

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Date: October 10, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: 1100 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
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Present: Sallye Perrin, P.E., Chairman
Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E., Vice Chairman
Edward Hubner, Secretary, P.E
Pastor Farinas, P.E.
Karl Rickert, P.E
Dhrubajyoti Biswas, P.E
Judi Miller, R.A.
Tracey Clark, Realtor

Others Present: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Ruby Courtney, Board Operations Officer
Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist
Hannah Belcher, Administrative Specialist
Gregory Morgan, MD-MSPE
Anjan Mogali, Applicant
Michael Michelay, Applicant

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair, Ms. Perrin, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the September 12, 2024, Board meeting as submitted.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried to approve 30 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity, two applications for PE Licensure by Transfer of Grades, and 20 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam.

Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:

Abboud, Najib N. (63725)	Phipps, Alan R. (63740)
Alaleh, Ammar M. (63726)	Ponnaboyina, Hari (63741)
Brooks, Ian M. (63727)	Ramesh Babu, Anjan Mogali (63742)
Bush, William R. (63728)	Richardson, James (63743)
Cassata, Michael (63729)	Sarmiento, Ricky B. (63744)
Chase, Peter Kerr B. (63730)	Schneider, Earl C. (63745)
Chown, Anthony W. (63731)	Shah, Nirav S. (63746)
El-Aassar, Ahmed A. (63732)	Shahan, Michael R. (63747)
Huang, Dayong (63733)	Srinivas, Raj (63748)
Hughes, Trevor K. (63734)	Sulzberger, Brian L. (63749)
Khawaja, Athar S. (63735)	Sunkara, Ajaya (63750)
Kuzmicki, Roman (63736)	Swanson, James C. (63751)
Lovelace, Thomas E. ((63737)	Tahir, Alsa T. (63752)
Manalac, Alfred D. (63738)	Trujillo, Conor L. (63753)
Moose, James (63739)	Whitenight, Aaron M. (63754)

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

Khedmati, Mahdiah (63724)	Mechelay, Michael T. (63723)
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Applications for the Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam are as follows:

Assi, Gianni	Mudiyanselage, Chathuranga S.
Borrell, Stanford	Mumuni-Abdul, Murrad
Candelaria, Raniely	Ogden, Thomas A.
Capenter, Kyle	Reyes, Charmagne V.
Capporlette, Nicholas A.	Robinson, Michael
Chowdhury, Ahsan R.	Sanders, Emerson
Collis, Mark D.	Shi, Hui
Cussins, Erik	Stewart, Michael
Feczko, William L.	Taylor, Mary

Lorencen, Jeffrey R.

Wilcox, Austin

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas mentioned that Mr. Gregor Catto, a representative from the British Embassy, prefers to attend the Board meeting in person so this item has been moved to the November 14, 2024, Board meeting. Mr. Catto aims to answer questions regarding UK MRA. The Board Chair asked if there is an update on the move to the new location at 100 S. Charles Street. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that the move has been delayed and at this time. He will provide the Board with an update when it is available.

OLD BUSINESS - None

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to deny the application to become an approved provider of continuing education of Hunt Valley Contractors, Inc. because the courses being offered do not meet the criteria found in our regulations. Mr. Farinas felt the courses submitted are more suitable for Architects.

The Board Chair noted that a Report from the Ethics Committee was not on the agenda but asked Mr. Hubner for an update. Mr. Hubner had nothing new to report. Mr. Thomas added this is still on hold and will be revisited after the move.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Thomas stated the move to South Charles Street had been rescheduled and that the AG's office is scheduled to move in November 2024.

Mr. Thomas stated the Chesapeake Water Environment Association – Young Professionals Committee EIT/PE Virtual Panel is asking for speakers to attend on October 29, 2024, 7-8 pm. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that Ms. Moore has volunteered to attend and invited any Board members who wish to attend to let him know.

Mr. Thomas also reported that the deadline to submit nominations for the NCEES Service Awards is January 31, 2024.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Mr. Venuti reported there is a proposal to make changes in the makeup of State boards. Mr. Hubner asked if there were any complaints. Mr. Venuti stated there have been no complaints and this push is coming from the Governor's Appointment Office to limit board terms of members to two terms and expand the diversity on each board. Mr. Rickert noted there are no term limits in the law so this must be a preference of this administration. Mr. Rickert also noted this turnover would make it more difficult to participate in activities such as serving on Committees with NCEES.

Mr. Venuti stated there is no proposed legislation by any of the Design Boards.

Mr. Rickert asked about possibly increasing fees again since it has been projected the fund will be in the negative by 2025.

Mr. Venuti mentioned MSPE is considering proposing legislation to change how attorney fees are collected and stated any discussion about increasing fees must be run by the Commissioner.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hubner mentioned he was copied on a request for information from MSPE regarding the number of applicants for the PE exam under §14-305 (d) of the Engineer's law, how many applicants pass on the first attempt and the pass rate. Mr. Thomas stated he obtained that information from NCEES and provided that to MSPE. The Board Chair asked Mr. Thomas to provide the Board members with that response.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

There were 39 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that were administratively approved for licensure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee October 10, 2024

- 02-PE-24 Recommend Close.
- 04-PE-24 Recommend Close. No basis for complaint
- 14-PE-24 Recommend Close. Request to reopen denied.
- 16-PE-24 Working with Counsel to obtain expert witness
- 21-PE-23 Working with Counsel to obtain expert witness
- 34-PE-23 Competency Issue. No response yet

There is one application for reinstatement in which the applicant has health issues which prevented them from completing the CPC requirements on time. The Complaint Committee recommends reinstating although the applicant failed the audit and suggests the Board send a letter granting the reinstatement but to include wording that informs the applicant that a request for waiver of the CPC requirements must be submitted prior to the expiration of the license.

There are several consent orders decrees being pursued and some in which no response has been received yet.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Biswas, and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gregory Morgan, lobbyist for MD-MSPE, stated that MSPE is in discussions with a Senator to sponsor their legislation requiring the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam under §14-305(d). Ms. Miller asked for an explanation of that legislation and Mr. Morgan explained the different options available to applicants. Ms. Miller suggested getting statistics on the FE pass rate from NCEES. Ms. Miller recalls hearing at a NCEES meeting that the pass rate plummets over time for applicants who have been out of school for quite a while and suggests the Board be cautious with limiting the pathways for licensure for applicants.

Mr. Hubner stated that MD is one of the few states that allow applicants to obtain licensure by experience only (not requiring the FE exam) and he has seen a surge in applicants from NY and other states. Mr. Hubner also mentioned the FE exam is very different now than it was back then. Mr. Rickert stated if a person can pass the PE exam by experience only, we should not modify that option. The Board Chair agrees with Mr. Rickert and mentioned that many applicants have experience in another country.

Mr. Rickert stated the UPLG (Uniform Procedures Legislative Committee) of NCEES discussed preference for service members and their spouses and expediting the licensure process. Mr. Venuti stated there is a general law regarding this for all licenses within Occupational and Professional licensing.

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Biswas, and unanimously carried to deny one applicant for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam because they applied under Option B which requires a curriculum in engineering that the Board approves, four years of engineering work experience and passing of the FE exam and the applicant has a degree that the Board has not approved so they can only apply under Option C which requires eight years of engineering work experience. The Board also requested additional information from a reciprocal applicant who has a conduct issue.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024. Mr. Rickert stated he is unable to attend the November 14, 2024, Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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_____ Without Corrections

Signed by: Signature on file
Board Chairperson

Date: January 29, 2025