

MEETING MINUTES BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Phone: 1-484-416-2276
PIN: 201 307 165#

Present: Sallye Perrin, P.E., Chair
Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E., Vice Chair
Edward Hubner, Secretary, P.E
Karl Rickert, P.E.
Dhrubajyoti Biswas, P.E
Pastor Farinas, P.E
Judi Miller, R.A., Consumer
Tracey Clark, Consumer

Others Present: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel
Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist
Hannah Belcher, Administrative Specialist
Gregory Morgan, NSPE-MD
Tory Pierce, NSPE-MD
Trevor Shiavone, Reciprocal Applicant
Firdevs O. Demiroglu, Exam Applicant
Christopher Mansfield, Exam Applicant
Mesfin Alameraw, Exam Applicant

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

Sallye Perrin, P.E., Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Senate Bill 529

Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pierce from NSPE-MD, who requested an opportunity to discuss Senate Bill 529 (HB1526). Mr. Morgan shared that the bill had been submitted, passed in the Senate, and is now moving on to the House. Mr. Pierce expressed his

desire for the Board to support this bill. He emphasized that the bill is beneficial and expressed hope for the Board's support. Ms. Perrin thanked Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pierce for attending the meeting and for their comments.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to approve 24 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity and 18 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam.

Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:

Asfare, Bushra (64484)
Aylwin, Jonathan M (64485)
Chen, Shihui (64486)
Conti, Katherine V (64487)
Hawksworth, Richard H (64488)
Kaeck, Walter E (64489)
Karki, Bishal (64490)
Kavi, Jonas (64491)
Koirala, Tika B (64492)
Li, Ran (64493)
Martin, Bryant (64494)
Maurer, Christine C (64495)
Molanaie-Kamangar, Hiva (64496)

Movassagh, Ravi (64497)
Peralta-Banegas, Erick D (64498)
Rowell, Lance D (64499)
Schiavone, Trevor J (51671)
Shaw, Deryk M (64500)
Surti, Dhaval (64501)
Tillson, Peter G (64502)
Tran, Minh T (64503)
Tuombe, Emmanuel (64504)
Vicario, Joel A (64505)

Applications for PE Licensure by Transfer of Grades are as follows:

None.

Applications for the Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam are as follows:

Alemu, Melat
Awad, Meream
Crimmins, Timothy.
Demiroglu, Firdevs
Eldridge, Audrey L.
Epstein, Zachary
Gaulee, Kiran
Gurumurthy, Bharath
Mansfield, Christopher
Martin, Sean P

McGravey, Renee
Meghdadian, Hooman
Mirrer, Allison
Mogan, Mackenzie
Moore, Christine D
Pinsky, Eric
Rodriguez - Pagan, Luis
Sharma, Rahul
Thompson, Graham
Zablotny, Luke S.

Three exam applications were removed from the “approved” folder and put into the “needs more information” folder making it a total of five applications.

Aqeel, Hashmatullah
Heil, Andrew

Moore, Christine D.
Zablotny, Luke S

ACTION ON MINUTES

February 13, 2025, meeting minutes Approved without corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that an applicant, who was denied reciprocity, is requesting a hearing. The applicant obtained a professional engineer license through a PhD in Pennsylvania and Wyoming but has not passed the NCEES professional engineer exam. The Board has five months to schedule the hearing. Ms. Perrin recommended scheduling it as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Board member guidelines for application/complaint records

Mr. Venuti informed he will take up this matter at the end of the Legislative Session. There are plans to offer training after the 2025 Legislative Session.

Mutual Recognition Agreement with the United Kingdom

At the previous meeting, Ms. Perrin mentioned that the UK agreement had been presented to the Board. Mr. Thomas stated that the next step is for the Maryland Board to review and sign its intent to participate in the Mutual Recognition Agreement between NCEES and the UK Engineering Council. He also agreed to follow up with a representative from the British Embassy before the next board meeting.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farinas announced that he will be resigning from the Board by May 2025 due to his relocation to another state. Ms. Perrin expressed gratitude for Mr. Farinas' service and wished him the best. She proposed that Mr. Biswas take over as Chair of the CPC Committee, a suggestion he accepted. Additionally, she recommended that Mr. Farinas collaborate with Mr. Biswas and Ms. Meyers in approving CPC provider applications.

There were two applications approved as follows: All Star Training, Inc. and National Technology Transfer, Inc.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to approve the CPC Committee Report.

REPORT FROM THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas announced the voice over with the Maryland PE Code of Ethics slides is on the Board's website.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Perrin inquired whether there would be an in-person meeting in April. Mr. Thomas informed the Board may have an in-person meeting. Parking and access to the building is somewhat limited. Ms. Perrin asked Mr. Thomas to clarify if the Board may attend in person but may not be reimbursed for parking. Mr. Thomas stated he will check parking and reimbursement of travel expenses prior to the next meeting.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

None.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE REPORT

Ms. Perrin asked Mr. Venuti about the next steps, and timeline of SB529 (HB1526). Mr. Venuti indicated if the bill passes the effective date, it is October 1, 2025. He will review the board's regulations to see if any changes are necessary. The Board should have time to get this changed if applicable.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Thomas stated there was correspondence dated February 26, 2025, from Patrick O'Brien, P.E., Vice President, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP regarding COMAR Requirement for handwritten data with Professional Engineering Stamp. Ms. Miller asked whether they were questioning date stamping. Mr. Thomas clarified that Mr. O'Brien is specifically questioning the signee hand date of the stamp on the title block. After a brief conversation, it was agreed that the Board's reading of COMAR 09.23.03.09, a date, as well as an original signature, can be handwritten or a digital signature. However, a date affixed as part of a drawing's title block does not comply with the intent of this regulation.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

There were 62 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that were administratively approved for licensure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Farinas. and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. at Meet [google.com/ipm-pxny-hej](https://meet.google.com/ipm-pxny-hej) or by phone 1-484-416-2276 (PIN 201 307 165#). This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7) to discuss complaints, exam applications, and to seek advice from Board Counsel. Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Two reciprocity applications were approved during the executive session (moved from needs more info folder).

Molanaie-Kamangar, Hiva (64496)

Vicario, Joel A (64505)

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Moore, Christine D

Zablotny, Luke S

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to approve five additional applications.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee on March 13, 2025

15-PE-25 -Mr. Dominquez will report to the Committee where to refer the case by next month

14-PE-25 -Send Opening letter to Respondent

12-PE-25 -Awaiting Architects review

05-PE-25 -Follow up with request compliance for a firm permit requirement

16-PE-24 -Under evaluation by an independent consultant

21-PE-23 -Under evaluation by an independent consultant

The Committee reviewed two conduct applicants. One applicant was approved and will be allowed to sit for the PE exam, contingent on approval. If the applicant passes the exam and is granted a Maryland license, they will be required to submit an annual probation report. The other applicant must provide additional documentation.

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Hubner will be attending the Finance Committee at the NCEES Zone meeting.
2. Ms. Perrin will be attending the NCEES Education Committee meeting. The committee anticipates a high volume of recommendations at this Zone meeting regarding degree qualifications from ABET-ETAC (Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission) institutions and pathways for ETAC candidates.
3. Due to scheduling conflicts with the upcoming Zone meeting the Board agreed to change the date of the next meeting to Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 9:30 am.
4. The Board will schedule a hearing for 1:00 p.m. following the May 8, 2025, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

_____ With Corrections

_____ X _____ Without Corrections

Signed by: _____
Signature on File
Board Chairperson

_____ 04/09/2025
Date