

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**Date:** July 22, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** 1100 N. Eutaw Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
Access Using Video Conferencing  
Meet.google.com/ipm-pxny-hej  
Phone: 1-484-416-2276  
PIN: 201 307 165#

**Present:** Sallye Perrin, P.E., Chair  
Edward Hubner, Secretary, P.E.  
Pastor Farinas, P.E.  
Karl Rickert, P.E.  
Dhrubajyoti Biswas, P.E.  
Judi Miller, R.A.  
Tracey Clark

**Others Present:** Zevi Thomas, Executive Director  
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel  
Ruby Courtney, Board Administrator  
Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist  
Gregory Morgan, MD-NSPE  
John Lin, Exam Applicant  
Henri Sanders

**Absent:** Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E., Vice Chairman

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Chair, Ms. Perrin, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONSUMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD**

The Board Chair introduced the new consumer Board member, Ms. Tracey Clark to the Board. Members of the Board and staff introduce themselves to Ms. Clark.

Ms. Clark stated she is a residential and commercial realtor. She shared that she's a past president of the Baltimore Architecture Foundation. She also mentioned she currently serves on the board of Jubilee Baltimore.

## **APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Hubner and unanimously carried to Approve 34 applications for reciprocity and 22 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination.

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

Ali, Elmontasirbullah (63284)	Ibrahim, Evodia (63300)
Ammar, Ali I. (63285)	Khoshdel Nikkho, Saber (50383)
Amornrattanapong, Wilast (63286)	Khoury, Bassil (63301)
Angarone, Robert M (63287)	Kirby, Andrew L. (63302)
Ataey, Mohammad (63288)	Kulpa, Joseph T. (63303)
Bacon, Mark (63289)	Li, Gangjin (63304)
Bougataya, Youssef (63290)	Mackenzie, Kyle C. (63305)
Brady, Lori (63291)	Martino, Michael (63306)
Bucchianeri, Bryan P. (63292)	Norwood, Elizabeth C. (63307)
Deeks, Peter C. (63293)	Potvin, Kyle M. (63308)
Diaz Carrillo, Gerado (63294)	Scanlon, Timothy M. (63309)
Foote, Dean L. (63295)	Schwarz, Marcus D. (63310)
Gallagher, Jr., Vincent D. (63296)	Shah, Jay M. (63311)
Garvey, Peter B. (63297)	Shrestha, Sharoo (63312)
Gilmer, Jared B. (63298)	Song, Sunho (63313)
Gollopeni, Meriton (56510)	Underwood, Thomas J. (63314)
Howe, William K. (63299)	White, Grant H. (63315)

### **Applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination are as follows:**

Barot, Selal	Kendrick, Robert J.
Berman, Alyssa N.	Kurt, Atilla
Choi, Jee NY	Magee, Michael J.
Falusi, Olusegun	Marks, Jeffrey S.
Garcia, Mary Valerie T.	Martin, George E.
Gemma, Alemayehu D.	Masters, Ryan B.
Groeger, Jonathan L.	Mdarhri-Alaoui, Jenna
Johnson, Ayotunde O.	Pincus, Alexis S.

### **Applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination (cont'd)**

Reed, Jonathan P.  
Scollard, Christopher R.  
Shurow, Zachary A.

Tejada, Karin V.  
Trumpower, Lynn L.  
Vigorita, Michael L.

Mr. Hubner suggested a vote be taken on the denials once the Board has heard from the exam applicant attending this meeting.

### **APPEARANCE OF AN EXAM APPLICANT**

An exam applicant appeared before the Board to discuss his application that was denied at the June 2024 meeting.

Mr. Hubner explained his reasoning for denying the application. The applicant applied under Section 14-305 (c) which requires eight years of engineering work experience that is acceptable to the Board. The applicant submitted six Reports of Professional Experience but only four were endorsed by US Professional Engineers. The applicant supplied samples of work for the two Reports of Professional Experience in question for his application to be reviewed again at the July meeting. Mr. Hubner did not find the two samples of work acceptable for the following reasons:

1. The Building Load report was dated five months before the applicant began working for that company. The Load report was dated April 2013 but the applicant did not start working for that company until September 2013.
2. The as-built drawings did not have the applicant's name to demonstrate he did this work.

The applicant explained that the owner of the company generally signs the reports. Mr. Rickert asked if the owner of the company signed the Report of Professional Experience and the applicant stated "yes". The Board Chair asked the applicant if it is possible for him to provide the load calculations during his tenure at the company and suggested this applicant be moved to the "Needs More Information" folder. Mr. Rickert stated the applicant's name and date should be on those calculations. Mr. Hubner reinforced that the calculations were needed. The applicant mentioned he will attempt to get the information the Board is requesting.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried by the Board to deny two applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam due to insufficient engineering work experience.

### **ACTION ON THE MINUTES**

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024 Board meeting as submitted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers**

In accordance with the Board's yearly Election of Officers, the Board Chair called for nominations.

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried by the Board to nominate Ms. Sallye Perrin, as Board Chair.

With there being no further nominations, Ms. Perrin agreed to remain the Board Chair.

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Farnas, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried by the Board to nominate Howard Harclerode as the Vice Chairman.

With there being no further nominations, Mr. Harclerode will remain Vice Chairman.

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried by the Board to nominate Mr. Hubner as Secretary.

With there being no further nominations, Mr. Hubner will remain Secretary.

### **Committee Appointments**

Mr. Rickert agreed to remain as Chair of the Complaint Committee. Ms. Miller agreed to remain on the Complaint Committee for now.

Mr. Hubner agreed to remain as Chair for the Ethics Committee. The Board Chair mentioned the Louisiana Board offered two sessions of live webinars which reviewed the laws and regulations and asked if Mr. Hubner would start thinking about the possibility of MD doing something similar.. The Board Chair mentioned other state Boards have reached out to the Louisiana Board. Mr. Hubner stated he will look into the logistics of this.

The Board Chair asked for an update on the changes being made to our free online Ethics course and Mr. Thomas stated the IT department is working on the fee increases for the entire Occupational and Professional Licensing department and does not expect them to be able to work on our Ethics courses before the end of the year.

Mr. Farinas agreed to remain as Chair for the Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) Committee.

### **Deadline to Receive Materials from Board Staff**

Mr. Hubner stated that the date of the meeting was changed for this month and he did not get the information in time to thoroughly review in advance of the meeting. He suggested having a fixed date that the Board members are notified of the applications. Ms. Miller agreed and stated

she needs ample time to review the information sent for the Complaint Committee. Ms. Courtney asked if it made a difference if the meeting dates were changed and it was decided no matter when the meeting is scheduled, the same deadline should still apply.

Motion (VII) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Ms. Miller, and unanimously carried by the Board to set the application deadline on the last day of each month and that the Board will be notified of the applications and other materials for the meeting shortly thereafter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the CPC Provider application of Excel Fluid Group.

### **REPORT FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hubner mentioned he has already provided Mr. Thomas with the voice over and the case studies. Mr. Thomas stated that he had given that information to our IT department but they are currently working on other projects so he does not expect IT to fulfill this request before the end of this year.

### **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Thomas reported that the fee increases are effective August 1, 2024. He also informed the Board an email blast went out regarding requirements and compliance to the Board's Continuing Education Requirements.

The Board Chair asked if there is an update on the move to 100 S. Charles Street. Mr. Thomas stated he's anticipating a move to start in October of this year. Mr. Thomas also mentioned parking would likely be limited. The Board Chair also wanted to follow up on the refund process for the reinstatement fee. Mr. Thomas informed her effective August 1, 2024, the reinstatement fee would be non-refundable.

### **REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL**

Mr. Venuti discussed the correspondence received from NCEES regarding the U.S. Supreme Court overruling the Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council (1984). Mr. Venuti mentioned that this decision could have implications for regulatory agencies and boards such as this one. Board. He stated as an example if this Board's decision was challenged, a Judge could overrule the board and make the final decision.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Supreme Court Chevron Deference Decision** – Discussed in Report from Board Council

**NCEES Position on Chevron Deference – No Position –FYI**

**Engineers Canada Mobility Register**

The Board received an email from a Canadian Engineer (Ahsan Rizvi Chowdhury) who inquired if the Engineers Canada Mobility Register would be applicable for pursuing a PE licensure in MD. Mr. Hubner explained that in Canada, Engineers are licensed by province and this allows them to practice in all provinces of Canada. The Board's position is that our law does not allow us to deviate from our requirements for licensure. All applicants need to successfully complete the NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY**

There were 68 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that have been administratively approved for licensure.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (VIII) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Biswas. and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 2:16 p.m. at 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 and seek advice from Board Counsel. Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 2:23 p.m.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee July 22, 2024.

- 18-PE-24 Recommend closed – Not practice of engineering
- 04-PE-24 Administrative hearing
- 14-PE-24 Investigating
- 16-PE-24 Recommend getting an expert witness
- 19-PE-24 Recommend closed – Contractual issue

The Complaint Committee reviewed two applications for reinstatement and recommended 32 professional development hours in both cases..

**Pre-Charge Report**

- 21-PE-23 Pre-Charge
- 26-PE-23 Pre-Charge
- 34-PE-23 Pre-Charge
- 39-PE-23 Pre-Charge
- 13-PE-24 Pre-Charge
- 15-PE-24 Pre-Charge

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board meeting will be hybrid and held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The Board Chair confirmed with the Board Council that there are no legislative actions pending regarding Professional Engineers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (X) was made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

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Signed by: Signature on File  
Board Chairperson

Date: August 8, 2024