

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Date: September 12, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: 1100 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
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Present: Sallye Perrin, P.E., Chair
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
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel
Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist
Hannah Belcher, Administrative Specialist
Dennis Donatelli, Reciprocity Applicant
Michael Burnham, Exam Applicant
Matthew Tortello, Exam Applicant
Henri Sanders, Exam Applicant
Jose Baralt, Reciprocity Applicant
Mustapha Mwamba, Exam Applicant

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair, Ms. Perrin, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried to approve 32 applications for reciprocity.

Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:

Akhtar, Muhammad N (63561)	Houenou, Vignon I (63577)
Baralt, Jose S (63562)	Ibrahim, Mustapha A (63578)
Barar, Pirooz (63563)	Jnaid, Mouhab (58234)
Behtash, Peyman (63564)	Kalvelage, John E (63579)
Bowman, Philip J (63565)	Karkar, Firas H (63580)
Chase, Randal D (63566)	Mauris, Georges (63581)
Donatelli, Dennis J (63567)	McMillan, George A (63582)
Duong, Thien B (63568)	Menezes, Wildon John (63583)
Dworshak, Daniel J (63569)	Nagarajan, Sivaram (63584)
Edwards, Jeremiah M (63570)	Orasheva, Jennet (63585)
Elgabry, Adel A (63571)	Pandhare, Kiran (63586)
Elshaer, Hussam A (63572)	Patel, Hardik (63587)
Farnese, Tyler (63573)	Rosales-Gomez, Octavio M (60989)
Gobin, Roger S (63575)	Ruble, Matthew P (63588)
Gracia-Guerra, Javier A (63574)	Schmidt, Brian D (63589)
Hasan, Gausul (63576)	Toone, Jonathan (63590)

ACTION ON THE MINUTES

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2024, meeting as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from the NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Hubner reported on discussions held during the annual meeting on NCEES Model Law evaluations of technology degrees. That motion was approved, and moving forward, NCEES will establish a pathway for technology degrees.

Ms. Miller reported that Greco Catto, with the British Embassy, met with the local NE Zone group to discuss the United Kingdom's and NCEES Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). She requested to add to the agenda for the October or November meeting. Madam Chair agreed to add this guest to the agenda October or November meeting. Ms. Miller agreed to provide Mr. Thomas with information to invite guests in person.

Mr. Biswas reported NCEES Foundation is now accepting individual donations. Donations will help to support programs that further the NCEES mission to advance licensure.

Mr. Hubner reported Louisiana offers an ethics webinar twice a year. He has been invited to join and looks forward to it. They run sessions twice a year with a maximum 1,000 sessions extended to 1 hour 30 minutes. He suggested a member of the Board to participate in the discussion. Mr. Thomas and the Agency's IT Department would have to figure out how to establish a live session for the Maryland Board.

Report from Joint Chairs

Madam Chair reported new Chairs for the Professional Design Boards were introduced. There was a discussion about the budget. There was a discussion on the prospect of raising the fees in the coming years if the shortfall persists. Mr. Thomas informed all Professional Design Boards fees increases were implemented as of August 1, 2024. He also confirmed the Joint Chairs new Chairs are Christopher Schein, Chair, Landscape Architects Board, TJ Frazier, Chair, Professional Land Surveyors Board, and Cynthia Shonaiya, Chair, Architects Board.

OLD BUSINESS

What constitutes Evidence of Engineering Work Experience

Madam Chair informed there was a question raised at the previous meeting about what constitutes evidence of engineering work experience. The Board staff should have clear guidelines to share with applicants. Mr. Hubner suggested the Board create a work group. Ms. Perrin, Chair, asked Mr. Hubner to participate in the work group and he agreed.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Farinas, seconded by Mr. Biswas, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the CPC Provider application of Carol Hayek, Chief Technical Officer, CCL.

REPORT FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas informed the Agency's IT department is currently working on a complete overall of the department's database management systems. The voice over for the free online Ethics course sponsored by the Board is on hold until further notice.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Thomas reported the division is moving to 100 S. Charles Street by the end of October 2024. Madam Chair inquired about Board members parking at the new building. Mr. Thomas informed he will do his best to address this issue, but the agency is still working through the process of allocating parking spaces for employees and visitors.

Madam Chair confirmed she will be attending the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore as an observer for EAC and ETAC accreditation on October 20 – 22, 2024.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Mr. Venuti asked to participate in the work group. Madam Chair acknowledged his request. He reported there was no legislation submitted for the Professional Design Boards this year. MSPE is pursuing legislation to require the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam under section 14-305(d) of the Engineers' law.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

There were 80 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that have been administratively approved for licensure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee September 12, 2024.

01-PE-25	Closed/Not in Boards jurisdiction/Refer to Stationary Engineer and Contractors Boards
02-PE-25	Waiting for file/Review at October meeting
03-PE-25	Closed
04-PE-24	Follow up with Maryland Insurance Administration
14-PE-24	Request to Reopen/Review at October meeting
16-PE-24	Retain an expert for case
21-PE-23	Retain an expert for case
34-PE-24	Not in compliance/Working with Respondent for Consent Order

The Complaint Committee reviewed one application for reinstatement and recommended the applicant completed 32 PDH's.

Pre-Charge Report:

The Complaint Committee will schedule a separate meeting with Ernie Dominguez, Assistant Attorney General to review precharge files prior to the next meeting.

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

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Miller, and unanimously carried to approve 14 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam and one application for PE Licensure by Transfer of Grades. Approvals are as follows:

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

Burnham, Michael P. Mwanba, Mustapha

Charles, Winsbert C	Ortiz, Jordan
English, Nicolas R.	Roustaei, Majid
Gamble, Tabia	Saunders, Tiffany
Hoch, Caroline L	Shatto, Ellen E
Jones, Andrew J	Stanley, Patrick
Lewis, Brianna J	Zimlinghaus, Michael N
Justin Wingerd	

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

Kumar, Ashutosh (63712)

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to deny one application for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam for an insufficient amount of engineering work experience.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board meeting is hybrid and will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (VII) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Ms. Miller, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

_____ With Corrections _____x_____ Without Corrections

Signed by: Signature on File
Board Chairperson

Date: October 16, 2024