



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
1100 4th Street SW; Suite 500
Washington, DC 20024

June 27, 2024
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.” 3 DCMR § 10409.2

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 12:10 pm. This meeting was held virtually.

Attendance

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

Board Staff: Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Kathy Thomas, Education Liaison, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Stacey Price, Board Administrator, Ms. April Randall, Legislative Director, DLCP, Ms. Nicole Bremstedt, Legislative, and Public Affairs Officer

Legal Counsel: Mr. Justin Orrison, Esq.

Public Guest: Mr. Hanlon, Society of Professional Engineers, Mr. John Cassidy, Mr. Rick Dreist

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Mr. Cassidy inquired about the status of his application. He was informed that Ms. Pearson or Ms. Jefferson would contact him following the meeting to discuss his application.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

This item was deferred until the July 25, 2024, meeting.

Agenda Item: Application Approvals

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen, the Board unanimously voted to approve the administrative approval applications list for June 27, 2024

Agenda Item: Old Business

The 2024 NCEES Interim Zone meeting was held in May at the Watergate Hotel in Washington DC. This meeting was well attended. Kudos to Dr. Wilson, Mr. Carter, and Ms. Pearson for coordinating this meeting.

Mr. Gibbs, a former Board Member, received the NCEES Zone Vice President's Award. The award was given to recognize Mr. Gibbs's ongoing contributions to the engineering profession as an emeritus member of NCEES. His dedication to remaining active in NCEES and his leadership in chairing the District of Columbia Math Counts Competition.

Mr. Lewis gave comments on the DC Boundary presentation. This presentation was very informative and gave a great overview of the boundary stones in DC.

Mr. McKenna gave feedback from the Land Surveyor forum that he attended.

Agenda Item: New Business

The Board discussed the NCEES Mutual Recognition Agreement. The purpose of this Agreement is to recognize the licensing requirements between the US and the UK as being substantially equivalent. A special signing session will be held during the upcoming meeting for all jurisdictions adopting this Agreement. Currently, five jurisdictions have not adopted this Agreement. All Board members were encouraged to review this Agreement and further discuss and vote during the July meeting.

Mr. Carter was reappointed to the Board today. Mr. McKenna is also scheduled to be reappointed to the Board.

The Board was informed by Ms. Pajak that she is serving her final term with the Board, which is set to expire at the end of January 2025.

Mr. Cyrus has been working on the newsletter. The document will be reviewed and released next week.

The Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR Training is scheduled for July 30, 2024, at 2-4 pm. All new Board members and veteran members are encouraged to attend this training. Ms. Pearson will send out the registration information for those who wish to attend.

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) sent out proposed rulemaking. DOEE is reviewing emergency rulemaking and making final amendments to its odor regulations. They are seeking to streamline and expedite the review process for their odor plants by removing the requirement for professional engineers to approve/certify the odor plants before they are approved by DOEE. These rules are not final. They are currently being reviewed for legal sufficiency. The Board has been asked to provide comments regarding this proposed rulemaking to Ms. Randall or Attorney Orrison by July 12, 2024.

Occupational and Professional Licensing is partnering with the internal Human Resources division to host a Career Day on July 15, 2024; 9-1 pm. Mr. Lucas will participate in this event.

The NCEES Annual Business Meeting will be held on August 14-16th in Chicago, IL. All registrations have been completed for funded delegates.

The renewals for professional engineers and land surveyors began on June 1st. All Board Members are encouraged to renew their license by August 31st to continue serving on the Board.

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

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board entered into Executive Session at 1:42 pm to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications, and review the Legal

Counsel Report. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (9) and (13).

The Board returned to public session at 3:07 pm

Agenda Item: Recommendations

The discussion of the NCEES Mutual Recognition Agreement will be deferred until the July meeting in order to obtain additional information from other jurisdictions who have voted in favor of the agreement or against the agreement.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Manouchehr Hakhamaneshi that a formal reprimand be issued and tracking of the probationary period actions imposed by California be done. A Consent Order will be issued to resolve this matter.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Ildefonso Gonzalez that an Informal Admonition be issued.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Dwayne Kerr that no action be taken.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted on the matter of Eric Knudsen to issue an Informal Admonition.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Alexi Zemskov that a formal reprimand be issued, and a \$1500 fine be imposed.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Dr. Umez that a formal letter be sent from the Board declining to take any action regarding his request.

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 3:20 pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2024 @ 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator