**MINUTES**

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**Date:**  October 14, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Access Using Video Conferencing

Meet.google.com/zhj-nupp-csk

Phone: 1-442-245-7263

PIN: 235 132 259#

**Present:** David G. Mongan, P.E, Chairman

Karl Rickert, P.E, Vice Chairman

Sallye E. Perrin, P.E.

Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E.

Pastor Farinas, P.E

Edward Hubner, P.E.

**Others Present:** Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director Milena Y. Trust, AAG, Counsel to the Board

Henry Keith

Carl Shapiro

Cory Salmon

Greg Schmon

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mongan called the meeting of the Board for Professional Engineers to order at 2:03 p.m., virtually.

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Harclerode and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting with no corrections.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to approve 24 applications for reciprocity, 20 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination and two applications for PE licensure by Transfer Grades, and to deny three applications for PE licensure by reciprocity. Two applications were denied because they were not administratively complete, and one was denied for insufficient amount of engineering work experience. In addition, three applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exams were denied. One applicant must submit additional information;; another applicant needs to take an education course, and the last application was denied for insufficient amount of engineering work experience.

Approvals are as follows:

**Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity:**

Bose, Sayta Venkata Subhash Chandra (58350) Hunt, Justin (58341)

Bowers,Matthew (58351) Halpert, Douglas (58358)

Bozak Mihalko, Brittany N (58349) Julia, Peter (58340)

Chen, Wei-Yang (58347) Chen, Wei-Yu (58348)

Luthi, Tanya (58339) Yasek, Michael (58333)

Dewitt, Kesewanch A (58346) Mogen, Sarah I (58338)

El-Gazairly, Loai F (58345) Sardarian, Arkady (58352)

Epp, Lucas G (58344) Smith, Joseph P (58337)

Esmailza, Saba S (58343) St John, Michael D (58336)

Grabowski, Stephen (58342) Uttara, Sirdhar (58335)

Gupta,Ramesh (58360) Xie, Xiaojian (58334)

Lai, Shaohua (28883) Gemperline, Mark (58481)

**Applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination:**

Asfaw, Betem Fry, Taylor

Atandi, Eric Gregory, John

Ayers, Brittany Jahns, Matthew

Billian, Hannah Mattari, Alaa

Bonsu, Yaw Miller, Jordan

Ceresi, Austin Clifford, Brian

Montalvo, Jahil Selimgir, Mehrin

Sulalman, Sinan Taylor, Jason

Vidal, Leonardo Wright-Watson, Marcus

**Application for PE Licensure by Transfer Grades:**

Minardi, Jacob Poudel, Bhishan

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Inquiry from the Board for Professional Land Surveyors**

The Board of Professional Land Surveyors asked the Board for Professional Engineers to weigh in their current policy to exempt civil engineers from taking the Road and Storm Drain Design examination). After a discussion, it was the Board’s position that it may not be advisable to exempt civil engineers from taking the Road and Storm Drain Design.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Rickert and unanimously carried by the Board, to convey the Board’s position on the matter to the Board for Professional Land Surveyors.

**Joint Chairs Update**

Chairman Mongan reported that the Joint Chairs met on October 6, 2021. The FY 2021 fund balance is $492,121.36 for all the Design Boards. The Board for Professional Engineers has a surplus of $336,502.26 and the Board of Architects has a surplus of $110,782.75 revenue v. expenditures. Ms. Trust informed that the Board for Professional Land Surveyors was concerned about the fund balance which the Joint Chairs will be keeping an eye on the funds.

Ms. Trust stated that the legislation package extending the Board for Professional Engineers until 2033 has been submitted as part of the Departmental package.

Chairman Mongan stated that Commissioner Morgan has an idea for a job fair in April 2022. Further information will be coming.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Montgomery County Permitting Services**

Ms. Meyers informed that a letter was sent on behalf of the Board for Professional Engineers to MS. Metra Pedoeem, Director for Permitting services for Montgomery County. This letter was in response to a discrepancy between two documents used by the Department of Permitting Services (“DPS”) when identifying commissioning requirements. Ms. Trust stated no response has been received from Montgomery County.

**Prince Georgas’s County TPIP**

Ms. Meyers informed that a letter was sent on behalf of the Maryland Board of Architects and the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers in response to Andrew Schiefer’s correspondence regarding the Prince George’s County Third-Party Inspection Program (“TPIP”) and concerns that TPIP requires Maryland licensed architects to perform services that fall beyond the scope of their license.

**CPC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Perrin reported there are four CPC provider applications for review. She requested to table the CPC Committee Report until the next meeting.

**REPORT FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE - None**

**REPORT FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Meyers stated the target date for having the case studies and voice over by Dr. Arndt added to the free PE Ethics course has been moved to November 2021. She will provide an update at the next meeting.

**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Meyers was pleased to announce the new Executive Director, Zevi Thomas, who will start on October 20, 2021. He comes from AIA and worked in the Landscape Architecture trade.

The Committee on Awards is now soliciting nominations for the awards to be presented at the 101st annual meeting in Carlsbad, California, on August 24-26, 2022. Members of the 2021–22 Committee on Awards are not eligible for nomination. Current members of the NCEES board of directors are also ineligible. The completed nomination package must be received at NCEES headquarters no later than January 31, 2022.

**REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL - None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Prevent More Natural Gas System Explosions**

Ms. Meyers informed correspondence was received by Stuart Walesh, PhD, P.E. regarding information to prevent more natural gas system explosions. The Board is aware of the disaster which took place three years ago in the area of Merrimack Valley in Massachusetts. The Board will continue to monitor this situation.

**Interpretation of Machine Control Models Designed by Non-Engineering Firms**

Ms. Meyers informed correspondence was received by Benjamin J. Crysler, P.E., Engineer of Record regarding the integration of policies and services performed by their firm in preparation of machine control within the State of Maryland. Mr. Harclerode informed the Board that there are control exams available. After a brief discussion, it was agreed by the Board to table this topic until the next meeting.

**Interpretation of the Term “Engineer of Record”**

Ms. Meyers informed correspondence was received by Alex Bernal, P.E., Manager, Commercial Structural Plan Review, Complex Structures & Commercial Building Construction, Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services regarding the concept of “Engineer of Record” and definition/interpretation. Ms. Perrin stated that traditionally, an engineer should be signing the plan by specialty. After a brief discussion, it was agreed by the Board to table this topic until the next meeting.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY**

There were 123 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that were administratively approved for licensure.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Ms. Perrin, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. at Meet google.com/zhj-nupp-csk or by phone 1-442-245-7263 (PIN 235 132 259#). This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 3:35 p.m.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee October 7, 2021.

13-PE-19 Awaiting Permit review process

27-PE-19 Closed

10-PE-20 Closed

03-PE-21 Investigating

01-PE-22 Awaiting investigation conclusion

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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Signed by: David Mongan, Chairman Date: March 18, 2022