

MINUTES
South Carolina Board for Registration for
Professional Engineers and Surveyors
Board Meeting
9:30 a.m., February 28, 2012
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Call to Order

Chairwoman Theresa Hodge, P.E., called the meeting to order on February 28, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. Board Members present were Timothy Rickborn, P.E.; Thurl M. Amick, Sr., PLS; Nancy W. Cottingham; M.L. Love, Jr., P.E.; Charles Joye, II, PE; Dennis Fallon, P.E.; and Gene Dinkins, PLS, P.E.

Staff members included Jan Simpson, Administrator; Missy D. Jones, Program Assistant; and Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant. LLR employees attending the meeting included: James Saxon, Advice Counsel.

Statement of public notice

Mrs. Hodge stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of the Registration for Engineers and Surveyors office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/engineers

Board Chairman Hodge introduced the Board and welcomed everyone that was in attendance.

Approval of the January 24, 2012, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 24, 2012. Love/Amick/Approved.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hodge moved Item 9 before Item 6.

Reports

Investigative Review Committee Report – Sharon Wolfe

There are 8 active investigations in OIE. The oldest case is 600 days old.

Motion: To accept Investigative Review Committee Report. Joye/Fallon/Approved.

Office of General Counsel

There is 1 open case in OGC and 9 closed cases. There is 1 case on appeal at the Administrative Law Court (ALC).

Report on Administrative Actions – Missy Jones

The Board reviewed the report. The Board asked staff to check the formulas used to calculate fines to ensure that a consistent standard is being applied to all consent agreements.

Administrator’s Report – see attached

Financial Report – Jan Simpson

Financial reports for January 2012 were distributed to the Board. At the next meeting, the Board would like to discuss ways to utilize the Research and Education Fund to provide more continuing education opportunities.

Unfinished Business

Construction Staking

Mr. Amick provided a position paper regarding construction staking and asked the board to adopt a policy that construction staking is the practice of surveying and that only licensed individuals are authorized to perform construction staking.

Motion: To accept the guidelines as presented by Mr. Amick concerning construction surveys. Amick/Joye/Failed (2 to 6).

Documentation of Work Experience – Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

New Business

Working on Federal Land -- Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Repeat Exam Candidates -- Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Online Registering of PDH’s in South Carolina -- Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Firm and Branch Office Licenses -- Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Work/Training Session

Foreign Experience -- Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Masters as One Year Experience if not in Engineering -- Carried over to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy D. Jones
Program Assistant

LLR Updates – Director Catherine Templeton's appointment as Director of DHEC is before the Senate for confirmation.

NCEES Member Board Administrator meeting

NCEES hosted the administrators for a one-day meeting in Atlanta on February 8. There were updates on progress of converting to computer-based testing (FE and FS), discussions about eligibilities after failing the computer exam 3 times, outreach to "influencers" regarding the computer-based exam (e.g., educators, employers, professional societies); decreasing number of exam irregularities; decreasing incidents of copy/collusion. After Fall 2012, NCEES will have an e-reference manual available as well as a tutorial and sample exam. Pearson Vue is opening new test centers. They also reported that Records are being streamlined, updating experience annually and requiring verification. Verification forms will be on website for Board staff to download.

Other topics for Board consideration:

- Licensure eligibility of candidates in foreign countries who have taken/passed FE and PE exams. Within 2 years, exams will be given in 17 countries. Acceptance of foreign experience is on this meeting's agenda
- Should language be added to statutes regarding "invalidating" exam scores?
- Offering state-specific exams in board offices on a regular basis or offering it online
- Making up deficiencies identified in education evaluations – 16 states don't require deficiencies in humanities and social sciences to be made up, 12 states require all deficiencies to be made up.
- Acceptance of transcripts sent electronically through a third-party, secured website

Financial Reports – See item 9e in board meeting packets (reports through January 2012)

*****Licensure Stats to be later*****