

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in Conference Room 102 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Mark E. Chastain, LS, Chairman
George Howroyd, PE, Vice Chairman
Darien Sykes, PE
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS
Brian K. Upson, PE
William Womack, PE
Julie Busbee
L.H. (Dan) Davis, PE

Board members absent:

L. Russell Pennington

Staff present:

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

Attorney General Representative:

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General via teleconference

Guests present:

Phillip O. Brown, Samsog
Jennifer Head, ACEC
Michael Sullivan, ACEC
Gwen Brandon, ACEC

Call to Order

At 9:42 a.m., Chairman Chastain established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Julianne Busbee and Darien Sykes were sworn in as new board members.

Adopt Agenda

Chairman Chastain asked members for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. The agenda was adopted with changes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Fletcher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Chastain presented a draft of the December 10, 2013 Open Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Womack moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Howroyd seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Professional Societies and Guests

Chairman Fletcher acknowledged the presence of Michael Sullivan, Executive Director with ACEC Georgia, Jennifer Head with ACEC Georgia, Gwen Brandon with ACEC and Phillip O. Brown with SAMSOG. No report.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Mickler announced that Hope Floyd was our new licensing analyst for Trades 1. He discussed that the Accountancy board has requested to be moved from the Secretary of States' Office to the State of Accountants. He also discussed House Bill 294, which states that Electrical Contractor Class II; provides that a person licensed may perform low-voltage contracting without obtaining a state-wide Low-voltage Contractor Class.

Mr. Mickler announced that there were 30 open compliant cases at this time, with 8/23/2011 being the oldest case on record that was still open.

Other Business

Darien Sykes and Julianne Busbee were sworn in as new Board members.

Executive Session

At 9:59 a.m., Mr. Davis 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. Mrs. Busbee seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Chairman Mark Chastain, George Howroyd, Dan Davis, Julie Busbee, Elmo Richardson, Bill Womack, Darien Sykes and Brian Upson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors meeting was closed at 10:47 a.m. and Chairman Chastain 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 – Board Chairman Mark Chastain, George Howroyd, Dan Davis, Julie Busbee, Elmo Richardson, Bill Womack, Darien Sykes and Brian Upson. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Chairman Chastain presented a draft of the January 7, 2014 Executive Session meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Womack 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. Davis made a motion to ratify licenses issued from January 7, 2014 – March 10, 2014. Mr. Womack seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Office/Investigations:

Elmo Richardson moved and Dan Davis seconded to accept the IC recommendations as follows:

PELS130056	Forward to Attorney General for consent order.
PELS120021	Close with Letter of Concern.
PELS130017	Close with Letter of Concern.
PELS130012	Forward to Attorney General for consent order.
PELS140011	Close with no action.
PELS140013	Close with Letter of Concern.
PELS130050	Forward to Attorney General for consent order.
PELS140025	Tabled.
PELS140028	Close with no action.

Other Complaint recommendations:

PELS 120035- Elmo Richardson moved and William Womack seconded to close with no action.

DJP- Open Records request- Elmo Richardson moved and Dan Davis seconded to deny the Open Records Request.

Legal Services:

PELS130018- Kerry Pickett, PE- Elmo Richardson moved and William Womack seconded to accept the consent order for renewal and close.

Assistant Attorney General:

No new activity

Reinstatements

Charlotte Mason presented the following reinstatement of licensure:

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the applicant for reinstatement by examination. Mr. Howroyd seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- PE023776, Bruce Nevel

Mr. Richardson made recommendation to table this case to get more information. Mr. Howroyd seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- PE023163, Francis, McElhenny

Election of Officers for Investigative Committee

Mr. Howroyd made a motion to nominate Mr. Davis as a new member of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Investigative Committee. Mrs. Busbee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

At **11:06** a.m., Mr. Richardson moved to re-enter 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. Mrs. Busby seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Chairman Mark Chastain, George Howroyd, Dan Davis, Julie Busbee, Elmo Richardson, Bill Womack, Darien Sykes and Brian Upson.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to close the following case and close with no action. Mrs. Howroyd seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **120035**

Mr. Richardson declared open session at **11:09** a.m.

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Chastain moved to adjourn. Mr. Richardson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Mark Chastain, Board Chairman

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

These minutes were adopted at the Tuesday, March 11, 2014 meeting. The next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2014.