

**MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Date: June 11, 2015

Place: 3rd Floor Conference Room
500 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Present: H. C. Harclerode, P.E., Chairman
Pastor Farinas, P.E., Secretary
Sallye E. Perrin, P.E.
David G. Mongan, P.E.
Karl Rickert, P.E.
Sandra J. Murphy

Others Present: Pamela J. Edwards, Executive Director
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, AAG, Counsel to the Board
Ruby Courtney, Administrative Secretary
Janet Morgan, Outreach Coordinator
Victoria Wilkins, Commissioner
John Papavasiliou, Deputy Commissioner
James Kidd, Budget Analyst

Absent: Steven A. Arndt, Ph.D., P.E., Vice Chairman
Rosalind Yee

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harclerode called the meeting to order at 9:00 a. m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting as submitted.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR RECIPROCITY

Motion (II) was made by Mongan, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to approve 31 applications for reciprocity as follows:

46934 Mahmoud Al Dabbas	46417 Richard Gerard Fitzgerald
46732 Kirk H. Baker	46916 Tina R. Gahagan
46914 Manuel V. Benitez	46734 Joseph Vincent Garcia
46672 Michelle E. Benoit	46917 Leyland George
46915 Norman D. Cabrera	46918 David J. Goode

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR RECIPROCITY (Cont'd)

46598 Bennett Guth	46626 Piyush L. Radadiya
46751 Peter Charles Haskell	46924 Rodman R. Ritchie
46919 Jeffrey R. Houser	46656 David Sohmidt, Jr.
46920 Kimberly Hughes	46925 Joanna C. Scofford
46921 Kundan S. Kulkarni	46926 Martha J. Sidebottom
46659 David M. Miller	46927 James Skees
46922 Richard S. Muller	46928 James E. Taylor
46622 Michael K. O'Brien	46929 Yaovi Togio
46704 Felix Olmo	46930 Jeffrey L. Tyley
46923 Anthony M. Ordile	46931 Milton O. Valentin
46933 Mark Patterson	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Ms. Murphy, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 10:29 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Article, Title 10-508(a)(7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 10:53 a.m.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farinas reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee at its meeting on June 11, 2015.

- 12-PE-08 Placed on inactive status pending civil litigation.
- 14-PE-20 Hearing rescheduled for July 9, 2015.
- 15-PE-13 Hold pending civil trial.
- 15-PE-17 Send 20-day response letter.
- 15-PE-19 Response received June 10, 2015.
- 15-PE-20 Online complaint. Waiting for supporting documents.
- 15-PE-21 Offer Consent Order with surrender of license.
- 15-PE-22 Offer Consent Order with \$300 fine.
- 15-PE-24 Offer Consent Order with a \$2000 fine.
- 15-PE-25 Offer Consent Order with a \$1000 fine.

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

CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Ms. Perrin, and unanimously carried to approve the CPC Provider applications of Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC and Cummins-Wagner Co., Inc.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Edwards introduced the new office secretary, Linda Washington, to the Board. Ms. Edwards informed the Board that the position for Board secretary for the Land Surveyors/ Landscape Architects Board has been advertised and the cut-off date to submit an application is June 16, 2015. She also mentioned that a request for freeze exemption has been submitted for the position of Secretary for the Board of Certified Interior Designers and we are waiting for approval.

Ms. Edwards informed the Board that she had submitted out of state travel requests for Mr. Farinas, Mr. Mongan and Mr. Baseman to attend the NCEES Annual meeting. The Board asked that she also submit a request for Ms. Murphy. She also suggested the Board members bring in their electronic devices for the Board meetings and she will supply them with the wi-fi connections so that they can access meeting materials during the board meeting.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Ms. Trust reported that the Surveyors Board has put together a task force to look into the possible revision of their continuing professional competency regulations. Licensees are experiencing difficulty with their outcome measures. She also mentioned they are in the process of re-writing their education bill to require education and passage of the Fundamentals of Surveying examination as of 2025. Ms. Trust also reported that CPC regulations have not been approved for the Landscape Architects Board.

Chairman Harclerode asked that Ms. Edwards check on NCEES' basecamp to see what other states have a work experience only option for licensing. He also stated that Ms. Courtney has been keeping an ongoing record of how many applicants apply for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examination under the work experience option and how many had engineering degrees. Chairman Harclerode asked that Ms. Courtney be prepared with those statistics to include how many applicants were out of state residents and how many passed the PE exam.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Firm Permit Fee Regulations

Ms. Edwards stated that there was no new information to report regarding the status of firm permit fees regulations. The Board discussed possible alternatives if fees are not in place by October 1, 2015. They agreed to delay a decision until the next Board meeting.

Financial Update

Mr. James Kidd supplied the Board with a financial update to include revenues and expenditures for the Design Boards and a breakdown of revenues by each Board. As of April 30, 2015, the report showed the Design Boards with a balance of \$146,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Danish Verma regarding Licensing Requirements

The Board received a letter from Danish Verma questioning the licensing requirements to become a professional engineer in the State of MD. Specifically, he was concerned about how an electrician can qualify to take the PE exam. The Board pointed out that all applicants must submit evidence of engineering work experience that is satisfactory to the Board and indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering. Ms. Edwards will respond to his letter.

Email from Ben Fabina regarding obtaining Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board received an email from Ben Fabina dated June 2, 2015 questioning his eligibility to apply for PE licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Fabina applied for the Fundamentals of Engineering examination in 2008 and was denied by the Board because he did not meet the criteria of the Engineering Curriculum Checklist. Specifically, he lacked credit hours in Mathematics and Basic Sciences. Since being denied, Mr. Fabina took courses at Montgomery College and Howard Community College so he could meet the criteria of the Engineering Checklist and would like to apply for PE licensure in Maryland by Reciprocity. Chairman Harclerode reviewed the Checklist that he submitted along with his NCEES Council Record and found that he now met the criteria of the Checklist and can apply for reciprocity with four years of engineering work experience. Chairman Harclerode based his decision on the policy adopted by the Board at the April 9, 2015 meeting for distinguishing four-year engineering degrees in applications.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

The following applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer files, were administratively approved for licensure by the Executive Director of the Board:

46753 Jamal Anwar	46887 Brad A. Lauritsen
46752 Joshua David Banyas	46707 Jeffrey Scott Lowery
46740 Shehab Bata	46747 Joel E. Minch
46741 James W. Behler	46905 Aaron Mitchell
46742 Donald K. Beyer	46745 Emily J. Mothershed
46880 Pranav Bhakta	46748 Edward Orazine
46936 Brian J. Brackensick	46866 Elizabeth H. Otwell
46530 Miller Bradley	46888 Anthony Daniel Pacaro
46743 Michael B. Bryson	46889 David J. Parker
46736 Frederick J. Cordella	46868 Amish D. Patel
46876 Jeffrey Scott Davis	46887 Mehul C. Patel
46685 Justin M. Fejfar	46702 Jonathan Robison
46869 Hans X. Figueroa-Sweet	46379 Enrique H. Rodriguez
46884 Tad A. Goetcheus	46886 Patrick J. Rose
46864 Kerry J. Goforth	46624 Robert C. Scroggins
46865 Timothy C. Gresham	46754 Reed N. Self
46746 Marcus Hann	46881 Rodney R. Simon
46728 Jennifer M. Harkleroad	46867 David D. Singleton
46872 Victoria Rose-Owens Herman	46873 Ronald William Smiley
46885 Matthew L. Holden	46703 Jonathan Sofranko
46733 Erin Elizabeth Hubbard	46738 Gregory M. Steinmetz
46627 Wade N. Johnson	46870 Matthew M. Tracey
46735 Jeffrey T. Kaminski	46727 Okey G. Tucker
46706 William Knight, Jr.	46935 Stephen J. Vacca
46904 Timothy B. Kratz	

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF
ENGINEERING EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 30, 2015**

Ryan Ahn	Ellnazir M .Hejazi
Kelly Lynne Ambrose	Andrew T. Johnson
Wan-Shu Chang	Kenneth David Jones
Lauren Clark	Kathleen B. Leahy
William D. Cook	Nan Li
Gourav Raj De	Rauikanth Motay Vijay
Reyad B. Elnafe	Rebecca J. Nestor
Kenneth D. Fain	Cassandra B. Park
Serge Alain Feuze Lekem	Amanda S. Phillippi
Hahms S. Hairston	William C. Pompeii, II

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF
ENGINEERING EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 30, 2015 (Cont'd)**

Feng Shi
Gilmar D. Sobrinho
Eyoel W. Tamrat
Ramana V. Vadarevu

Luke C. Valentine
Gregory B. Vandermolen
Manish Yadav

**APPLICATIONS DENIED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF
ENGINEERING EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 30, 2015**

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Mongan, and unanimously carried to deny one application for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination to be held on October 30, 2015 because of an insufficient amount of engineering work experience.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (VII) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Ms. Perrin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

_____ With Corrections

Without Corrections

Howard C. Handmade II, P.E.
Signature

July 9, 2015
Date