

MINUTES
August 14, 2007

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on August 14, 2007, in Conference Room 102 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doris I. Willmer, PE, Chairperson
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS, Vice-Chairman
Mark E. Chastain, LS
William W. Dean, PE
Guy F. Ritter, PE
E. Charles Vickery, PE
James W. Butler, LS
E. Scott Evans, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephen R. Richards, PE

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director
Julie Busbee – Application Specialist/Board Secretary
Vivian Stephens –Application Specialist
Sharon Harrison – Investigative Assistant
Julie Fisher - Attorney

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Not Present

GUESTS PRESENT:

Patrick Wilson
Bob Chambers

Call to order:

At 9:31 am, Chairperson Willmer called the meeting to order and asked for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Mr. Mickler requested to add Complaints to the Executive Session and Mr. Chastain requested to add GPS Technical Standards to Old Business. Mr. Ritter moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Willmer presented a draft of the July 31, 2007 minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

NCEES Conference Motions:

Ms. Willmer discussed the motions that will be part of the agenda for the Annual NCEES Conference in Philadelphia the end of this month. She reported that she had received comments from some of the Board members and feels that she has an idea of how to vote to represent the Board's best interest. No Board action was taken on this item.

Mr. Mickler reported that there have been recent personnel changes at NCEES. Jerry Carter is now the acting Executive Director as Betsy Browne has retired.

GPS Technical Standards:

Mr. Chastain discussed GPS Technical Standards and moved to post the following as a new Board Rule, 180-7-.20:

180-7-.20 Global Positioning Systems

It shall be acceptable practice to incorporate the use of Global Positioning Systems (commonly known as GPS) equipment into any survey. The precision of all measurements made with such equipment must, at a minimum, meet all other precision standards required otherwise by law or rules under Chapter 180-7. When using GPS equipment in the course of a survey, the Land Surveyor shall state on the face of the plat, or within the report in cases where there is no plat, the following :

- a. A note stating what portion (or all) of the survey was performed using GPS equipment.*
- b. The type of GPS equipment used, including manufacturer and model number, and whether single or dual frequency receivers were used.*
- c. The type of GPS survey that was performed, such as static, real time kinematic ("RTK"), network adjusted real time kinematic, etc.*
- d. A note that discloses the precision of the GPS work done, either in relative positional accuracy, vector closure, or other mathematical expression chosen by the Land Surveyor.*

Mr. Butler seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 10:03 am Mr. Richardson moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, Mr. Evans, Mr. Butler, Mr. Vickery and Mr. Ritter.

Reconvened Open Session at 10:10 with the following Board members present – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dean, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Evans, Mr. Butler, Mr. Vickery and Mr. Ritter.

Conference:

Patrick Wilson presented with his attorney, Bob Chambers to request the Board grant him a Land-Survey-In-Training certificate since he passed the LSIT exam in 1992. Hearing all available information, Mr. Vickery moved to issue a LSIT certificate to Patrick Wilson. Mr. Butler seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Forensic Engineering:

Mr. Ritter discussed a presentation from the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association Journal regarding expert witness and forensic engineering. Ms. Willmer asked Mr. Ritter to write an article regarding Georgia's laws and rules where this item is concerned to be published in the *Georgia Engineer* magazine.

Executive Session:

At 10:55 am Mr. Richardson moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, Mr. Evans, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Vickery.

Reconvened Open Session at 12:10 pm with the following Board members present – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dean, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Evans, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Vickery.

Investigations and Complaints:

Mr. Chastain moved and Mr. Richardson seconded to accept the recommendations made during Executive Session regarding the following cases:

PELS0500122 – No change in previous recommendation of Consent Order with 12 months probation and \$500 fine.

PELS01100112 – This case involved a land surveyor that has been served a Voluntary Surrender and has not signed it. Case referred to the Attorney General.

PELS070059 – This case involved a civil action. Recommendation to close the case with no action.

PELS080012 – This case involves a boundary dispute. Recommendation to close case with no action.

PELS080009 – This case involves a civil/contractual issue. Recommendation to close case with no action.

Motion carried.

Mr. Dean moved to allow A. Prasad to sit for the Engineer-In-Training exam. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Reinstatements:

Board Memo Comity Model Law Applicants:

Applicants for registration as Professional Engineers by comity, who have an ABET engineering degree, who have taken and passed an 8-hour fundamentals of engineering (EIT/FE) exam, who have a minimum of 48 months post graduation engineering experience as determined by a staff evaluation using the present Board guidelines, who have taken and passed an 8-hour principles and practice of engineering exam (PE Exam-taken at least 4 years after BS degree), and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law are as follows:

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| 32353 Amason, Jonathan S. | 32354 Bryant, Matthew W. | 32355 Buffett, John C. |
| 32356 Fleck, James K. | 32357 Foster, Ralph K III | 32358 Hope, Leslie A. |
| 32359 Knutson, Andrew C. | 32360 Roberts, J. David | 32361 Winterhalter, Jon A. |
| 32362 Averett, John E. | 32363 Dubnicka, Robert J. | 32364 Maurer, Donald E. |
| 32365 McLean, Sean M. | 32366 Schruppf, Allen W. | 32367 Wood, Jon F. |
| 32368 Lee, Jeffrey B. | 32369 Schwartz, Thomas A. | 32370 Clark, David G. |
| 32371 Goodrich, Matthew s. | 32372 Henry, James Ee. | 32373 Cavalline, Tara L. |
| 32374 Farah, Abdi H. | 32375 Montanaro, Robert J. | 32376 Gimpelson, Laura L. |
| 32377 Vermaas, Garry W. | | |

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve these applicants for PE registration by comity @ 43-15-16(a), via 43-15-8(1) and 43-15-9(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion carried.

There being no further business, at 12:13 pm, Mr. Chastain moved to adjourn. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried. Some Board members remained to review applications until they were finished.

Board Chairman

Executive Director

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These minutes were approved at the October 16, 2007 meeting.