



# **Board of Professional Engineering**

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### **Minutes Thursday December 1, 2022**

*Via Microsoft Teams*

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present via Microsoft Teams: Scott Sabol P.E., Chair; Claus Bartenstein, P.E., Vice-Chair; Nathan Mascolino, P.E. Secretary; and John Pitrowski, P.E. Absent: Brad Aldrich, P.E. and Bonnie Giuliani, Public member.

OPR Personnel present via Microsoft Teams: Gabriel Gilman, Esq. and Kara Shangraw, Licensing Administrator II.

Others present: John Lens, P.E. and Anthony Flynn, P.E. (NY).

2. The Chair called for the approval of the minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Bartenstein, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mascolino, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Disciplinary Matters**

4. **Application Review**

Mr. Pitrowski moved, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, to approve the following applicant(s) for licensure on the basis of endorsement from another state and/or their National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Record indicating "Model Law Engineer." Motion passed unanimously.

Godfrey, Paul (Civil)

Markowski, Geoff (Civil)

Papa, Anthony (**Structural I not Structural II**)

Mr. Mascolino, moved, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, to approve the following applicant for licensure on the basis of endorsement from another state and based on the discussion of item 5 of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Kempainen, Paul (Architectural Engineer)

Mr. Pitrowski, moved, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, to approve the following applicant(s) to sit for the Principles and Practice examination. Motion passed unanimously.

Fragnoli, Jacob (Mechanical)

## **5. Topics for Discussion**

After review and discussion of public comments received, and following deliberation and conversation among those present, the Board took up the duly warned question:

*Shall the Board recognize Architectural Engineering as a distinct specialty discipline and recognize the associated NCEES Examination as a qualifying credential for that specialty?*

Following discussion, Mr. Mascolino moved, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, that the Board act affirmatively on the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff will update online content to reflect recognition of the newly-added specialty category and will reach out to known, interested stakeholders.

## **6. Administrative Updates**

Ms. Shangraw discussed with the Board the number of applications that have been processed and approved since the last meeting. There have been 43 applications approved since their last meeting.

## **7. Other Business**

The Board reviewed NCEES's memorandum inviting nominations for the NCEES National Awards for the "Distinguished Exam Service" award. Members discussed emeritus member William Atkinson's considerable contributions to the field. Following discussion, Mr. Mascolino moved to nominate William Atkinson for the award. Mr. Bartenstein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **8. Correspondence**

The Board discussed an email request from John Lens, P.E., who attended to speak in person as well. Mr. Lens, a professor in UVM's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, asked whether P.E. participation in student capstone project reviews may be credited toward the PDH (continuing education) requirements set out in Section 2.11 of the administrative rules. There was consensus among all present that P.E. participation in capstone project reviews involves exposure to new concepts and imparts an opportunity to develop professionally by way of teaching P.E.s in training and is therefore consistent with the letter and spirit of Section 2.11. A concise confirming letter from the hosting school documenting the topic areas and time involved would be appropriate to document participation for PDH credit.

## **9. Public Comment**

## **10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw  
Licensing Administrator II

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, February 2, 2023  
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