**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 25, 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, February 25, 2025 at 11:01 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

**Attendance**

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

Absent: Mr. Michael Jelen

Board Staff: Mr. Demetrius Norman, Chief, Customer Experience Officer, Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Associate Administrator, Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. April Randall, Legislative and Public Officer, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative and Public Affairs Specialist, Ms. Jennifer Durden, Paralegal Specialist, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Jah-Mai Program Support Specialist, Ms. Terry Bryant, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Ms. Jessica Rice, Esq.

Public Guest: Mr. Rick Dreist, Mr. Peter Seckinger, Mr. Evan Blakenberger, Mr.

 Brandon Lewis, Mr. Dan Zimmerman, Ms. Suha Atiyeh,

 Mr. Randy Granzaw, Ms. Carol Adams

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Mr. Seckinger spoke to the Board during the Executive Session regarding his application. Ms. Suha spoke to the Board regarding the Mutual Recognition Agreement. She also agreed to forward Ms. Pearson additional information following today’s meeting.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for January 23, 2025.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted to approve the administrative approval applications list for February 25, 2025, attached hereto and made a part of the February 25, 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 licenses as well as information will be posted on the Board’s website.

**Legislative/Rulemaking Updates**

Ms. Randall spoke with the Board about the Clean Hands Bill that was introduced during the last council period by Council Member McDuffie.What he seeks to do in this bill is to establish exemptions to the clean hands requirement. As relates to this board the bill would exempt the clean hands requirement for business licenses as well as occupational licenses. There is not a timeline as to when this Bill will move forward. The agency will have an opportunity to provide comments and feedback. Ms. Randall and/or Ms. Bramstedt will keep the Board abreast of all developments with this Bill.

Ms. Bramstedt reminded the Board of the Financial Disclosure filing date of May 15, 2025.

**Sub Committee Update**

The subcommittee has not met since 1/13/2025. Dr. Wilson will be sending out proposed meeting dates for the next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Ms. Jefferson gave an update on the outreach at the Washington Girls School. This event is scheduled for March 14, 2025; 9:30am-11:30am at 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE Washington, DC. Mr. Lucas expressed his interest in attending the event. The Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture and the Board of Barber and Cosmetology have also been invited to attend this outreach.

A date has not been set for the Career Day at Savoy Elementary. Ms. Jefferson will continue to follow up with the school.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that volunteers are needed for Math Counts. This event will be held on March 9, 2025 at Saint Anselm’s Abby School located at 4501 South Dakota Ave. NE; Washington, DC.

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson the Board entered Executive Session at 12:21 pm 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 1:54pm

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matters of Mr. Peter Seckinger (PE40000195), Mr. Farooq Ahmadzai (PE900861), Mr. Daniel Zimmerman (PE908602) and Mr. Bobby Beach (PE907255), the Board voted to approve these applications for licensure and issue an Advice of Informal Admonition.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Mr. Kaichen Zang (PE905051) the Board voted to issue a reprimand, issue a $2500 civil fine and offer a Consent Order for practicing on an expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Mr. Johannes Zimmerman (PE908602) and Mr. Sean Kennedy (PE901524)) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, issue a civil fine of $1500 civil fine and offer a Consent Order for working on an expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Mr. Andrew Newland (PE920747), Mr. Abdallah (PE904583), Stephen Lasser (PE20072), Randal Granzow (PE10254), and Travis Corwith (PE9020618) the Board voted unanimously to issue a $500 civil fine, a formal reprimand and offer a Consent Order for working on an expired license.

The Board discussed holding their Education Forum during Engineers Week in 2026. This item will be added to the March agenda for further discussion.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:04pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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 Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator