

773rd Session
Board of Examiners for Professional
Engineers and Land Surveyors
February 5, 2019

The scheduled meeting of February 5, 2019 was held in Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, Connecticut.

Anthony L D'Andrea, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:22 am.

Attending the meeting were: John DeWolf (1), Richard M Szewczak (2) PE, Robert Lewandowski (3) PE, Anthony L D'Andrea (4) PELS, Robert L Doane (5) PELS and AL Regina (7) PM, Kenneth R Peterson (10) LS, Curtiss B Smith (11) LS and Raymond Redniss (12) LS

Absent was: T. Mark Barbieri (9) PM.

Also present were Julianne Avallone, Legal Director, Paulette Annon, Staff Attorney, Cynthia Fernandez, Staff Attorney and Barbara Syp-Maziarz, Board Administrator for the Department of Consumer Protection.

There are two public member vacancies on the Board.

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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Minutes- Motion made by (5) seconded by (7) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator to the Department's Investigations Unit, provided the quarterly report in regards to engineering and land surveying complaints. There is a total of 4 open complaints.

Motion made by (7) seconded by (12) to approve the January 15, 2019 as amended. Motion carried.

Legal Division: Julianne Avallone, Legal Director appeared before the Board to discuss the following email to the Board in regards to the Citizenship Question on the PELS application and the Department's position.

“It recently came to my attention that the application for licensure for Professional Engineers and Landscape Surveyors contained a question about citizenship. This caused some alarm since this is the only Department of Consumer Protection (Department) credential application that, to my knowledge, asks this type of citizenship question. The interior designers application asks for place of birth, but does not inquire as to immigration status.

I have advised our IT and Licensing divisions to remove the citizenship question from page three of the [PELS application](#). The Department does not verify the immigration status of applicants and does not deny candidates based on their immigration status. The Department is focused on ensuring that licensure applicants have received the proper education and on the job training, in addition to passing qualifying examinations. We are not immigration enforcement and collecting such information is only a liability for the Department. Additionally, there is no legal requirement to request such information.

After doing a bit of research on this matter, I was made aware that the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has discussed this citizenship question on a number of occasions since 2007. See board meeting minutes from [October 2008, February 2008, November 2007, and October 2015](#). Despite the board's desire to obtain this information, it creates a difficult situation for the Department and staff that has to collect and process this information. It causes extra work with no benefit to the agency. Additionally, in the event of a Freedom of Information Act request, the Department would be forced to disclose such information, which could be damaging to the individual licensees.

Since this is an issue that the Board has considered on a number of occasions, I want to make sure that the members are aware of this change. Please forward this email to the members of the board at your earliest convenience. If they have any questions, please let them know that they may contact me directly.

AA-Correspondence Received

AA-1 Letter from NCEES dated 1/31/19. Re: Set up a meeting date to schedule a visit from NCEES leadership in 2019 (Dist. 2)

The Board administrator will reach out to NCEES to schedule a visit with the Board for June 11, 2019.

AA-2 Email from Douglas Duncan Re: Regulations regarding digital signatures (Dist. 4)

The Board's discussion reiterated passed discussions that the Board has generally taken the position, that an individual who is the principle engineer for a project that involves several disciplines, should be responsible for the entire project; and individually each of those consultants are responsible to the lead. The Board's response is that there is protocol for digital signing of documents and that the protocol should be established at the onset of the project among the consultants.

Therefore, the response to Mr. Duncan is that our regulations specify that all documents shall be signed and sealed and that the methodology is his choice.

AA-3 Email from Joshua Miksch. Re: Professional Engineer Stamping and sealing requirements. (Dist. 2)

The Board stated that the opinion of the Board is that our regulations are very clear that specify that every document shall be signed and sealed.

AA-4 Discussion from state boards regarding decoupling. (Dist. 2)

The Board stated that this is one of the issues that they would like to discuss with the representative from NCEES at their June 11, 2019 meeting.

E-Applications

The following were approved by 1,2,3 ,4,5,7,10,11&12 except as noted.

Permit CL 1 Exam

Faouri, Laith

Permit CL 1 Exam –Credit Part 1

Kayan, Ryan A-FE from CT
Raghi, Mohamed-FE from CT
Smith, Ryan M-FE from CT
Ntiamoah, Harold G-FE from MA
Van Olden, Christopher J-FE from CT
Wohlstrom, Ryan J-FE from RI

Banda, Nadeem R-Subject to verification of education from U of Michigan

Foster, Marc-FE from CT-Tabled from 1/15/19 meeting for expansion of experience record

Gehman, Scott M-Subject to verification of education from Penn State

Jeon-Chapman, Olympio-FE from WA

Permit CL 1 Exam- Credit Parts 1 & 11- Approve CL 1 License

Debnath, Saurav-passed FE exam in NJ
passed PE exam in NC

Approve CL 4 License

Abdul-Matin, Tauhirah
Ayala Diaz, Carlos J
Barnhill, Josh
Basconi, Jerry M
Bojcun, Ihor
Bridges, Brent M
Brown, Samuel M
Creech, Adrian
Crispo, David C
DelRossi, Daniel J
Faeth, Mark T
Glennon, David M
Jados, Benjamin J
Magaram, Brett J
Martarano, Angelo L
McCreary, Jason
Oshins, David K
Parks, Richard A
Patel, Vixar J
Riley, Craig T
Russo, Craig A
Salazar, Annie M
Smith, Nathan
Sprong, Paul R
Stilkey, Scott S
Stiver, John M
Stroh, Cory J
Taylor, John D
Weiss, Mitchell L
Yegorova, Daira V

Approve CL 9 License

Bournival, Kevin-Passed FE Exam on 11/1/18 (UMass)

Approve Certificate of Authorization for the Corporate Practice of Engineering

FCG Associates LLC

9716-B Rea Rd #190
Charlotte NC 28277

CT PE currently licensed
PE #32953 Christopher D Jones

Short-Elliott-Hendrickson Inc.

3535 Vadnais Center Dr
St Paul MN 55110

CT PE currently licensed
PE #33636 Julie L Hoppe

Approve Certificate of Authorization for the Corporate Practice of Land Surveying

Nitsch Engineering Inc.

2 Center Plaza Suite 430
Boston Ma 02108

CT LS currently licensed
PE #70481 Mark Violette

Reinstatements

Jeffcoat III, Harry- License #24202 lapsed 1/31/05. Completed new application, has been continuously licensed in another state and has not signed or sealed documents during the lapsed period.

Motion made by (5) seconded by (7) to approve reinstatement. Motion carried.

Hedley, Todd LT-License # 27997 lapsed 1/31/18. Paid all back fees, updated employment history and provided the project that was performed during the lapsed period.

Babin Paul-License # 26255 lapsed 1/31/18. Paid all back fees, updated employment history and provided projects that were performed during the lapsed period.

Reconsideration

McGrath, Shaun-Mr. McGrath's application was reviewed by the Board on 6/12/18 under class 4 and denied based on his undergraduate degree in mathematical physics. Mr. McGrath had his degree evaluated by NCEES and is providing the Board with the outcome of his evaluation and reconsideration of his application for licensure under Class 4.

Motion made by (5) seconded by (7) to approve application. Motion carried.

Motion made by (7) seconded by (2) to adjourn. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019.

Respectfully reviewed by:
Anthony L D'Andrea, P.E. & L.S.
Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:
Barbara Syp-Maziarz
License & Applications Specialist