

**MINUTES
December 11, 2007**

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on December 11, 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
William W. Dean, PE
Stephen R. Richards, PE
E. Charles Vickery, PE
James W. Butler, LS
E. Scott Evans, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark E. Chastain, LS
Guy F. Ritter, PE

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director
Julie Busbee – Application Specialist/Board Secretary
Vivian Stephens –Application Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS PRESENT:

Betty Jean Jordan, representing Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE)
Hardwick Butler, representing Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia (SAMSOG)

Call to order:

At 9:37 am, Chairperson Willmer called the meeting to order and asked for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Chairperson Willmer requested to move the Coalition Letter from W. L. Jorden to Old Business, added Outsourcing and Board Rule 180-12-.02 to Old Business and Meeting of PLB Board Chairs with Secretary of State Handel to New Business. Mr. Richardson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Vickery seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Willmer presented a draft of the November 13, 2007 minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to adopt the minutes as corrected with one typographical error. Mr. Vickery seconded. Motion carried.

Guests:

Chairperson Willmer recognized the guests present: Hardwick Butler representing Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia (SAMSOG) and Betty Jean Jordan, representing Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE.)

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Mickler reported that Randy Vaughn has been appointed to the position of Professional Licensing Boards Division Director. He started this position on December 3, 2007.

Old Business:

Coalition Letter from W. L. Jorden:

Mr. Mickler reported that he met with Bill Jorden and Tom Leslie from the Coalition to discuss tracking metrics for complaints. Mr. Jorden responded with a letter containing a spreadsheet with columns for the information he needs. Mr. Mickler said that he told Mr. Jorden that there should be someone hired into the vacant position by the first of the year. Mr. Mickler reported that there has also been some talk that some of the investigations procedures may change.

Outsourcing:

No action.

Board Rule 180-12-.02:

Mr. Dean discussed a change to Board Rule 180-12-.02: Sealing of Documents in relation to O.C.G.A. 10-12-.04 regarding original hand-written signatures. Mr. Dean moved to add a statement to the end of Board Rule 180-12-.02 (5):

O.C.G.A. 10-12-4 does not apply.

Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried

New Business:

Election of 2008 Officers:

Mr. Richardson nominated Doris Willmer to serve as Chairperson for another year. Mr. Vickery seconded. Mr. Dean moved for nominations to cease. Mr. Butler seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Vickery moved to nominate Bill Dean to serve as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting of PLB Board Chairs with Secretary of State Karen Handel:

Ms. Willmer reported that Secretary of State Karen Handel met with the Board Chairpersons on Monday, December 3, 2007. Ms. Handel introduced the new Division Director, Mr. Vaughn. There was also some discussion regarding renewals and investigative procedures, specifically issuing Cease and Desist Orders and invoking fines. Ms. Handel reported that every Board meeting would have an Attorney General Representative present either in person or via teleconference. Ms. Handel reported that Michael O'Sullivan from the Front Office would represent the Boards at the 2008 legislative session and report back to the Boards on a weekly basis any issues that may come up. There was also a discussion about reorganizing investigations and better use of the Cognizant Board members.

Introduction of the Professional Licensing Boards Division Director:

Randy Vaughn, new Division Director dropped in and was welcomed by the Board. He explained his professional background as a former IRS agent and his work in private industry in the Information Technology field. He plans to enhance current PLB procedures utilizing electronic technology to reduce paperwork.

Executive Session:

At 10:30 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. Richards, Mr. Dean, Mr. Evans, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Vickery.

Reconvened Open Session at 1:25 pm with the following Board members present – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Richards, Mr. Dean, Mr. Evans, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Vickery.

Investigations:

Mr. Dean moved to accept the recommendations made during Executive Session:

PELS080018 – This case involved unlicensed practice of professional engineering by a Respondent who had previously signed a Cease and Desist Order. The respondent currently faces criminal proceedings for probation violation of forgery charges. Recommend to fine \$5000 for violating the Cease and Desist Order and refer the case to the Carroll County District Attorney’s office for unlicensed practice.

PELS040025 – This case involved allegations of substandard practice of a professional engineer. Recommend to close the case with no action.

PELS070012 – This case involved allegations of substandard practice of a professional engineer. Recommend to close the case with no action.

PELS050107 – This case involved two land surveyors who left a firm and took information with them. Recommend to close the case with no action as a civil matter.

PELS070004 – This case involved allegations against two land surveyors and a land surveying firm of substandard practice. Recommend to send a Letter of Concern.

PELS080052 - This case involved a land surveyor. Recommend Consent Order with \$500 fine, 24 months probation and public reprimand for not disclosing a sanction from another state when the respondent attempted to renew his Georgia license.

PELS080054 – This case involved a land surveyor. Recommend Consent Order with \$500 fine, 24 months probation and public reprimand for Respondent #3 for having a sanction in another state. Recommend \$500 No COA letter for the firm involved.

PELS060059 – This case involved allegations against a professional engineer with violations of Board Rule 180-6-.05 (3) and (6) and 180-6-.07. Recommend Consent Order with \$500 fine, 24 months probation and public reprimand.

PELS050068 – This case involved allegations of no COA for the firm and substandard practice against a professional engineer. Recommend to close as civil matter with no action.

Mr. Vickery seconded. Motion carried.

Reinstatements:

Mr. Richardson moved to reinstate with the following conditions:

Reinstate with \$1000 penalty - Maurice Mallia, PE016391.

Reinstate with exam - Gary Michael Ellis, PE014085.
 Reinstate with exam - Linda Herrig, PE017682.

Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

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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| 32598 Herron, Gerald A. | 32599 Sotosky, Matthew R. | 32600 Winter, James M. Jr. |
| 32602 Boutwell, Tracy D. | 32603 McCalla, Matthew A. | 32604 Ward, Enga S. |
| 32605 Pamperin, Matthew S. | 32606 Pecunia, Patrick P. | 32607 Okunola, Remi |
| 32608 Zhu, Xia | 32609 Hilliard, Joe H. | 32610 McCarraher, Patrick A. |
| 32611 Slattery, Patrick W. | 32612 Barnett, David L. | 32613 Delacroix, Homer M III |
| 32614 Kirkpatrick, Carroll S. | 32615 Parker, Matthew T. | 32616 Autry, William H. Jr. |
| 32617 Hamby, Sidney R. Jr. | 32618 Johnson, Richard R. | 32619 Smith, Richard S. |
| 32621 Carty, Jilliam F. | 32622 Franz, Mark A. | 32623 Hentschel, Raymond G. |
| 32624 Horne, James B. | 32625 Voegtle, Philip J. Jr. | 32626 Witsman, Gary R. |
| 32627 Campbell, Clayton A. | 32628 Corsiglia, James A. | 32629 Jackson, Rhett R. |
| 32630 Porter, David R. | 32631 Puga, Juan D. | 32632 Toledo, Jose A. |
| 32633 Vail, Ron E. | 32634 Hart, Vincent S. | 32635 Mitchell, William Jeffrey |
| 32636 Rosencutter, William C. | 32637 Schoedinger, Steven R. | 32638 Skipper, David D. |

Motion was made by Mr. Dean 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. Richardson. The motion carried.

Board Memo Applications for Regular Applicants Seeking Certification as an Engineer-In-Training by Exam:

Applicants for certification as Engineers-in-Training by examination whose degrees were earned in engineering or engineering technology programs which attained ABET/CAB accreditation within two years of their having received their degrees, who have filed with the Board five acceptable references, who have had no convictions for moral turpitude or substantive reasons, and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law(s), are as follows:

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| Acosta-Marum, Guillermo | Ahmad, Aseer Abdullah Z. | Beckford, Hansel Adrian Jr. |
| Burge, Richard Leo | Campbell, Candance L. | Caruvana, Jonathan D. |
| Chessin, Mati Chaiken | Clare, Benjamin Joseph | Davis, Harrell Edward Jr. |
| Echols, Michael L. | Edwards, Cassius Octavius | Fann, Cleveland Lewis |
| Gilligan, Erin Lynn | Griffin, Erin Marie | Hansen, Laura Marie |
| Humphrey, James B. IV | Jiang, Wei | Kirby, Nathaniel Roy |

Lacy, Dwayne Londell
Lewis, Derek Freeman
McNealy, Sean Alexander
Paitsell, Christopher Shane
Phan, Son Ngoc
Prabhakar, Ashok D.
Rowland, Aisha Monique
Wetherington, Charles W.

Ledyard, James Nichols
Lewis, Prima D.
O'Hern, Cara Jean
Palmer, Christopher Charles
Polk, Amber Marie Sauls
Prins, Alison Hatcher
Suber, Janique I.
White, Jason Andrew

Leidy, Matthew Richard
Lopez, Arwin Thomas
Pace, Paul Erik
Peters, Terry Iran
Pollard, Kelley Christopher
Ricks, Maurico Darrell
Tyler, Whitney Asia
Zentner, John Marc

Motion was made by Mr. Dean to approve these applicants for EIT certification @ 43-15-8(1) or 43-15-8(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson. The motion carried.

Board Memo Applications for Senior Applicants seeking certification as an Engineer-in-Training by Exam

Applicants for certification as an Engineers-in-Training by examination who are currently enrolled as seniors in ABET approved programs in schools, colleges or universities in Georgia, who have filed with the Board five acceptable references, who have had no convictions for moral turpitude or other substantive reasons, and in every way comply with the provisions of the appropriate law(s) are as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Biological Engineering

Akorli, Augustine
De la Rosa, Javier
Misenhamer, Louie Eugene
Thomas, Liza Christin

Angel, Clifton Ray
King, Matthew Tayler
Rumely, Timothy Charles
Tucker, Charles Franklin

Daugherty, Philip M.
Liddick, Gregg Darryl
Scarboro, Steven Tennent

Agricultural Engineering

Buday, Jessica Lynn

Dutta, Samiron Kumar

Price-Via, Alia L. J.

Re-take

Hunnicut, Clayton Warner

Katreeb, Rani Atta

Morgan, Mia Catharine

Motion was made by Mr. Dean to approve these applicants for EIT certification @ 43-15-8(1) or 43-15-8(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson. The motion carried.

Board Memo Applications for Senior Applicants Seeking Certification as a Land Surveyor-In-Training by Exam:

Applicants for certification as Land Surveyor-In-Training by examination, who is currently enrolled as senior in a Land Surveying or related field in schools, colleges or universities in Georgia, who has completed the required 20 quarter hours credit, five of which are in hydrology, who has filed with the Board five acceptable references, who has had no convictions for moral turpitude or other substantive reasons, and who in every way complies with the provisions of the appropriate law(s), are as follows:

Woron, Christopher Mitchell

Motion was made by Mr. Dean to approve this applicant for LSIT certification @ 43-15-12(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson. The motion carried.

There being no further business, at 1:47 pm, Mr. Dean 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 January 8, 2008 meeting.