**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

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

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

**Washington, DC 20024**

**January 23, 2025**

**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, January 23, 2025 at 11:05 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman, Mr. Michael Jelen, Mr. Michael McKenna, Dr. Sam Wilson, Mr. Roland Carter

 **\*\*Note: Mr. Carter left the meeting at 11:30a\*\***

Board Staff: Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, 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

Legal Counsel: Ms. Jessica Rice, Esq.

Public Guest: Mr. Rick Dreist, Mimi Nooroni, Angela Helton, Blackwell

 Group, Dan Zimmerman, Luis Vargas, Suha, Andrew Newland

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Ms. Nooroni, homeowner, spoke to the Board. She felt that some professional engineers in the District were abusing their stamp. She is an adjoining homeowner dealing with high risk construction next door. Ms. Nooroni further sought information on how to handle construction that isn’t done correctly but stamped by the engineer and approved by the Department of Buildings. Mr. Lewis and Ms. Pearson advised Ms. Nooroni on how to file a formal complaint. By filing the complaint, an investigator from the Consumer Protection Unit would be assigned to go out to the site for further investigation and provide a report to the Board.

Ms. Helton was informed that the application for Mr. Blackwell has been approved.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that he did not have any comments for the Board.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for November 21, 2024 meeting.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the administrative approval applications list for January 23, 2025 attached hereto and made a part of the January 23, 2025, minutes.

The Board did have some additional discussion regarding the excessive number of reinstatement applications. This discussion was a continuation of last month’s discussion. For future renewals, additional renewal notices will go out to the licensees as well as information will be posted on the Board’s website.

**Legislative/Rulemaking Updates**

There were no Legislative/Rulemaking updates.

**Sub Committee Update**

Mr. Jelen gave an update on the actions of this committee. This committee met on 12/2/24 and 1/13/2025. The first order of business would be to move on procedures for auditing continuing education. Mr. Cyrus will review draft procedures with the Board’s Legal Counsel and present this information to the Board. In addition, Ms. Bramstedt sent out a copy of the regulations. The subcommittee will be reviewing the NCEES Model Code and comparing them to the regulations and proposing updates. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on 2/24/25 @10am. Mr. Dreist has offered to join this committee and offer any feedback regarding Land Surveyors.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Engineers Week (E-Week) will be February 18–24, 2024. This information has been posted to the Board’s website.

Ms. Pearson will follow up again with Ms. Norris at NCEES to get the contact information for the NCEES Scholarship Recipient. A congratulatory letter will be sent out to the recipient by Mr. Lucas.

The application is now available for the NCEES Licensure Scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is $5,000 and is awarded to a current engineering or surveying student. This information will also be added to the Board’s website.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

The NCEES Interim Zone Meeting will be held April 10-12, 2025 in Cambridge, MA. Invitations have been sent out to funded travelers.

There are still Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen the Board voted to nominate Dr. Wilson for President Elect for the NCEES Northeast Zone.

Ms. Jefferson informed the Board of Career Day at the Washington School for Girls to be held in March. She will contact the school to get additional information and share with the Board during the February meeting.

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen the Board entered Executive Session at 11:55 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 1:26pm

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Mr. Muadthin Abdul-Majid (PE40000213), the Board voted to approve his license without any further recommendations.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Mr. Eric Tompos (PE905303) and Mr. Mark Bigbie (PE904713), the Board voted to conditionally approve their licenses, issue an Informal Admonition, and request continuing education documentation based on their application within 30 days and authorize Board staff to approve their license upon receipt of documentation/

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Mr. Gary Storm (PE920079) Mr. Christopher Arlandson (PE4002333) and Mr. Daniel King (PE4002345) the Board voted unanimously to approve their licenses and issue an Advice of Informal Admonition.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Mr. Chad Keller (PE908803) the Board voted unanimously to issue a $500 civil fine, a formal reprimand and offer a Consent Order.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Vojtech Gall (PE906346), the Board voted unanimously to issue an Advice of Informal Admonition, request CE documentation based on his application attestation within 30 days and authorize Board staff to approve license upon receipt and confirmation of continuing education.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:40pm.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025 @ 11am.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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 Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator