:

Licensing statistics

April 2005 statistics

ABET Societies Join Forces to Strengthen Outcomes-Based Accreditation Process

Hui Feng Engineering Design

Betsy Browne, NCEES Executive Director RE: Candidate Information Packet

Ragenia Thompson re: Approved Member Board Rosters

The Board will advise Ms. Thompson that James Purcell has replaced Pravin Patel as Board member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling informed the Board that the Home Inspection Advisory Committee has sent a letter to all approved home inspection schools advising that only licensed home inspectors should be utilized to instruct its students.

The Board will reach out to the Committee to obtain more information on this matter in the near future.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by VP Vernick, second BM Kelly Valenti, 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 to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Purcell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00pm.

APPROVED BY:

James K. Valenti, PE
President

Joseph Grabowy
Assistant to the Executive Director