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## **Board for Professional Engineers** **Business Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** November 13, 2025

**TIME:** 09:45 AM

**LOCATION:** 100 S. Charles St.  
Tower 1  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
*(Teleconference via Google Meet)*  
*Access Using Video Conferencing*  
*meet.google.com/vez-tjmx-mbr*  
*Phone: +1 401-552-4499*  
*PIN: 392138700*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sallye Perrin, *PE, Chair*  
Edward (Ed) Hubner, *PE, Vice-Chair*  
Karl Rickert, *PE*  
Dhrubajyoti (DJ) Biswas, *PE*  
Kathryn Gunkel, *PE*  
Lily Kuitcha, *PE*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Judi Miller, *RA, Consumer*  
Tracey Clark, *Consumer*

**STAFF PRESENT:** Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*  
Raquel Meyers, *Assistant Executive Director*  
Matthew Venuti, *AAG, Board Counsel*  
Shavon Cooper, *Board Operations Officer II*  
Hannah Belcher, *Office Secretary*

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan Tansky, *MDSPE Representative*  
Melissa Cannata  
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## **Meeting Called to Order**

Chair Sallye Perrin called the meeting to order at 9:48 am.

## **Approval of October 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

October 9, 2025, minutes were approved without edits.

## **Review of Reciprocity and Exam Applications**

There were two denied and two needing more information reciprocity applications. Additional Exam applications were placed into the “Needs More information” folder.

## **Applications Approved by Board Members**

Motion (I) was called by Ms. Perrin to approve reciprocity and exam applications. Moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Mr. Hubner and unanimously carried to approve 21 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity and 39 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam.

### **Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:**

Biweta, Asfachew (65972)	Mofakham, Mohammad (65983)
Conoly, Steven (65973)	Mundkur, Dilip (65976)
Corle, Logan P (65986)	Nahrvar, Mojtaba (65985)
Dallaire, Pierre (65974)	Nadalin, Kevin (65984)
Majoch, Damian (65975)	Saad, Hussein (65987)
Favaretti, Camilla (65977)	Shanmugasundarm, Vijay (65988)
Gehse, Richard (65978)	Wahidi, Walid M. (65989)
Hwang, Junggeun (65979)	Wu, Cece (65990)
Khademian, Soheyl (65980)	Yates, Shawn (65991)
Mikesic, Jeffery (65981)	Yilma, Eyasu (65992)
Mirza, Nashid (65982)	

### **There were two Transfer of Grades applications that were placed in the "Needs More Information" Folder:**

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### **There were two Transfer of Grades applications that were denied.**

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

Adeoye, Ayoola O.	Chebli, Othman
Ajagbe, Abdulrashid	Collins, Brain
Al Dulaimi, Riyadh	Colpitts, Kyle
Alshareef, Noraan K.	Courtright, Gavin H.
Benson, Benjamin T.	Dackermann, Paul C.
Berringer, Eric	Dar, Cristina O.

Dean, Catherine R.  
Doody, James  
Ellis, Maria  
Gachpazha, Alex O.  
Galloway, Jonathan  
Garrison, Christopher E.  
Gomez Ramos, Arnold O.  
Hodges, Christopher  
Howard, Dante  
Irfan, Muhammad  
Kasprzyk, Adam C.  
Kraft, Michael  
Macalinao, Michelle  
Marca, Christopher P.

Ola, Abiodun  
Rostami-Angas, Arnold  
Rotundo, Mike  
Shayanfar, Elham  
Sherka, Tewodros  
Shin, Jin  
Sun, Yu  
Teklewold, Biruk Tesfaye  
Torpey, Matthew S.  
Tran, Vu D.  
Viall, Michael P.  
Wood, Cheryl  
Zadran, Khyber

**There were eight exam applications placed in the “Needs More Information” folder:**

Erenso, Adamso S.	Rassipour, Rana
Hamad, Mohanad Z.	Shaheen, Qadri
Hudgins, Michael L.	Soretire, Vincent O.
McKernan, Michael S.	Taylor, Peter T.

**There were no denied exam applications.**

**New Business**

***Joint Chair’s Meeting Report***

A snapshot of the Design Boards finances was discussed. It showed a break-even in the budget with a \$599,000 reserve which is usually 30-40% of the budget. Next year's budget was projected to not have an increase in fees. Mr. Thomas stated that the State of Maryland Design Boards anticipated a deficit but thanks to PE Firms and other fees, Design Boards ended up on the plus side. Ms. Perrin requested a budget presentation at the December 11, 2025, meeting.

**Old Business**

***NCEES Auto-Approval Process***

A discussion was held regarding the presentation by NCEES Representative, Stef Goodenow, during the October 9, 2025, board Meeting with concerning the auto-Approval options offered by NCEES and how such changes could be incorporated into Maryland’s current licensure process. Several Board members expressed reservations and stated that they were not in agreement with adopting an auto-approval model and decoupling at this time. Mr. Thomas clarified that, should the Board ever choose to modify its approval process in the future, all applicants would be properly notified of any changes to the requirements for obtaining licensure after taking and passing both the

Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Exam.

After further discussion, the Board collectively declined to move forward with any of the NCEES auto-approval options. Ms. Perrin noted that this topic may be revisited for discussion next year.

### **Correspondence**

#### ***Inquiry Regarding PE Competency and Structural Stamping by Electrical Engineers***

The correspondence from a professional engineer inquiring: what the Maryland PE Board considered practicing Engineering within one's area of competency. Precisely if an electrical engineer could sign and seal installation of solar panels including their structural components. Ms. Perrin explained that the Maryland Board does not license engineers by discipline. Professional engineers are responsible and bound the code of ethics to work in their area of competence. Ms. Perrin asked Mr. Thomas to prepare an official response to this correspondence in collaboration with Mr. Hubner. Mr. Tansky, with the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers, asked the Board if he could speak on this matter. The Chair granted Mr. Tansky the opportunity to address the Board. He added that a degree does not necessarily mean that's a license's only area of competency unless that person does not have the competency or background for the projects they are sealing.

### **Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) Committee Report**

Two CPC applications. GPRS was approved. Emann Associates, LLC. was placed into the "Needs More Information" folder. Motion (II) was called by Ms. Perrin to accept the CPC Committee Report, moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously approved.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Thomas presented the proposed 2026 Board Meeting Calendar, outlining the meeting dates for the upcoming year and noting that hybrid meetings would continue to be available as an option. He also introduced a proposal to consolidate two meetings in 2026.

Ms. Perrin noted that May 14, 2026, Board Meeting will likely conflict with the NCEES Zone Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio scheduled for that week. In response, Mr. Hubner suggested canceling the July 9, 2026, Board Meeting instead. He further commented that, among the ten jurisdictions in which he is registered, the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers is the only Board that meets monthly. Mr. Thomas noted that in addition to helping schedule the summer meetings to ensure there's a quorum, this would also benefit staff by allowing us to conduct necessary "housekeeping" duties.

Ms. Kuitcha and Ms. Gunkel expressed agreement with canceling the July 9, 2026, meeting given the proximity to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Motion (III) was made by Mr. Hubner to cancel the July 9, 2026, Board meeting, seconded by Ms. Gunkel and unanimously approved.

The Board noted that the May 14, 2026, meeting date will be adjusted at a future meeting.

### **Ethics Committee Report**

Mr. Hubner confirmed that while reading through reports received from other jurisdictions when an Ethics issue arises, as part of the consent decree, there's a requirement to take an ethics-related course. The Board is looking to add to some available college courses, issue fines, and require a certificate of completion of this course ethical offense arises. Ms. Perrin added as a part of the

NCEES Ethics Education Committee, the council is rolling out an Ethics training course based on the presentation from the annual business meeting.

### **Board Counsel's Report**

None.

### **Complaint Committee Report**

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints reviewed by the Complaint Committee on November 14, 2025.

08-PE-26 - CLOSED

07-PE-26 - CLOSED

04-PE-26 – CLOSED. Referred to the State Board of Architects for review.

18-PE-25 – Sent OAG Pre-Charge review.

#### **Conducts and Audit Reviews**

There was one application for conduct review. The Committee recommends allowing for renewal of licensure with the condition that the licensee completes court-ordered service. One audit review failure forwarded for Pre-Charge review. There are ten cases awaiting consent orders and Consent Decrees by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). Mr. Rickert stated that he would like the Board to issue a letter to the professional associations addressing an ongoing matter involving multiple offenses committed against a licensed Professional Engineer. He explained that similar offenses have recently become a national concern and emphasized the importance of heightened diligence among industry partners and licensees.

Mr. Rickert recommended that the letter advises code officials to exercise increased scrutiny when reviewing engineering submittals and permit documentation. He added that, if any anomalies are observed or if the materials appear questionable, authorities having jurisdiction should conduct further investigation, by calling or possibly emailing licensees, to verify authenticity and ensure compliance with applicable engineering standards and regulations.

Motion (IV) was called by Ms. Perrin to approve the Complaint Committee Report. Moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously approved.

### **Executive Session**

None

### **Application Approved Administratively for Reciprocity**

There were 67 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records, that were administratively approved for licensure.

### **Other Business**

1. Mr. Hubner announced Steve A. Arndt, PE is exploring running for the position of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Vice President.
2. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025.

### **Adjournment**

Motion (V) was called by Ms. Perrin, moved by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Biswas and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am.

\_\_\_\_\_ *With Corrections*                      \_\_\_\_\_ *X* \_\_\_\_\_ *Without Corrections*

*Chair's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature on File** \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* January 5, 2026