



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

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

October 31, 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 met on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 11:10 a.m. This meeting was held virtually. **Due to technical difficulties, it was not recorded; however, notes were taken.**

Attendance

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

Board Staff: Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative, and Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Justin Orrison, Esq

Public Guest: Mr. Rick Dreist, Ms. Nancy Bergeron, Mr. Zubair Abdul-Majid, Ms. Joan Lelma, BEGA, Mr. J. Kenny Wieber

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Zubair Abdul-Majid, and Mr. Weiber all inquired about the status of their applications. Ms. Pearson informed all licensees that they would receive a follow-up call following today's meeting.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for 9/26/24.

Agenda Item: Application Approvals

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen, the Board unanimously voted to approve the administrative approval applications list for October 31, 2024, attached hereto and made a part of the October 31, 2024, minutes.

Legislative/Rulemaking Updates

Legislative/Rulemaking updates were shared by Ms. Bramstedt during today's meeting. They are as follows:

1. After the September Board meeting, on September 27, 2024, there was a notice of final rulemaking by the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA) regarding financial disclosure requirements.
 - Financial disclosure requirements were shared with those in attendance at the BEGA's Financial Disclosure Statement Workshop during the recent BEGA Ethics Week.
 - The rulemaking adds to the list of those who are considered public officials for purposes of financial disclosure and are, therefore, required to electronically file a Public Financial Disclosure Statement with BEGA.
 - It designates members of each DLCP board, including the Board of Professional Engineers, as public officials and therefore Public Financial Disclosure Statements filers.
 - Board staff to provide the Board with a copy of the rulemaking and guidance documents.
2. Second, in part following up on the discussion at the September Board meeting, Ms. Bramstedt inquired of the Board regarding the creation of a subcommittee on updating the laws and rules regarding Professional Engineers. The Board replied in the affirmative.
 - Rules reviewed could include what was discussed at the September meeting, including (i) the professional conduct for engineers in DCMR 17-1517 to ensure it complies with the code of ethics for engineers put forth by NSPE, which we touched on last meeting; and (ii) updating the education and experience licensure requirements, namely accepting technology degrees and requiring 6 years of experience) to comply with what was adopted at the NCEES annual meeting.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Mr. Cyrus spoke with the Board regarding the status of the newsletter. Dr. Wilson will send him information regarding the 2024 NCEES Annual Meeting to be included.

Ms. Pearson followed up with Ms. Norris, NCEES, to get additional information regarding the (American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) scholarship recipient. Once received Mr. Lucas will send a congratulatory letter on behalf of the Board.

There are currently two land surveyor vacancies on the Board. The Board is also seeking recommendations for one professional engineer.

Agenda Item: New Business

The National Society of Professional Engineers Week 2025 will be held February 18-24. Information regarding the event will be posted on the Board’s website.

The meeting schedule for 2025 will be deferred until the November Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen the Board unanimously voted to establish a sub-committee to review recent legislative and proposed regulations to be adopted into the Model Law as well as discuss a process for auditing. Mr. Lucas appointed Dr. Wilson to Chair this subcommittee. Mr. Jelen and Mr. Carter will also serve on the committee. This committee was encouraged to meet before the November meeting.

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

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board entered Executive Session at 11:51 am to discuss complaints, legal matters, and applications 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 1:32 pm

Agenda Item: Recommendations

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted in the matter of Mr. Howard Alderson (PE907597) to issue an Informal Admonition due to a history of misrepresentation or omission of information during licensing renewals in West Virginia and Florida.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted in the matter of Edward Borden (PE920159) and Mr. Philip Niedzela (PE922591) to approve both licenses with no disciplinary action.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:39pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024 @ 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator