**MINUTES**

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**Date:**  May 12, 2022

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** Access Using Video Conferencing

 Meet.google.com/ipm-pxny-hej

 Phone: 1-484-416-2276

 PIN: 201 307 165#

**Present:** David G. Mongan, P.E, Chairman

 Karl Rickert, P.E, Vice Chairman

             Sallye Perrin, P.E., Secretary

                         Edward Hubner, P.E.

 Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E.

 Pastor Farinas, P.E.

**Others Present:** Zevi Thomas, Executive Director

Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director

 Milena Trust, AAG, Counsel to the Board

 Ruby Courtney, Board Administrator

 Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist

 Leslie. Tillman

 John Maynard

 Justin Moceri

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mongan called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Board meeting as submitted.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried to approve 18 applications for reciprocity, two applications for PE Licensure by Transfer Grades and 17 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination.

Approvals are as follows:

**Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:**

Baer, Samuel J. (59365) Paredes, Manuel (39733)

Cheli, Francesco (59366) Rahjoo, Saheed (59374)

Dolby, Tanya (59367) Riggleman, Joshua (59375)

Habteselassie, Essay (59368) Smith, Douglas (43626)

Hartley, Michael D. (59369) Sreerama, Ramish Krishna (59376)

Jenne, Carl (59370) Sultana, Sharmin (59377)

Kim, Eugene L. (59371) Tumber, Saahil (59378)

Marino, Gennaro G. (59372) Watzalf, George (59379)

Mousavi, Mir Emad (59373) Zupanchick, Anthony (59380)

**Applications for PE Licensure by Transfer Grades are as follows:**

Callow, Sadie J (53108) Zhao, Kai (50522)

**Applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination are as follows:**

Akinola, Samuel O. Middha, Parteek

Bokulic, Michael R. Mohamed, Mohamed K.

Crump, Roger S. Nobakht, Ebrahim

D’Arbela, Denis O’Neill, Seni

Elemam, Abouker Pradhan, Pratik

Harmer, Adam W. Puller, Luke D.

Mapagunrathne, Mapa C. Roberts, Julia N.

Mathews, Manoj Zhang, Kai

Meehan, Richard M.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appearance of a Potential PE Exam Applicant**

Leslie Tillman appeared before the Board to inquire if her eight months of work experience obtained prior to her qualifying degree could count toward the work experience required to apply for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam. Ms. Tillman submitted a Report of Professional Experience (sections 1 and 3 completed), proof of employment and a letter of recommendation from her supervisor at that time, John Maynard. Mr. Maynard also was at the meeting and explained the types of engineering duties Ms. Tillman was assigned and attested to her proficiency in those areas. Mr. Maynard stated Ms. Tillman did the same types of work as the employees who had already obtained their engineering degree.

The Board explained that is has always been the policy not to approve any engineering work experience prior to the qualifying degree. Ms. Trust explained that our regulations requires four years of engineering work experience after the qualifying degree at the time of application under Section 14-305(b) of the statute. Ms. Perrin suggested the applicant could take the PE exam in another state which allows applicants to take the PE exam before meeting the licensing requirements such as NJ and DE and then can apply for licensure in MD once the four year work experience requirement has been met.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the CPC Provider application of IMI Hydronic Engineering. Ms. Perrin also questions about credit for continuing education that both Ms. Moore, the PE Audit Specialist and Ms. Courtney have sent to her. Ms. Perrin made it clear that no credit is awarded for teaching or preparation of courses relating to engineering unless the courses were being offered to licensed Professional Engineers, not High School students.

It was also suggested that the Continuing Education regulations be reviewed to see if any changes need to be made. Ms. Courtney mentioned that a number of licensees are submitting proof of courses taken that are not related to engineering when they are audited. Since the number of professional development hours were decreased from 24 to 16 in the year 2018, courses not related to engineering are not being accepted. Ms. Courtney added that some of the providers of continuing education that were approved from 2013 to 2018 were approved to offer Category B courses (courses not related to engineering). Ms. Perrin asked for the number of approved providers at the next meeting.

**REPORT FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE - None**

**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Thomas mentioned all Board members attending the NCEES annual meeting August 23-26, 2022 in Carlsbad, CA, should have received a confirmation email from NCEES. Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Dorian Price, the new employee hired mainly to assist the PE Board with reciprocity and firm applications.

Mr. Harclerode asked if the Board has a new investigator yet. Mr. Thomas answer was no but if any investigator is needed, one can be borrowed from another Board within Occupational and Professional licensing.

**REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL - None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Email from Suman Preet regarding Incoming Electrical Feed**

The Board reviewed the email from Suman Preet and determined this was out of the Board’s prevue and recommended informing the licensee that they need to contact the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

**Email from Justin Moceri regarding Topographical and/or Boundary Surveys**

The Board received an email from Justin Moceri asking if licensed Professional Engineers in MD are able to seal topographical and/or boundary surveys and if they are in responsible charge of the survey. Ms. Trust suggested this correspondence be forwarded to the Surveyors’ Board for a response. Mr. Moceri attended the meeting virtually and was informed the next Surveyor’s Board meeting is being held on June 1, 2022.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY**

There were 60 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that were administratively approved for licensure.

**REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS**

Ms. Trust sent out letters to six applications for reinstatements. Four applicants were given the alternative to either reapply as a new candidate, satisfactorily complete two upper level college engineering courses acceptable to the Board or secure full time employment under the responsible charge of a licensed Professional Engineer for at least one year. The applicant has to notify the Executive Director of the path they wish to take. The four applicants will still have to complete 32 professional development hours. The other two applicants are being required to only complete 32 professional development hours.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Harclerode and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 10:23 a.m. at Meet google.com/ipm-pxny-hej or by phone 1-484-416-2276 (PIN 201 307 165#). This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7).  Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 11:09 a.m.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee April 14, 2022.

03-PE-21 Still in Pre-Charge; Negotiating Settlement.

01-PE-22  Respondent partially complied

04-PE-22  Response received February 28, 2022. Will be discussed further at the June 2022

 meeting

05-PE-22  Recommend Close based upon insufficient evidence

06-PE-22  Recommend Close

07-PE-22 Attorney for respondent requested extension to reply. Granted by Executive Director

10-PE-22 Recommend Close. CPC requirements met

11-PE-22 Recommend Close. CPC requirements met

13-PE-22 Response received May 13, 2022, 2022. No further action required

14-PE-22 Opening letter sent to Respondent April 22, 2022. Response due May 22, 20222

15-PE-22 Recommend Close based upon insufficient evidence

16-PE-22 Committee will discuss at June 2022 meeting

17-PE-22 Recommend Close; May reopen after civil case has been settled

18-PE-22 Assign to Investigator

The Complaint Committee reviewed two renewal applications with conduct issues. Both applicants decided to withdraw their applications.

Motion (V) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Harclerode and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 and is to be held in person at 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (VI) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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Signed by: David G. Mongan Date: June 9. 2022

                  Board Chairman