**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

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

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

**Washington, DC 20024**

**February 24, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 11:16 AM. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Attendance**

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

Board Staff: Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator; Mr. Leon Lewis, Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator

Legal Counsel: Mr. Patrick White, Esq.

Public Members: Mr. Roland Dreist, Ms. Kathleen Linehan, Mr. Hugh Cannon, Mr. Keith

, Foxx, Ms. Tamer Nassar, Mr. Kaminsky

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Mr. Cannon, Mr. Foxx and Ms. Linehan from the American Council Engineers Companies (ACEC) with Metropolitan Washington addressed the Board to discuss written testimony that was presented to the D.C. Council on February 24, 2022. Mr. Cannon also sent the Ms. Pearson a copy of the presented testimony. Ms. Pearson has forwarded this information to all Board Members.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 27, 2022, minutes with the recommended changes.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 24, 2022, list of Professional Engineers applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the February 24, 2022, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

No old business.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

The Legislative Hearing will be taking place today at 2PM.

Continuing education credits will be required at the next renewal. Twenty hours will be required for professional engineers to include a one-hour course in Ethics and twelve hours will be required for land surveyors to include an eight-hour course specific to surveying education to the District of Columbia and a course in Ethics.

**Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence**

Mr. Azo Etoniru, PE, PLS, Massachusetts Board, is running for the position of Northeast Zone Secretary. A copy of Mr. Azo has been forwarded to Board.

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

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board entered into Executive Session at 11:49 am 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 entered back in public session at 12:50 pm.

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to defer the case in the matter of James Steele vs Abdefatah, until additional information is provided.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to defer the case in the matter of James Steele and Dasol, LLC (Negussu Solomon) until the March meeting.

Mr. White gave the Board an update on the complaint involving DCRA vs Mr. Abdefatah. The notice of Summary Suspension still pending until all information is reviewed by General Counsel.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:10PM

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator