

MINUTES
January 8, 2008

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on January 8, 2008, 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
William W. Dean, PE, Vice-Chairman
Mark E. Chastain, LS
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS
Stephen R. Richards, PE
Guy F. Ritter, PE
E. Charles Vickery, PE
James W. Butler, LS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

E. Scott Evans, Public Member.

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler –Executive Director
Vivian Stephens –Application Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Call to order:

Chairperson Doris Willmer called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. Dean requested to add Reinstatement of Expired Licenses to Old Business as Item 6.5 of the agenda. Mr. Richardson moved to adopt the agenda with the addition. Mr. Charles Vickery seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

After reviewing the minutes of the December 11, 2007 board meeting, Mr. Richardson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Vickery seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Guests:

Chairperson Willmer recognized the guests present:

Tim Baumgartner,	GSPE
Joe Dallas	GSPE
Scott Godefroy	GSPE
Carolyn Jones	Executive Director, GSPE
Betty Jean Jordan	GSPE
Pat Rhodes	GSPE

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Mickler reported that staff is working applications. He reported that he has spoken with Julie Busbee by phone and she is doing well. He also reported that the new staff member is out with surgery but should begin January 17, 2008.

Old Business:

Coalition Letter from W. L. Jorden:

Mr. Mickler reported that there is no update on providing information to the Coalition due to the re-organization of Investigations. He will provide an update for the Coalition as soon as possible.

Outsourcing:

Chairperson Willmer opened the discussion on “Outsourcing”. After much discussion, Mr. Dean suggested writing an article for the newsletter. Mr. Mickler stated that he will be writing an article for the Georgia Engineers and suggested that this be his topic. All concurred with that idea.

Board Rule 180-12-.02:

Mr. Mickler presented Board Rule 180-12-.02 for Board approval and posting.

180-12-.02 Sealing of Documents:

(1) The term, “documents,” as used herein shall mean engineering and/or land surveying work issued in the form of plans, drawings, maps, surveys, reports, specifications, design information, and calculations, including such work issued in digital form. ~~and including work in incomplete or preliminary form.~~ This Rule shall not apply to recordable property plats governed under O.C.G.A. 15-6-67(b)(2)(E).

(2) The terms, “issue” or “issued” as used herein shall ~~include any and all dissemination, publishing, and/or sending out of documents, paper copy or electronic form to any person for any purpose, by a registrant or by others under the registrants’ supervision.~~ mean documents in the final form which bear the seal and signature of the registrant.

(3) The registrant shall seal and sign (with signature across the seal) all original final documents which are issued to a client or any public agency. The sealing of documents by the registrant shall certify that the work was performed by the registrant or under the

direct supervisory control of the registrant on a daily basis. For engineering documents, the date of sealing and signature shall be placed immediately under the seal and signature. All signatures, and dates of signatures, shall be handwritten.

(4) ~~The~~ No registrant shall ~~not~~ issue an incomplete, preliminary, in-progress, or for-review document or any type unless such document displays the date of issue and a notation in bold lettering, such as “PRELIMINARY,” “NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION,” ~~NOT TO BE FOR RECORDED~~ RECORDING PURPOSES,” or “FOR REVIEW ONLY,” which clearly identifies the purpose for which the document is issued.

(5) Seals, signatures, dates, and/or other notations required by this Rule shall be placed on original documents such that the seal, signature, date and/or notations, will be reproduced when copies are made. All dates and signatures shall be hand written. O.C.G.A. 10-12-4 does not apply.

(6) ~~Each drawing sheet, whether bound or unbound, shall be sealed and signed by each registrant responsible for work on that sheet. on the first or title page by all registrants responsible for the work therein. Each drawing sheet, whether bound or unbound, shall be sealed and signed by the registrant(s) responsible for the work on that sheet. When~~ If a document or drawing is sealed and signed by more than one registrant, the portion of the work for which each registrant is responsible shall be clearly noted.

(7) ~~Computer generated seals may be used on final original documents provided that a handwritten signature in black ink is placed across the seal and the date is handwritten below the seal. Computer generated signatures and dates of signature are not acceptable. Each document that is sealed and signed by a registrant shall contain the name, address, and contact information of the firm or sole practitioner certifying the work.~~

(8) Documents that are electronically transmitted shall have ~~any~~ the computer-generated seal removed from the original file, ~~prior to transmission.~~ All electronically transmitted documents shall have displayed, in lieu of the seal, signature and date, the following statements, “The original of this document was sealed and signed by {registrant’s printed name and registration number on {date of signature}.” And in bold lettering, “THIS REPRODUCTION IS NOT A CERTIFIED DOCUMENT.”

Mr. Dean moved that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-15-4(a) (Adoption of rules and regulations), and O.C.G.A. § 43-15-6(a) (General powers of board) and O.C.G.A. § 43-15-22.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it was legal and feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4(a), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-6(a) and O.C.G.A. § 43-15-22, to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the fields of engineering and land surveying.

Mr. Richardson seconded. The motion carried.

Request from Columbia County:

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

Reinstatement of Expired Licenses:

Mr. Dean brought this item to the Board for discussion. He will revise in accordance with the Board's suggestions and will bring a draft for Board consideration at the next meeting. Chairperson Willmer requested that he include those who are voluntarily inactive. Mr. Chastain requested a link between 180-8 and 180-11-.07 be added.

New Business:

Introduction of New Administrative Assistant

Mr. Mickler reported earlier in the meeting that the new Administrative Assistant is having surgery and should begin January 17, 2008. No further report.

Re-Organization of Investigations

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Richardson moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

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

The Board broke for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened Open Session at 2:30 pm with all board members attending today's meeting present.

After some discussion regarding board travel for the Southern Zone meeting, Mr. Mickler requested a show of hands for those who intend to go to the Southern Zone meeting in Puerto Rico in May 2008. Those planning to attend are: Chairperson Willmer, Board members Ritter, Vickery, Butler, Dean, Richardson, and Executive Director Mickler. Mr. Mickler will make the request.

Mr. Ritter addressed correspondence from Drew Peak regarding employees of the Environmental Protection Division who are reviewing documents submitted for approval and making recommendations on engineering designs, and whether they are required to be registered as Professional Engineers. After some discussion, Mr. Vickery suggested that a committee be formed to discuss this issue with EPD. The committee will consist of Ms. Amelia Baker, Sr. Asst. Attorney General, Chairperson Doris Willmer, Mr. Mickler, Mr. Dean and Mr. Richardson. Chairperson Willmer will send a letter to Dr. Couch to request a meeting to be scheduled sometime in February.

Investigations:

PELS060032 – This case involved unlicensed practice. It is currently under investigation by GBI. Mr. Chastain moved to close the case. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reinstatements:

Randall Lee Davis – Reinstate with \$1000 penalty.
Dennis Alvin Boschetti – Reinstate upon passing the LS-Hydrology exam.
Mr. Chastain moved to reinstate the above individuals as indicated. Mr. Richardson seconded. The 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:

32647 Klinar, Jeffrey D.	32648 Anckner, William H.	32659 Arnold, Jeffrey L.
32650 Hansen, John P.	32651 Hurst, K Joshua	32652 Kilpatrick, Gary E>
32653 Mabrouk, Adel	32654 Tinder, Joseph B.	32655 Trierweiler, Craig A.
32656 Vetel, Richard P.	32657 Walz, John F.	32758 Ayers, Danny L.
32759 Cannarella, R Thomas	32760 Cardelino, Natalia	32761 Green, Alan J.
32762 Novak, Adam D.	32763 Nonnenmann, James J.	32764 Proveaux, Sanford B.
32765 Roepnack, Paul M.	32766 Schoster, David W.	32767 White, Stephen P.
32768 Zinnen, Daniel L.	32769 Brousseau, Guy B.	32770 Chester, Rodney N.
32771 Cope, Norman A.	32772 Cronin, Derek P.	32773 Fitzgerald, Peter J.
32774 Fleming, Douglas M.	32775 French, David W. II	32776 Isenberg, Jeremy
32777 Konicki, William P.	32778 Lewis, Phillip A.	32779 Neneh, David L.
32780 Redmill, Jeffrey A.	32781 Sweatman, Trav C.	32782 Torosian, Arek
32783 Vann, Dannis E.	32784 Davenport, Paul Leon Jr.	32785 Krawiec, Kevin R.
32786 Patricoscki, Robert W.	32787 Rawson, James B.	32788 Suwankosai, Wisit

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. Vickery. 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:

Barbre, Zachary Kenneth
Clark, Jason Paul
DeFrancis, Daniel C.
Hobbs, Jamesia Shanti
King, William Scott
McDonald, Travis Seintle
Pettigrew, John Franklin
Russ, Randal Brian
Torbert, Jerrick Jamal

Brown, Ryan Brucks
Connell, Joshua James
Edgerton, Brian Kenneth
Hruszkewycz, Adrian Marco
Landrum, Evan Christopher
Moerlins, Michael Cassius
Rader, Jamilie Johaira Geerman
Schultz, Daniel Thomas

Cartwright, Dialo Marques
Davis, Galen Mitchell
Gadson, John Emmanuel
Kim, Hyo Min
Mack, Keven Ashford
Morallos, Dorothy
Ramirez-Alvarado, Marilyn
Spitz, David James

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

Board Memo Applications for Senior Applicants seeking certification as a Land Surveyor-in-Training by Exam

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

Anderson, James M.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve these applicants for LSIT certification @ 43-15-12(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Vickery. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Vickery moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Richardson seconded. The motion carried.

Board Chairman

Executive Director

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These minutes were approved at the February 12, 2008 meeting.