

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in Conference Room 102 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

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

Board members absent:

Mark E. Chastain, LS, Chairman

Staff present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensure Supervisor

Attorney General Representative:

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Phillip O. Brown, SAMSOG
Josh L. Lewis, SAMSOG

Call to Order

At 9:41 a.m., Vice Chairman Howroyd established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Adopt Agenda

Vice Chairman Howroyd 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. Womack seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Howroyd presented a draft of the March 11, 2014 Open Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to approve the minutes as with edits. Mr. Upson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Professional Societies and Guests

Vice Chairman Howroyd acknowledged the presence of Phillip O. Brown and Josh Lewis with SAMSOG. No report.

Public Hearing for Board Rule 180-3-.01

A Public Hearing was held regarding changes that were made to Board Rule 180-03-.01. Mr. Richardson moved to accept these changes and adopt the Rule. Mr. Pennington seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richardson moved that the formulation and adoption of Board Rule 180-03-.01 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.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4(a) (Adoption of rules and regulations), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-6(a) (General Powers of the Board), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-8 (Engineer-in-training certificate; eligibility), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-9 (Professional engineer certificate of registration; eligibility), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-10 (Evaluation of engineering experience), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-11 (Professional Engineers exam), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-12 (Land Surveyor-In-Training Certificate; eligibility), O.C.G.A. § 43-15-13 (Land Surveyor Certification of Registration; eligibility), and O.C.G.A. § 43-15-15 (Applications for certificates) 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. Pennington seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Mickler announced that Ava Walker was our new Licensing Analyst and Somer Stafford was our new Board Support Specialist for Trades 1.

Executive Session

At 9:49 a.m., Mr. Upson 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 Vice Chairman George Howroyd, Dan Davis, Julie Busbee, Elmo Richardson, Bill Womack, Darien Sykes, Russ Pennington and Brian Upson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors meeting was closed at 10:43 a.m. and Vice Chairman Howroyd 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 Vice Chairman George Howroyd, Dan Davis, Julie Busbee, Elmo Richardson, Bill Womack, Darien Sykes, Russ Pennington and Brian Upson. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Vice Chairman Howroyd presented a draft of the March 11, 2014 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. Mrs. Busbee made a motion to ratify licenses issued from March 11, 2014 – May 12, 2014. Mr. Richardson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Attorney General:

PELS120046 – **Jeffrey Endres, PE** – Accept signed Consent Order and close.

PELS130050 – **James Rader, LS** – Accept signed Consent Order and close.

PELS130056 – **Larry Jones, LS** – Accept signed Consent Order and close.

PELS130012 – Close with a letter of Concern.

Legal Services:

No report

Reinstatements

Charlotte Mason presented the following reinstatement of licensure:

Mr. Richardson made a recommendation to table this request until further information has been obtained. Mr. Busbee seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- PE023163, Francis, McElhenny

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, Russ Pennington and Brian Upson.

Mr. Richardson declared open session at **11:15** a.m.

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Howroyd moved to adjourn. Mr. Richardson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:22a.m.

Mark Chastain, Board Chairman

Darren Mickler, Executive Director