

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Date: February 13, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Present: Sallye Perrin, P.E., Chair
Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E., Vice Chair
Edward Hubner, Secretary, 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
Riasat Quadir, Exam Applicant

Absent: Karl Rickert, P.E

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried to approve 19 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Farinas, and second by Mr. Biswas, and unanimously carried to approve 15 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam.

Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:

Badiee, Emad (64327)	Mohammed, Maqbool A (31315)
Crawford, Jennifer S (64328)	Renganathan, Bagawathi Rupa (64336)
Dieterlen, Peter (64329)	Riggs, Brian M (64337)
Fix, Andrew W (64330)	Rippie, Iyonne E (64338)
Ganpat, Adityanand (64331)	Salac, Jude Tadeo C (64339)
Gentry, Jonathan D (64332)	Vudumula, Manohar (64340)
Hatterick, Christine A (63978)	Welch, Christopher L (64341)
Hollon, Richard A (64334)	Wu, Sharon C (64342)
Landis, Evan J (64333)	Yamasaki, Matthew N (64343)
Majidi, Behnam (64335)	

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

Clemmer, Benjamin

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

Brennan, Andrew	Hudock, Ryne J
Chang, Weining	Kadjella, Gutu B.
Drew, Douglas	Quadir, Riasat S
Freeland, James L	Ross, Daria L
Friedman, Robert M	Sarnelli, Nicolina C
Gonzalez, Troy	Simmons, John H.
Howe Jr, Bruce M.	Van Simaey, Julie

Additional information was requested for one reciprocity applicant and two exam applications (mechanical).

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, unanimously carried to accept the denial of one mechanical exam applicant.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Biswas, and unanimously carried to approve of the January 9, 2025, meeting minutes. Ms. Perrin reminded board members that it is not required to vote on the minutes per Robert Rules of Order.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas reported that MDSPE introduced Senate Bill 529 which will require all applicants under Subsection (d) to pass the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. Ms. Perrin clarified this bill will require everyone under option (d) to have 12 years of experience in addition to

passing the FE exam. She further explained after seeing the pass rates of the FE exam is noticeable that the highest pass rates are from graduates of ABET accredit programs or for examinees who take this exam shortly after graduation. Ms. Miller voiced concerns that this could put up a barrier to licensure for some candidates. Mr. Hubner stated that the current FE exam is now practice specific, not the general engineering exams of the past. Ms. Perrin inquired to Mr. Venuti whether the Board has to take a position on SB 529. Mr. Venuti stated the Board does not need to take a position and that the hearing is scheduled for February 20th. individual board members can testify as subject matter experts/citizens but not as a representative of this Board. The department will need three days' notification prior to any testimony if applicable.

Motion (V) was made by Ms. Perrin, and seconded by Mr. Hubner. Ms. Miller opposed the motion. The motion passed for the Board not to take a position on SB 529 at this time.

Firm Permit Penalty

Mr. Hubner asked if there was a penalty for operating without a firm permit. It has been brought to the Complaint Committee's attention that individuals may be plan stamping if operating without a PE firm permit. Mr. Dominguez, counsel for the Complaint Committee, is determining if this would apply to a current case. We need some clarification on this matter. Mr. Venuti cited section 14-409 denial of a firm permit, the Board may impose a penalty not exceeding \$5,000; However, a firm permit is not required for sole practitioners.

Audit Failure

Mr. Thomas stated that audit failures receive a precharge letter which indicating that they must comply with the audit, or their license will be encumbered if this requirement is not met. Ms. Perrin inquired whether the Board has the authority to suspend a license. Mr. Venuti stated that the Board can summarily suspend the license. The Board can also add language in the letter describing the possible consequences. He requests that Mr. Thomas sends an example of the letter's licensees received as part of a CPC audit.

Mr. Hubner mentioned Florida requires CE's to be submitted to NCEES. Ms. Perrin stated this will be a hassle to require everyone to submit their CE's through NCEES. She inquired whether there was a fee involved. Mr. Thomas stated this is a free service which we encourage for all licensees. We currently have a link to this information on this Board's website.

Ms. Perrin reiterated action items to follow up: Mr. Venuti will look into adding suspension language to the letter and the Board voted no position on the legislation. Ms. Miller voted in opposition to this position.

OLD BUSINESS

What Constitutes Engineering Work Experience

Mr. Hubner drafted a sample of work template to assist applicants with the Board's application process. This includes the actual sample, calculations and a descriptive narrative. Ms. Perrin

requested that these samples must be submitted in English. Ms. Belcher stated she already instructs applicants that samples of work must be in English.

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Farinas, and seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to accept the samples of work template and share these with future applicants.

Letter of Intent - UK MRA

Mr. Thomas shared the letter of intent - UK Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). Ms. Perrin asked the Board if they were ready to vote on the agreement. Mr. Venuti emphasized that this Board is voting to accept the agreement between NCEES and the United Kingdom Engineering Council.

Motion (VII) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to sign the intent to participate in the Mutual Recognition Agreement with the United Kingdom.

Board Guidelines for Applications/Complaint Records

Ms. Perrin inquired whether Ms. Miller took the training sent by Mr. Hubner. Mr. Hubner is willing to provide courses on protecting personal information to Board members if needed. Mr. Venuti stated he has a meeting with the Commissioner of O&P later this afternoon to discuss what resources the agency can make available to Board members. Ms. Perrin reiterated the action item to follow up with Ms. Miller and Mr. Venuti at the next meeting.

NCEES NE Zone meeting

Ms. Perrin reminded the Board that there is a NE Zone meeting in April. She will report on the Education Committee on possible changes to the qualifications of the engineering tech and non-engineering tech degrees. NCEES Education Committee is slated to get rid of general education as part of its requirements. The Maryland Board no longer has this requirement. Mr. Hubner needs to confirm if he will be present this year on behalf of the Finance Committee. Mr. Thomas confirmed that Ms. Perrin, Mr. Hubner, and Mr. Biswas will be funded by NCEES for the April meeting. Mr. Harclerode and Mr. Farinas will be state-funded. Mr. Farinas stated he would not be attending as a state-funded delegate.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT - None

REPORT FROM THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Hubner reported the voiceover is completed. Mr. Thomas has to coordinate with the agency's IT department to upload this recording. Mr. Hubner did not get an opportunity to attend the Louisiana Board's ethics course. He looks forward to attending a future session of this class.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Thomas reported that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (O&P) has completed the move to our new offices at 100 South Charles Street. Parking at this location is

limited and will need to be coordinated by General Services. He also mentioned that we have initiated the interview process for a new Administrative Officer for the PE board. The aim is to complete the selection process in the coming weeks.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Mr. Venuti reported SB 529 will directly affect this Board's application process. He also shared that the Board of Architects established a legislative committee to review all of that board's regulations and statute. Mr. Venuti and Mr. Thomas hope to meet with Design Boards to create similar committees for each board. We are also setting up a task force to explore options to curtail the fraudulent use of professional stamps and seals. He asked Board members to contact him if they were interested in participating in these efforts. Ms. Miller reiterated her interest in taking part in this task force.

CORRESPONDENCE

Maryland PE Code of Ethics

Ms. Perrin stated that if the PE is stamping then this individual is serving as the engineer of record. Ms. Miller inquired if they were only stamping the shop drawings. The pre-fab designer is responsible for the work they are overseeing. After a brief discussion, it was concluded there is not enough information to determine which professional is responsible for which aspect of the Work. The Board requests additional information to respond to this inquiry.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

There were 86 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that were administratively approved for licensure.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hubner reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee on February 13, 2025.

12-PE-25 -Under review. Waiting for the Board of Architects response

06 -PE-25-Closed. Not the PE Board's jurisdiction.

05-PE-25-Pre-Charge review for failure to respond

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

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

Pre-Charge Review

11-PE-25 - Consent Order

08-PE-25 - Consent Order

07-PE-25 - Consent Order

39-PE-23 - State's Attorney Office/Possible Administrative Charges

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

OTHER BUSINESS

Next month's meeting will be hybrid.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (IX) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

_____ With Corrections

_____ X _____ Without Corrections

Signed By: Signature on File
Board Chairperson

04/09/2025
Date