**Occupational and Professional Licensing**

**District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**

**1100 4th Street SW; Suite 500**

**Washington, DC 20024**

**November 16, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

***This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act.  Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at***[***opengovoffice@dc.gov***](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov)*.” 3 DCMR § 10409.2*

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, 2023, at 11:03 AM. This meeting was held virtually.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman, Ms. MaryJean Pajak, Mr. Roland Carter, Mr. Michael McKenna, Mr. Sam Wilson

Board Staff: Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Kevin Cyrus, Education Specialist, Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Director, OPL

Legal Counsel: Mr. Mark Neilsen, Esq.

Public Guest: Mr. Nicholas Weil, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability,

(BEGA), Mr. Ramon Labrador, Deputy Surveyor, Department of

Buildings, Mr. Roland Dreist, Mr. Christopher Ware

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Mr. Weil did inform the Board that public guests did not have to announce their names when joining the meeting virtually. Guests can join anonymously during virtual meetings.

Mr. Ware inquired about the status of his application. Ms. Pearson did inform him that she would follow up with him after this meeting to review the application.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 26, 2023, meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 16, 2023, list of administrative-approved Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the November 16, 2023, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Mr. Wilson recommended Mr. Steven Powers, PE, Chairman of the American Society of Professional Engineers, DC Chapter, to be the guest speaker for the May Zone Meeting. Additional information regarding Mr. Powers has been forwarded to the Board for review.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly made by Ms. Pajak, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2024 board meeting calendar. Additional travel for Board members is as follows: Mr. Wilson will be attending an NCEES Board Meeting in Key West, FL in February and a National NCEES Meeting in Boseman, Montana in May. Mr. Lucas will be traveling in February for a meeting with the Engineer Model Law Task Force. The date and destination of the meeting have not been determined. Mr. Carter will be traveling for an NCEES committee meeting in January.

The Continuing Education Committee met to discuss the Education Forum in 2024. The Forum will be held virtually in March. A specific date and time have not been determined. Mr. Cyrus will contact the attorneys who presented an Ethics course at the Architects forum and inquire about them presenting at the March Forum for the engineers and land surveyors. Mr. Cyrus will also follow up with Mr. Dreist to discuss will speakers for land surveyors. Ms. Pajak has reached out to Ms. Christine Murden, former acting architect of the Capitol and Ph.D. candidate in engineering at Virginia Tech. Ms. Murden has agreed to do a presentation on safety. Ms. Pajak will send Ms. Murden’s contact information to Mr. Cyrus. Mr. Wilson will provide additional information on PDH requirements to Mr. Cyrus.

Mr. Dreist informed the Board that the DC Land Surveyors Association would be offering an in-person day seminar on continuing education at Catholic University on March 22, 2024. This event will not be free. The registration link will be posted on the DCALS website.

The Board does want to have more of a presence in Engineers Week. Mr. Lewis did inform the Board that there could be some budgetary assistance if items needed to be purchased.

The Outreach Committee did not have any updates. Mr. Lucas did inform the Board the Math Counts will be held on February 10, 2024, and March 9, 2024. Volunteers are needed for this event. Mr. Howard Gibbs is the point of contact for this event. He can be emailed ([hcgibbs06@gmail.com](mailto:hcgibbs06@gmail.com)) if anyone is interested in volunteering.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session** – **(Closed to the Public)**

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (9) and 13 to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications, and legal counsel reports.

**The Board did not enter an Executive Session**.

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

­No recommendations

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator