

MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Date: April 14, 2016

Place: 2nd Floor Conference Room
500 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Present: Steven A. Arndt, Ph.D., P.E., Chairman
H. C. Harclerode, P.E., Vice Chairman
Pastor Farinas, P.E., Secretary
Sallye E. Perrin, P.E.
David G. Mongan, P.E.
Karl Rickert, P.E.
Sandra J. Murphy
Justin Williams, Esq.

Others Present: Steve Long, Executive Director
Milena Trust, AAG, Counsel to the Board
Susan Cherry, AAG, Acting Counsel to the Board
Ruby Courtney, Board Administrator
Pouyan Khajari

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Arndt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Ms. Murphy, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 as submitted.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR RECIPROCITY

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried to approve 28 applications for reciprocity as follows:

49149 Harishankar G. Aamidala	49154 Lynn E. Jacobs
49150 Eric D. Bella	49155 Tarek Z. Khouri
49151 Frederick J. Campana	49156 Reshmi S. Lal
49089 Christopher Kelly Campbell	49157 Xinghe Li
49152 Brett M. Deyling	49158 Rennie A. Lopez Cintron
48942 Sandy-Kae Gray	49159 Thuan T. Ly
49153 Pamela K. Groff	49160 Douglas E. Mangin
49069 Claudia Klinker Hagood	49161 Ricardo A. Martinez

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR RECIPROCITY (Cont'd)

49162 Joel K. McCurry	49166 Pradeep Y. Ullikashi
49123 Christopher Robert Redmond	49167 David M. Watson
49163 Chad J. Slothower	49168 Thomas A. Whye
49042 Bhupendra V. Tailor	49169 Robert T. Williams
49164 Marcin N. Taraszkiewicz	49170 William F. Williams
49165 Ghirmay S. Tesfamichael	49171 Michael T. Wolfersberger

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Article, Title 10-508(a)(7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 10:29 a.m.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farinas reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee at its meeting on April 14, 2016.

- 15-PE-13 Deny application for reinstatement.
- 16-PE-05 Still under investigation.
- 16-PE-16 Investigating.
- 16-PE-17 Pre-Charge.
- 16-PE-18 Consent Order signed. Fine paid. Close.
- 16-PE-19 Consent Order signed. Fine paid. Close.
- 16-PE-20 Online Complaint. Waiting for supporting documents.
- 16-PE-21 Send to Investigator. Follow up with Montgomery County.
- 16-PE-22 Offer Consent Order with a \$700 fine.
- 16-PE-23 Online Complaint. Waiting for supporting documents.
- 16-PE-24 Offer Consent Order with a \$500 fine.
- 16-PE-25 Offer Consent Order with a \$700 fine.
- 16-PE-26 Offer Consent Order with a \$500 fine.

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

CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Mr. Harclerode and unanimously carried to approve the CPC Provider Applications of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities and Orenco Systems, Inc. and to request detailed information on the presenter for Ideal Group/Ideal Manufacturing, Inc.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Steve Long stated that he received an email from NCEES asking who will be the funded delegates for the Annual meeting being held in Indianapolis, IN from August 24, 2016 to August 27, 2016. He noted that he would be funded as a New Executive Director, Ms. Perrin would be funded as a Committee Chairman, and Mr. Williams would be funded as a new Consumer Board member. Ms. Trust suggested that the Board members rotate attendance to the meetings because of budgetary issues but Mr. Long stated he did not think it would be an issue to get all Board members funded since there are issues of importance to all Board members being discussed at the Annual meeting. The Board asked Mr. Long and Ms. Trust to get the opinion of the Secretary's office on this issue. Mr. Long stated he will need to definitely know by the next meeting who wishes to attend the Annual meeting.

Mr. Long mentioned that the Surveyor's state specific examination is being held today and the PE examination is being held tomorrow on April 15, 2016. He also mentioned that seven candidates are expected to take the Structural examination on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Mr. Harclerode stated that once Computer Based Testing (CBT) for the PE examination is instituted, fewer candidates will be taking the examination at the Fairgrounds. CBT will begin with the Chemical and Nuclear examinations in 2018.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Ms. Trust stated the Surveyors' Bill requiring 20 hours of education to take the Principles of Surveying examination passed. She mentioned that was previously no educational requirement.

Ms. Trust briefed the Board on the NC Dental Board decision and discussed how to retain immunity when the Board is made up of members of the industry. She noted that there was a bill before the legislature that would require the Secretary to review any anti-competitive decision. The Bill did not pass.

NEW BUSINESS

Report of Joint Chairs Meeting

Chairman Arndt elaborated on the passing of the Surveyors' education Bill. He stated there was a nine year phase in plan. He also mentioned the Supreme Court ruled that the State of North Carolina does not have the authority to regulate teeth whitening services. This was of concern to the Board since the Board is a Regulatory Board and not an Advisory Board and does not have State supervision. According to Milena Trust, the Board has adequate oversight.

Legislative Session

Chairman Arndt stated that if the Board had any intention to introduce any legislative issues, the process must begin now. He particularly asked if the Board wanted to consider modifying the work experience option since there is interest and concern with that option with the industry and the Board. Mr. Mongan suggested that the Board not take any position until we reach out to the engineering societies.

Mr. Harclerode mentioned that Ms. Courtney has been keeping statistics on how many applicants are applying for the PE examination under the work experience option. She is also compiling statistics regarding degrees, Maryland residents, the FE examination, and the PE examination.

Chairman Arndt suggested that a special task force be formed and that the Board reach out to MSPE, ACEC, and other engineering societies and inform them that the Board is currently working on this issue. He asked that Ms. Courtney have some statistics available for the Board by the May 12, 2016 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Update

Mr. Long reported that the fund is 49K in the red. He stated that the miscoding of funds has been found, such as the examination fees being included in with licensing fees. It is projected the fund will be 100k in the black by July 2016 and that the fixed expenses are no longer going to be taken out all at one time but are going to be spread throughout the year. He mentioned the new budget analyst is reviewing the budget.

A final version of the Budget Report will be emailed to the Board members when received from Fiscal Services.

PE Reciprocity Application

Ms. Trust will make the changes on the Reciprocity Application that the Board requested and have the application ready for final review at the May 12, 2016 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Kevin Finn regarding Permit Ready Set

The Board discussed an email from Kevin Finn dated March 15, 2016 regarding the Signature Ready Set stamp that is required on all drawings for Baltimore City. His concern is that the stamp covers part of the drawings and he does not have the ability to shrink. Chairman Arndt suggested that the Board write the City of Baltimore a letter that this has been brought to our attention but Mr. Harclerode volunteered to call or meet with the City of Baltimore regarding this situation.

Letter from Alaa Saeed Appealing Denial to Sit for the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination

The Board received a letter from Alaa Saeed appealing the denial of his application to sit for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination. His application was denied because his degree did not meet the criteria of the Engineering Curriculum Checklist in the area of Basic Mathematics.

The Board discussed this matter in length and decided to review our process and re-evaluate the policy regarding the review of the FE examination application. Mr. Harclerode brought it to the Board's attention that when computer based testing was first initiated for the FE examination, the Board discussed if approval for the FE examination would be automatic or would applicants who do not have an EAC ABET accredited degree still have to fill out the Engineering Curriculum Checklist. The Board decided to keep the process the same at that time. Chairman Arndt asked that Mr. Harclerode, Ms. Perrin and Mr. Rickert form a sub-committee and review this issue.

Motion (VI) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously carried to allow Mr. Saeed to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

The following applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records, were administratively approved for licensure by the Executive Director of the Board:

49079 Nadir Al-Salam	49026 James S. Fournier
49052 Shannon R. Bentz	49078 Ernest Dean Gunter
48799 Brian Scott Blicher	49065 Shane R. Hamilton
49029 James J. Brady	48982 Chad A. Headings
49137 Brian J. Brewer	49076 Stuart J. Heisey
48983 Michael J. Bruce	49095 Elizabeth M. Hershner
49126 Brad W. Bumgarner	49136 Spenser R. Hines
49025 Igor Bunimovich	48918 Clint C. Karren
49086 Adam D. Cabral	49072 Rickey J. Kastner, Jr.
49098 John C. Clabaugh	48987 Keith Kerr
49127 Joseph J. Coholich	49082 Kenneth Kutchek
49027 Katherine N. Cox	49024 Brian E. Lewis
49080 Carl A. Cunningham	47775 Patricia M. Maid
49094 Matthew J. Daniels	49048 Camille A. Maleh
49028 Aaron S. Detwiler	49135 Kenneth P. Mangam
49099 Kelly J. Dodson	49019 Jason M. Mattice
49081 Michael L. Douglas	49142 Kevin T. Moore
49053 David D. Dowell	49050 Justin B. Nance
48989 Steven E. Elliott	49051 Scott M. Nelson
49043 Joan M. Fontaine	49148 John M. Newell

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY (Cont'd)

49174 David E. Nickle	49130 Jeffrey C. Sallee
49044 Michael A. Nicoloro	49104 Mark K. Sangern
49100 Frank A. Niedzwiedz	49046 Brett J. Sauers
40073 Brian L. O'Donel	49049 Waleed Sayed
48985 Nicholas T. Oelke	48998 Darcey L. Schumacher
48981 Kyle A. Olson	48986 Grace L. Shen
49030 Modupe O. Oluwadiya	49070 Brian W. Starrett
49101 Roberto C. Ortiz	49147 Richard D. Sturm
49047 Peter Otremba	48984 Gregory Suhr
49128 Philip F. Parisi, Jr.	49031 Cho Lueng F. Tam
48999 Frankie Perrone	48988 Jordan M. Tlumak
49102 Douglas R. Psulkowski	49105 Chad G. Welhouse
49103 Kai C. Ramsing	49016 John E. White
49129 John D. Roberson	49077 Kent G. Wood
48798 William Gregory Robinson	49090 Joseph W. Zagorski

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 15, 2016

Kibanou Bodjona	John Paul Mikitsh
Jack F. Fairchild	Ashley N. Pensyl
Richard K. Forney	Rodney R. Ramiah
Jennifer L. Griesbach	Christopher V. Smith
Yongliang Jin	Daniel J. Sokoloski
Didier M. Kabasele	Nesrine N. Taha
Pouyan Khajavi	Jefferson M. Wright
Erik D. Levin	

APPLICATIONS DENIED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 15, 2016

Motion (VII) was made by Chairman Arndt, seconded by Mr. Mongan, and unanimously carried to deny three applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination and one application for Professional Engineers' Licensure by Reciprocity. Two of the PE examination applicants were denied because they did not show responsible charge and the other PE examination applicant did not supply samples of work in lieu of a PE endorsement. The Reciprocity applicant was denied for an insufficient amount of engineering work experience.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Arndt mentioned that the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) has made him a fellow. The Board members offered their congratulations.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 12, 2016 at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (VIII) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

 x With Corrections

 Without Corrections

Signed by: **SIGNATURE ON FILE**
Steven Arndt, Chairman

May 12, 2016