

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in Conference Room 102 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS Chairman
Michael S. Fletcher, PE, Vice-Chairman
James W. Butler, LS
Mark E. Chastain, LS
George C. Howroyd, PE
Brian K. Upson, PE
Danny Bennett, PE

Board Members Absent:

Matthew Baxter, Public Member

Staff present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Julie Busbee, Licensure Supervisor
Annette Wimberly, Complaint Compliance Analyst

Attorney General Representative:

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Richardson established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Adopt Agenda

Chairman Richardson asked members for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Mr. Upson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Fletcher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Richardson presented a draft of the September 13, 2011, minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chastain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Professional Societies and Guests

James Puckett, from Engineers Consulting Group (ECG) spoke to the Board concerning being issued a Voluntary Cease & Desist Order by the Board for the use of the word “Engineers” in the name of his computer networking and communications firm. He requested that software and network engineers be recognized as separate and distinct engineering disciplines. He also requested that ECG be allowed to use the term “Engineers” in the name of his firm. Mr. Richardson explained that the electrical discipline that is already recognized by NCEES includes computer and networking engineering so there is a pathway to licensure for applicants who have that experience as long as they are working under the direct supervision of a licensed Professional Engineer. He also explained to Mr. Puckett that the word “engineer” and any form of it are protected by law, which the Board is charged to uphold.

Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Mickler informed members that a new Board Support Specialist has not yet been hired, but he is in the process of interviewing candidates and hopes to hire someone soon.

Mr. Mickler also reported that he spoke to the Society of Military Engineers and some students from the Savannah campus of Georgia Tech two weeks ago. On December 6, Mr. Mickler and Ms. Busbee will be speaking to the senior class of engineering students at Mercer University about the application process for students and other information about licensure.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Appeal for Waiver of Reinstatement Fee

The Board considered a letter of appeal from Charles G. Thom, PE, President of Southland Services, Inc. Consulting Engineers, requesting a waiver of the \$500 reinstatement fee for the Certificate of Authorization for Southland Services, which expired on 6/30/2010. Mr. Chastain moved to deny. Mr. Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Open Records Request

The Board considered an Open Records Request from Kathleen Shafeeq for certified copies of all files and records of a licensed Professional Engineer. Mr. Chastain moved to deny. Mr. Howroyd seconded. Motion carried.

Election of 2012 Board Officers

Mr. Chastain nominated Mr. Richardson for Board Chairman. Mr. Bennett seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Bennett nominated Mr. Fletcher for Board Vice-Chairman. Mr. Howroyd seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Richardson appointed Mr. Fletcher as Cognizant for PE and Mr. Chastain as Cognizant for LS.

Letter from Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

Mr. Mickler presented a letter from C. Kimberly Bakeberg from the firm of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger. Following discussion, Mr. Upson moved to ask Mr. Fletcher phone Ms. Bakeberg to clarify this issue and make general suggestions on what can and cannot be done. Mr. Bennett seconded. Motion carried. After further discussion, Mr. Bennett moved to rescind this motion. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Mickler to phone Ms. Bakeberg and refer her back to the statute.

Executive Session

At 11:05 am, Mr. Chastain moved to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Fletcher seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Chairman Richardson, Fletcher, Butler, Chastain, Howroyd, Bennett and Upson.

At 12:35 pm, Open Session was declared with the following Board Members present – Chairman Richardson, Fletcher, Butler, Chastain, Howroyd, Bennett and Upson.

Licenses Issued Since Last Meeting

Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last meeting. Mr. Chastain moved to ratify the list as presented. Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The list is as follows:

Engineers-In-Training:

EIT025086	Pinto, Joseph	EIT025095	Kendall, Preston Marion
EIT025087	Innis, Elen Melissa	EIT025096	Garrett, Jamie Vail
EIT025088	Oladapo, Olvwabiyi	EIT025097	Hixson, Kevin Thomas
EIT025089	Alford, Chandler Dean	EIT025098	Wolf, Trevor David
EIT025090	Lohsen, William Grant	EIT025099	Pierce, Jon David
EIT025091	Saunders, Zachary Ryan	EIT025100	Rochelle, Eleanor Jean
EIT025092	Rilling, Jesse Daniel	EIT025101	Nichols, Phillip James
EIT025093	Waller, Bradley Pierce	EIT025102	Turner, Franklin Davis
EIT025094	Fichthorn, Nathaniel James	EIT025103	Trawick, David Russell

Land Surveyors:

LS003258	Failla, Anthony Paul	LS003260	Mansfield, Nicholas L
LS003259	Jones, Keith B	LS003261	Stuart, Eric Breithaupt

Professional Engineers:

PE036437	Leptuch, Peter Adam	PE036488	Kraus, Kenneth L
PE036438	Rogers, Craig Dwain	PE036489	Burton, William Douglas
PE036439	Hezel, Richard Francis, II	PE036490	Wittliff, David Scott
PE036440	Maingot, Martin Rex	PE036491	Marsh, Joseph David
PE036441	Sovel, Thomas J	PE036492	Dunaway, Christian Patrick
PE036442	Murray, Bryan A	PE036493	Osbourn, Michael R
PE036443	Swing, Vernon Erik	PE036494	Perry, Spencer James, Jr
PE036444	Sheahan, Christopher James	PE036495	Zhang, Wei
PE036445	Summer, Keith Edward	PE036496	Officer, Kent
PE036446	Boyt, Benjamin Paul	PE036497	Phipps, R. Sean
PE036447	Stanley, Kenneth Eugene	PE036498	Hair, Robert Curtis
PE036448	Gustafson, Jeremy D	PE036499	Zurstadt, Gunther Byrne
PE036449	Fowler, Shaunda Lynn	PE036500	Zhu, Hongchao
PE036450	Jones, Scott Nathan	PE036501	Paez, Oscar Julian
PE036451	Sterling, Robert Andrew	PE036502	Ludlow, Scott James
PE036452	Marianos, Ward Nicholas, Jr.	PE036503	Teng, Jiangming
PE036453	Leslie, Joey P.	PE036504	Cates, Mark Aaron
PE036454	Yoos, Frederic Townsend	PE036505	Myers, Timothy James
PE036455	Yost, Thurman E, Jr	PE036506	Wilson, Joseph M
PE036456	Schwinger, Charles M	PE036507	Michels, Alan Duane
PE036457	Taylor, Joseph Bret	PE036508	Stone, Christopher M
PE036458	Facemyer, Luke Thomas	PE036509	Trimble, Mark L
PE036459	Trongtham, Narong	PE036510	Murray, Philip David
PE036460	Windham, Richard Gordon	PE036511	Wylie, Jeffery L
PE036461	Frazier, Jonathan Douglas	PE036512	Brockmeier, Neal B
PE036462	Schmaltz, Lawrence G	PE036513	McGaire, Michael A
PE036463	McGuire, Francis Paul	PE036514	Revoir, David C
PE036464	Richter, Jeanne Kathleen	PE036515	Gilsanz, Ramon Emilio
PE036465	Townsley, Steven R	PE036516	Smith, Troy Lee
PE036466	Barry, Timothy J	PE036517	Crace, Adam Alington
PE036467	Parker, Charles Dean, Jr	PE036518	Andrews, Warren Dewayne
PE036468	Flesch, Ferdinand E	PE036519	Lange, Lori J
PE036469	Evans, John Edward, IV	PE036520	Affleck, Ferrin P
PE036470	Jones, James Matthew	PE036521	Zhao, Wanchao
PE036471	Harris, Adam Whitley	PE036522	Messina, Nicholas James

PE036472	Arvelo, Abraham	PE036523	Peters, James M
PE036473	Searchrist, Steven Craig	PE036524	Tank, Heather Ann
PE036474	Wolf, Duane Arnold	PE036525	Antoni, Christopher D.
PE036475	Buchberg, Brandon Spencer	PE036526	Wellert, Robert W
PE036476	Austin, Jeffrey Scott	PE036527	Thorburn, Steven J
PE036477	Pereira, Jose Norbeto	PE036528	Almond, Hillary Liles
PE036478	Arthur, William Blount	PE036529	Jaspers, Michael R
PE036479	Edwards, Charles Douglas	PE036530	Brown, Cory A
PE036480	Sanchez, Jesus Rafael	PE036531	Carsto, Donald James, Jr.
PE036481	Guyer, Eric Paul	PE036532	Fieglein, Mark William
PE036482	Larson, Carol Nadine	PE036533	Sidhu, Harjot Singh
PE036483	Owens, Timothy M	PE036534	Davis, William A
PE036484	Mazzoni, Richard Joseph, Jr	PE036535	Freni, David Allen
PE036485	Miranda, Xavier R	PE036536	Davis, Jason Patrick
PE036486	McClure, Kenny A	PE036537	Erekson, Jon Mikhael
PE036487	Corbitt, Christopher P	PE036538	Bansen, Justin Andrew

Land Surveyor Firms:

LSF001127 Tanner & Associates
 LSF001128 Accurate Surveying and Planning, Inc.
 LSF001129 Survey Matters, LLC

Professional Engineering Firms:

PEF006109 PCS Structural Solutions
 PEF006110 Multatech Engineering, Inc. d/b/a/ Multatech
 PEF006111 Pressnell Engineering, LLC
 PEF006112 Southern Civil Solutions, LLC
 PEF006113 Kinsey Consulting Company, LLC
 PEF006114 Richard Adams Engineers & Consultants, PA
 PEF006115 Interactive Resources, Inc.
 PEF006116 Soil & Environmental Engineering
 PEF006117 Hornet Structures, Inc.
 PEF006118 Belt Engineering, LLC
 PEF006119 Hergenrether Penner McGuire Consulting Engineers, Incorporated
 PEF006120 CB Pults Consulting, Inc.
 PEF006121 Leslie & Associates, Inc.
 PEF006122 Linfield, Hunter & Junius Inc.
 PEF006123 Ref-Chem, L.P.
 PEF006124 The Cadmus Group, Inc.
 PEF006125 CSRS, Inc.
 PEF006126 Ahlberg Engineering, Inc.

PEF006127 A2L Technologies, Inc.
PEF006128 Fiedler and Associates
PEF006129 Advanced Systems Engineering, Inc.
PEF006130 CSEC, Inc.
PEF006131 Skipper Consulting, Inc.
PEF006132 Sterling Andrews Engineering, PLLC
PEF006133 Meridian Energy & Environment LLC

Reinstatements:

Mr. Upson moved to approve the following reinstatements of licensure upon payment of a \$1,000 reinstatement fee. Mr. Fletcher seconded. The motion carried. The approved list is as follows:

Augustus Anderson, PE018011
Mitchell Baker, PE026023
Marvin Bok, PE018588
Daniel McCranie, PE027595
Chris Spann, PE021975

Investigations and Complaints

Mr. Fletcher moved to adopt the following recommendations regarding complaint cases considered by the Board during the Executive Session:

PELS110032 – Closed with Letter of Concern.
PELS120021 – Table.
PELS120034 – Send to Investigations.
PELS120005 – Table.
PELS120018 – Close with Letter of Concern.
PELS120031 – Close as resolved.
PELS120029 – Send to Investigations.
PELS120030 – Close as a Civil Matter.
PELS120028 – Send to Attorney General.
PELS080071 – Terminate Probation and return status to Active.
PELS120010 – Close with no action.
PELS100002 – Sent to Investigations.
PELS110039 – Close due to no violations
PELS110040 – Tabled pending action by Executive Director.
PELS120002 – Accept Voluntary Cease & Desist Orders from Jared Brandon Emrich, Britt H. Mainor, George H. Pitts and Jeffrey Barton Emrich, all from Adel, GA.
PELS100049 – Accept signed Consent Order from Chander Prakash Nangia, PE0011131 from Houston TX assessing a \$500 fine for failing to disclose sanctions imposed by the North Carolina Board during renewal.
PELS110060 – Accept signed Consent Order from Tony Dawson, PE026263 from Conyers assessing a \$1000 fine for stamping and recording a plant with a lapsed license.

PELS110043 – Close with a Letter of Concern.

Mr. Butler seconded. Motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Mr. Upson moved to adopt the recommendations of the report on three cases of the Senior Assistant Attorney General, particularly accepting a signed Consent Order from Ronald Gudger, LS002089 from Atlanta. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Chastain moved to adjourn. Mr. Fletcher seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Elmo Richardson, Board Chairman

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

These minutes were adopted at the January 10, 2012 meeting. The next scheduled meeting is March 13, 2012.