



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Board of Professional Engineering

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE BOARD

Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 28, 2014

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineering held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 1100 4th Street SW, Conference Room 300 Washington, DC. The Board met in committee prior to the meeting to discuss Applications for Licensure.

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dr. Eugene Bentley at **11:33 AM.**

Board Members Present: Dr. Eugene Bentley III, Howard Gibbs, Compton Vyfhuis, Ernest Boykin Jr.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Norman Mills

Legal Staff Present: Kia Winston, Legal Advisor

Staff Present: Clifford Cooks, Daniel Burton

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Comments received from the Public:

- The Board did not receive any comment(s) from the public at this meeting.

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Agenda Item: Minutes

- Upon motion duly made by Board member Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Kenneth Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting as written.

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Agenda Item: Old Business

- The NCEES Annual Meeting held in Seattle was discussed by the Board members who attended.
 - Board member Howard Gibbs highlighted the discussion at the conference regarding the Bachelors plus Masters requirement in the NCEES model rules in 2020. An amendment was passed that removed the requirement entirely. The Board had supported a simple extension of the deadline to 2025.
 - There was discussion about modifying the definition of practice for engineering with respect to incidental surveying.
 - The Board members participated in an outreach event at the conference and found it very engaging. Future public outreach in DC may benefit from a similar model in the future.

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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.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

- Upon motion made by Board member Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Ernest Boykin, the Board voted to enter executive session at 11:56 AM pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A),(9) and (13) in order to:
 - Discuss a disciplinary action received by the Board regarding license renewals;
 - Deliberate over applications for licensure.
 - The Board returned to open session at 12:32 PM.
 - Following executive session, the Board member Howard Gibbs made a motion to refer plans from engineers submitted to the Office of the Surveyor for investigation. Specifically, the Board requests that DCRA hire a land surveying specialist to review the plans to determine whether or not there was incompetent practice. The motion was seconded by Board member Ernest Boykin, and passed unanimously.
 - Board member Kenneth Davis made a motion to refer a hearing request from licensee Suresh Baral to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). The motion was seconded by Board member Howard Gibbs, and passed by a unanimous vote.
 - Board member Kenneth Davis made a motion to hold the record of Charles Brence open to allow time for the submission of additional information in support of his application for licensure. The motion was seconded by Board member Ernest Boykin, and passed by unanimous vote.
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Agenda Item: Committee Report

- Upon motion made by Board member Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Ernest Boykin, 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 Howard Gibbs and seconded by Board member Ernest Boykin at **12:32 PM**.

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Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene M. Bentley III
 Dr. Eugene M. Bentley III, Chairman

9/25/2014
 Date