



# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA **Board of Professional Engineering**

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# Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 23, 2015

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineering held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1100  $4^{\rm th}$  Street SW, Conference Room 300 Washington, DC. The Board met in committee prior to the meeting to discuss Applications for Licensure.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dr. Eugene Bentley III at 11:40 AM.

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Eugene Bentley III, Howard C. Gibbs, Kenneth A. Davis and Compton Vyfhuis, Dr. Norman D. Mills and Ernest T. Boykin Jr.

**Board Members Absent:** 

Legal Staff Present: Kia Winston, Legal Advisor

Staff Present: George Batista, Mary Buckley and Lori Fowler Public: Runako Allsopp, Jennifer Barbour and Raenelle Zapata

#### Comments received from the Public:

- Comments from Ms. Raenelle Zapata: Ms. Zapata is an attorney who
  appeared before the Board to request a hearing with the Board of
  Professional Engineering in the matter of Eustace Pollard on a Cease and
  Desist Order that was issued by the Department of Consumer & Regulatory
  Affairs (DCRA). In addition, Ms. Zapata stated that there was an identical
  Cease and Desist Order on the same matter in July 2014 and that the
  matter was resolved. Ms. Zapata stated there is a disconnect between
  agency regulations and practices.
- Comments from Ms. Runako Allsopp: Ms. Allsopp is an attorney for DCRA.
   She requested that the Board of Professional Engineering deny Ms. Zapata's request in the matter of Eustace Pollard, due to the fact that the request for a hearing was untimely. In addition, Ms. Allsopp elaborated on the process that took place at the Superior Court.

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# **Agenda Item: Minutes**

 Upon motion duly made by Board member Ernest T. Boykin Jr. and properly seconded by Board member Kenneth A. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes from the March 26, 2015 meeting as written.

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#### **Agenda Item: Old Business**

No old business items were discussed

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# **Agenda Item: New Business**

• No new business items were discussed.

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## **Agenda Item: Correspondence**

• The Board did not review any correspondence during this meeting.

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## **Agenda Item: Executive Session**

- Upon motion made by Board member Howard C. Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Kenneth A. Davis, the Board voted to enter executive session at 12:30 PM pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A),(9) and (13) in order to:
  - Deliberate over applications for licensure.
  - Discussed a disciplinary action received by the Board regarding a complaint;
- The Board returned to open session at 1:00 PM.
- Following executive session, the Board member Howard C. Gibbs made a
  motion based on the untimely request for a hearing in the matter of Eustace
  Pollard was denied. The motion was seconded by Board member Kenneth A.
  Davis, and passed unanimously.
- Board member Howard C. Gibbs made a motion to notified NCEES that the
  District of Columbia's Professional Engineering Board accepts to host the
  Interim Zone Meeting in the District of Columbia in the year of 2020. The
  motion was seconded by Board member Kenneth A. Davis, and passed by a
  unanimous vote.

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#### **Agenda Item: Committee Report**

 Upon motion made by Board member Howard C. Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Kenneth Davis, the Board approved the committee report regarding the disposition of applications. The motion was passed unanimously.

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## Agenda Item: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned upon motion offered by Board member Dr. Eugene Bentley III and seconded by Board member Ernest T. Boykin Jr. at 1:07 PM.

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#### **Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Eugene M. Bentley III, Chairman

5/28/2015

Date