

SOUTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND SURVEYORS

Board Meeting
August 5, 2008

110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-02, Columbia, SC

Call to Order – Chairman, M. L. Love, P.E., called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board Members present were Gene Dinkins, P.E. and L.S.; Thurl Amick, Sr., L.S.; Anderson Kinghorn, Jr., P.E.; Nancy Cottingham, Public Member; Theresa Hodge, P.E.; Charles Joye, II, P.E.; and Cecil O Huey, Ph.D., P.E.. Also present were Jan Simpson, Board Administrator; Melissa Jones, Program Assistant; Todd Bond, Investigator; and Sharon Dantzler; LLR Attorney. Other attendees: Joe Jones, Executive Director of SCSPE.

The Board conducted **Application Hearings for Alpha Engineering and Associates, Ryan Marino, and Stephen McEwan**. At the conclusion of the Hearings, Chairman Love called the Board meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Administrator Simpson stated the **public notice** of the meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Engineer Technology Review Committee Report (John B. Walsh, Charles W. Wilson, Jr., Mark Elrod, and Richard Tarbet) – Motion by Love and Huey, Second by Dinkins: To approve Mr. Walsh, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Elrod, and Mr. Tarbet for licensure as Professional Engineers in South Carolina through the portfolio process. Motion carried.

Review Agenda -- Administrator Simpson reviewed the agenda.

August Board meeting minutes -- Motion by Amick, Second by Hodge: To approve the minutes of the meeting on June 3, 2008, after two corrections are made. Motion carried.

IRC Recommendations – Todd Bond, Investigator
Mr. Bond reviewed his case list. Upon motion by Joye/Amick, the Board voted to dismiss Case # 2008-10 and Case # 2008-12 and to file a formal complaint in Case #2008-8 and Case # 2008-9. Motion carried.

The list of Consent Agreements, Letter of Caution, and Cease and Desist Orders resulting from applications-related issues was reviewed.

Administrator's Report -- Online renewals were very successful. The next renewals in 2010 will be handled by the Renewals section of the Licensing Division. Paper forms will not be made available unless there are extenuating circumstances.

In the past few weeks, many of our staff members have moved to different office spaces to accommodate the changes necessitated by the creation of a Licensing division. No staff members have been reassigned, but I expect that to happen in the next 6-12 months.

LLR is in the process of imaging as many paper documents as possible. We have imaged files for over 500 individuals and 600 firms, and will begin imaging firm renewal forms for 2006 and other files. The goal is to image all existing licensing files and to image applications as they are submitted.

Review of Resolutions for consideration at Annual Meeting -- Mr. Dinkins reported on the Resolutions that the Board will vote on at the NCEES Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in August.

Professional Practice Examination -- Ms. Cottingham discussed having a feasibility study to determine if a Professional Practice exam should become part the Professional Engineering Exam. A presentation will be made at the NCEES Annual Meeting and a vote will be taken.

Review of Board Policies -- Carried over to September 23, 2008, Board Meeting.

Develop an unexcused absences policy for the Board -- After a brief discussion, the Board decided to draft a proposed policy on unexcused absence and vote on it at the September 23, 2008, Board Meeting.

Final review of proposed Regulations -- After a discussion, the Board finalized the proposed Regulations. The Board proposes to update and clarify existing regulations and to make the regulations agree with current statutory language.

Clarification of Regulation 49-200 (C) regarding FE Exams -- After a brief discussion regarding an inquiry from an out-of-state applicant on Regulation 49-200(C), the Board concluded that both the FE and the PE exams taken by out-of-state comity applicants must have been prepared and graded by NCEES. The only exception is when an applicant's exams were prepared by the state board in the same year in which South Carolina applicants took a state-prepared exam, prior to usage of the NCEES exams. Board records indicate that beginning in December 1967, PE and FE exams were prepared and graded by NCEES.

Development of Exam for software engineers -- Carried over to September 23, 2008, Board Meeting.

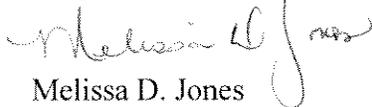
Negotiation of fine for a Consent Agreement -- After a brief discussion, the Board decided that Ms. Simpson is not authorized to negotiate a fine amount in a proposed Consent Agreement. Should someone object to the amount of a fine, he/she may ask for a hearing before the Board.

Richland County Requirements for notes on Plats – Carried over to September 23, 2008, Board Meeting.

Regulation 49-420 (C) Retention of Plats – Carried over to September 23, 2008 Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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