

**MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Date: July 11, 2019

Place: 3rd 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
Sallye E. Perrin, P.E.
David G. Mongan, P.E.
Karl Rickert, P.E.
Sandra Murphy
Justin Williams, Esq.

Others Present: Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director
Rory Wise, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, AAG, Counsel to the Board
Frazier West, Investigator
Ruby Courtney, Board Administrator
Tyanna Handy, Receptionist
Paul Tyrell, NCEES Northeast Zone VP
Yesha Baxi
Riley Woiak
Reza Ghotbizadeh

Absent: Pastor Farinas, P.E, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Arndt called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Mongan and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 Board meeting, with corrections.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR RECIPROCITY

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Perrin, and unanimously carried to approve 13 applications for reciprocity as follows:

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| 54647 Kaveh Afshinnia | 54654 Tracy D. Marcotte |
| 54648 Muhammad R. Ali | 54655 Ali Moshiri |
| 54649 Chaker Ghuzlan | 54656 Howard A. Pace |
| 54650 Jesus Gonzalez Fernandez | 54657 Michael J. Porcelli |
| 54651 Sanjay B Gurav | 54658 Amy G. Roberts |
| 54652 Karlynn Kerney | 54659 Jacek Sluzynski |
| 54653 Jorge L. Lopez | |

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. 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 10:09 a.m.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee on July 11, 2019.

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| 17-PE-20 | Investigating |
| 18-PE-02 | Waiting consent decree letter |
| 18-PE-05 | Order final no response from respondent from letter (5-29-19) |
| 12-PE-19 | Respondent no showed 6-13-19 hearing, order being drafted |
| 13-PE-19 | Monitoring as project go through AA Co. Plaining and Zoning process |
| 19-PE-19 | Closed respondent convicted |
| 20-PE-19 | Closed contractual |
| 23-PE-19 | Order being drafted |
| 24-PE-19 | Hold until evidence of completion of probation has been received |
| 26-PE-19 | Referred for Criminal Prosecution in Charles County |
| 28-PE-19 | Closed no wrong doing |
| 29-PE-19 | Closed no wrong doing |

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

CONDUCT - None

NEW BUSINESS

NCEES Northeast Zone Vice President Visit to the Board

Mr. Paul Tyrell, current NCEES Northeast Zone Vice President introduced himself to the Board. He is the Chairman of the MA Board for Professional Engineers as a licensed Surveyor and has been visiting other state boards. He prepared a PowerPoint presentation which included an overview of NCEES, its' vision and mission, organizational structure, products and services. He also discussed NCEES examinations, NCEES records program and the committees and tasks forces associated with NCEES. He also discussed the annual meeting being held in Washington, DC on August 14-17, 2019 and funding through NCEES

The Board members had specific questions on evaluating education, evaluation companies and Washington Accord.

Election of Officers

In accordance with the Board's yearly election of Officers, Chairman Arndt called for nominations.

Motion (V) was made by Ms. Perrin to nominate David Mongan as Board Chairman.

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Cullingford to nominate Howard Harclerode and Board Chairman via proxy from Mr. Farinas. Some Board members questioned if an absent Board member could nominate a candidate. It was explained that nominations could be submitted by proxy but that absent Board member could not vote because he was not available to hear any discussion after nominations were made. With there being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

After a vote, David Mongan was elected Board Chairman.

Motion (VII) was made by Mr. Mongan to nominate Howard Harclerode as Board Vice-Chairman.

Motion (VIII) was made by Mr. Arndt to nominate Mr. Rickert as Vice-Chairman. With there being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

After a vote, Mr. Rickert was elected Vice-Chairman.

Motion (IX) was made by Mr. Mongan to nominate Sallye Perrin as Board Secretary. With there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Ms. Perrin accepted the position.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Ms. Trust had nothing new to report.

Education Standard

This issue has been deferred until the Annual meeting.

Board Sponsored Ethics Course – No update

CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (X) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Ms. Perrin, and unanimously carried to deny the CPC provider application of Chesapeake Systems for insufficient details on the course presenter and to deny the application of VivSoft because the content of the courses being presented do not meet the criteria defined in the Continuing Professional Competency requirements in the regulations.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cullingford mentioned again to the Board that extensive repairs are being made to the building parking garage beginning August 1, 2019 and there will be no parking downstairs beginning on August 1, 2019.. The Board members will either have to park at a meter in the vicinity or in a parking garage nearby. He let the Board members know that they can request reimbursement for parking by submitting an expense report.

Mr. Cullinford stated there will be a shortage of staff since Ms. Washington left as of June 28, 2019. He added that Ms. Courtney will be out for Extended leave beginning August 5, 2019. He informed the Board that staff will all assist with the PE duties.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Reza Ghotbizadeh Appealing Denial to Sit for the PE Exam

Mr. Reza Ghotbizadeh submitted a letter appealing the denial of his application. After a discussion with the Civil Board member who denied the application it was determined that the application could be approved.

Email from Bryant Blake

The Board received a letter from Bryant Blake dated June 20, 2019 requesting he Board to issue him a new license due to unauthorized criminal use of his Professional Engineer's license number. A letter will be sent to Mr. Blake informing him of his new license number and when that new number takes effect.

Email Regarding ABET Accreditation Visits in MD

Mr. Cullingford received an email from Beth Mundy, Assistant to the Chief Accreditation Officer with ABET regarding ABET visits to institutions in MD by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) and Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC) ABET Commissions this fall. They wanted to know if the Board wanted to send an observer to any of the upcoming visits. They would need to contact ABET by August 31, 2019. Ms. Perrin expressed an interest in observing at Morgan State University and Mr. Harclerode expressed an interest in observing at Frostburg State University.

Letter Regarding Clarification of Statute Concerning Exemption from Licensure

Mr. Cullingford received a letter from Robert Nichols from Declaration Networks Group, Inc. dated July 11, 2019 concerning clarification on the Maryland Code, Business Occupations and Professions §14-301 through §14-602 that requires certain organizations to have a licensed PE to perform engineering services in the State of Maryland.

Declaration Networks Group, Inc. is an internet service provider and is also designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Maryland. Mr. Nichols included an official letter from the State of Maryland Public Service Commission confirming Declaration Networks Group, Inc. ETC designation in the State of Maryland.

His company is claiming to be exempt to having a licensed PE on staff and is requesting a letter from the Board stating whether or not their company falls under that exemption.

The Board is requesting clarification on exactly what they are doing before they can determine if their company is exempt. The Board also needs to know if Declaration Networks Group, Inc. is a government contractor since the exemption only applies to government employees.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

There were 34 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records that were administratively approved for licensure.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

Gareth Adams
Joseph M. Adia
Muna A. Ahmed
Mohammed F. Al Atbi
Richard S. Albee
Jeremy D. Armstrong
Stephen A. Ashu
Kadidjatou Ayeva
Tyler L. Bazan

Philip Beardsley
Randall E. Beatty
Noah C. Blum
Yaw O. Bonsu
Eric D. Bose
Brian C. Brookhart
Grant E. Brady
Natalie H. Brandmueller
Marielle A. Briones

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF
ENGINEERING EXAMINATION (Cont'd)**

Cole T. Buckon
Shane R. Burrows
Lucas R. Bussey
Stephen F. Byrne
Natalie S. Campbell
John R. Carlyle
Donald C. Clark, Jr.
Mark Cockerill
Jeremiah J. Cook
Ariel S. Cortes
Michael K. Corey
Hy V. Dang
Andrew R. Danick
William V. Delgiorno
Steve Efe
Mostafa M. Elag
Breanne L. Ensor
Eric Erbelding
Debebe G. Eshete
Jason A. Evancic
Kevin D. Fant
Saeid Farshi Haghro
John G. Ferreira
Todd M. Ford
Dominic Fuecker
Ramon L. Gascot-Lozada
Daniel W. Ghebrat
Brianna H. Gillespie
Dereje E. Gizaw
Tamara R. Good
Dewill F. Grant
Megan L. Grant
Kevin J. Grear
Benjamin Greenspon
Aron M. Griffin
Damir Grljevic
Daniel P. Gutermuth
Kenneth A. Hamburger
Brian Haran
Todd D. Holbert

Eric Holmberg
Patrick J. Horgan
Nicholas Hoyt
Wei Ming Huang
Philip J. Izzo
Li Jiang
Kyle R. Jirsa
Anthony S. Johnson
Stephen J. Jordan
Thomas C. Kane
Twowdros D. Kassa
Leon F. Kelly
Colleen E. Kerins
Kevin F. Kikola
Jamie J. Kilner
Scott S. Knight
Gregory D. Keopping
Andrew Kreider
Adam L. Kristanc
Jean C. Kubwayo
Toria L. Lassiter
Zhen Tao Lee
Xu Li
Kathleen Jane C. Libnao
Ghaus B. Khan Lnu
Adlai Admirado R. Luzuriaga
Heath A. Maines
Anthony G. Marciano
Daniel A. Martin
Ellen M. McCann
Micahel A. McCarrell
David E. McDowell
Abraham Mekonnen
Alex Mermelstein
Jordan R. Miller
Brain D. Moserowitz
Sean K. Murphy
Friborz Nasr Asadani
Abolanle A. Onasanya
Neel S. Parikh

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF
ENGINEERING EXAMINATION (Cont'd)**

Pulkit Parikh
Harsh Y. Patel
Anthony W. Patrick
Christopher W. Prather
Joseph E. Pradis, Jr.
Adam K. Reis
Rashad Mohammad Z. Reza
Ashely R. Robertson
Timothy R. Rucinski
Seyed Amirshaya Safauizadeh
I. R. Weeraskara
Jay C. Schaefer
Craig P. Schrinier
Deepak Sharma
Beverly A. Shelton
James R. Shortall
Brandon L. Shue
Eric Z. Simmons
Roshan E. Singh
Margueritte

Kelly Smulovitz
Richard K. Stever
Andrew J. Summerfield
Damelash T. Teshome
Varughese Thomas
Sarah V. Troch
Stephen K. Tursi
Douglas E. Vande Ryt
John K. Vincinski
Don Pubudu
Albert J. Woody
Kristin R. Weniger
Mehari T. Weldu
Joseph J. Whitmore
Melissa Wilson
Wayne K. Wilson
Anthony V. Winder
Riley M. Woiak
John Wolf
A. SmithClark

**APPLICATIONS DENIED FOR THE OCTOBER 25, 2019 PRINCIPLES AND
PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION**

Motion (XI) was made by Mr. Mongan, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to deny the application of one applicant for an insufficient amount of engineering work experience. The applicant applied under Option B which requires an engineering degree that is acceptable to the Board, passing of the Fundamentals of Engineering exam and four years of engineering work experience. The applicant had a degree in Physical Sciences which is not acceptable to the Board so the applicant would need to apply under Option C, which requires eight years of engineering work experience. The applicant only reported four years and six months of engineering work experience.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Trust mentioned no appeal was received on the decision of the Board at the hearing held in conjunction with the May 9, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. Cullingford was informed that decision can now be posted on the website.

Ms. Trust also congratulated Mr. Arndt for his service as Board Chairman.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (XII) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Mongan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

_____ With Corrections

Signature on File



Without Corrections

Signature on File



Signed by:

8/15/19
Date: