

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, in Conference Room 102 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Michael S. Fletcher, PE, Chairman
Mark E. Chastain, LS, Vice-Chairman
Brian K. Upson, PE
George Howroyd, PE
L.H. (Dan) Davis, PE
William Womack, PE
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS

Board members absent:

Matthew W. Baxter, Consumer Member
James W. Butler, LS

Staff present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Tonya Richardson, Board Support Specialist
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Analyst
Julie Busbee, Licensure Supervisor
Annette Wimberly, Complaint Compliance Analyst

Attorney General Representative:

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General, via videoconference

Guests present:

Phillip O. Brown, SAMSOG

Call to Order

At 9:32 a.m., Chairman Fletcher established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order and welcomed Tonya Richardson, the new Board Support Specialist.

Adopt Agenda

Chairman Fletcher asked members for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Fletcher presented a draft of the August 13, 2013 Open Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Howroyd seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Professional Societies and Guests

Chairman Fletcher acknowledged the presence of Phillip O. Brown with SAMSOG. No report.

Executive Director Report

The Board discussed House Bill 188 regarding letting veterans earn qualifications in contracting, plumbing and other trades based on their military experience.

New Business

The Board voted to deny a Request for Waiver of Reinstatement Fee from Terri Bussjaeger. Mr. Davis made a motion. Mr. Richardson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 10:15 a.m., Mr. Richardson 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. Davis seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Chairman Michael Fletcher, Mark Chastain, George Howroyd, Dan Davis, Bill Womack, Elmo Richardson, and Brian Upson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors meeting was closed at 11:48 p.m. and Chairman Fletcher declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. The following Board Members were present – Chairman Michael Fletcher, Elmo Richardson, James Butler, George Howroyd, Mark Chastain, Bill Womack, Bill Upson, and Dan Davis. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Chairman Fletcher presented a draft of the August 13, 2013 Executive Session meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Upson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued Since Last Meeting

The Board reviewed a list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved. Mr. Womack made a motion to ratify licenses issued from August 13, 2013 – October 7, 2013. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Office/Investigations:

PELS130022- The Board voted to close with no action.

PELS130037- The Board voted to refer to the Attorney General for a consent order assessing a total of \$3000.00 in fines for 4 violations of statutes and 1 violation of board rules.

PELS130049- The boarded voted to close the case with letter of concern.

PELS140009- Administratively closed due to opened in error.

PELS140010- Administratively closed due to LS license is inactive and respondent resides out of state.

PELS140014- The case was referred to the Attorney General for a consent order assessing a total of \$3000.00 for 6 violations based on board rules and statutes.

PELS140015- The case was referred to the Attorney General for a consent order assessing a total of \$5000.00 for 6 violations based on board rules and statutes.

PELS130053- Richard Harrison, Newnan- Accept Cease & Desist and close. Docket no. 2013-1110.

PELS130028- Close due to investigations could not locate respondent.

PELS130034- Close with letter of concern citing statutes and board rules.

PELS130040- Administratively closed due to respondent paid \$500.00 fee to reinstate firm license.

Legal Services:

No report

Assistant Attorney General:

PELS120038- The board voted to suspend license but stay the suspension and renew license concurrent with criminal parole/probation.

PELS120026- The board voted to close the case with no action.

PELS130030- Prepare for hearing at the December meeting.

PELS130039- Attorney General and Board chairman to meet with respondent and report back to Board.

PELS120055 - Ranjan Jacob d/b/a American Do Well Engineers, Lilburn-
Accept Cease & Desist and close.

PELS130041- The board voted to close case as resolved.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Chastain moved to adjourn. Mr. Womack seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Other Business:

The Board discussed checking on Mr. Baxter and requested that Mr. Mickler speak to the Secretary of State of replacement in case there are people interested in becoming a public member.

Michael Fletcher, Board Chairman

Darren Mickler, Executive Director