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Minutes of the January 29, 2015 Open Meeting

Board members arrive early and begin processing applications. The following attendance was recorded:

Board Members Present

Dennis Drumm, PLS, Chairman
Joel Goodmonson, PE, Vice Chair
Peter Hale, PLS, Secretary
Paul Tyrell, PE-PLS
Scott Cameron, PLS
Daniel Caron, PE
John Duff Jr., PE
Ronald Willey, PE (arrived at 9:45)
Maurice Pilette, PE
Edward Englander, Esq. Public Member

Board Members Absent

Division Staff Members present at various times during the meeting:

Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Susan Coco, Administrative Assistant

1. Chairman Dennis Drumm opened the meeting at 9:25.
2. Staff informed attendees of the building's emergency evacuation procedures.
3. John Duff Jr. moved, seconded by Peter Hale, to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2014 open meeting. The Chair suggested an edit to paragraph 10. Motion to accept the minutes as amended passed.
4. The Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Annual election of officers. Joel Goodmonson nominated the current slate, seconded by Scott Cameron. Joel Goodmonson moved that the secretary cast a single vote, seconded by Scott Cameron. Peter Hale cast the single ballot for the current slate. Motion Passed. Board Officers for calendar year FY 2015 are:

Dennis Drumm, PLS, Chairman; Joel Goodmonson PE, Vice Chairman; Peter Hale, PLS, Secretary

5. Paul Tyrell reported that on January 13, 2015 a subcommittee met to interview engineering applicants who applied under classification 'E'. The subcommittee recommends approval of applicant 1001097 to take the Control Systems PE examination. Peter Hale moved to accept the sub-committee's recommendation, seconded by Joel Goodmonson. Motion passed.
6. Paul Tyrell reported that the subcommittee recommends approval of applicant 1001378 to take the Civil PE examination. Peter Hale moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation, seconded by Joel Goodmonson. Motion passed.



7. Paul Tyrell reported that the subcommittee recommends approval of applicant 1001214 to take the Electrical PE examination. Peter Hale moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation, seconded by Joel Goodmonson. Motion passed.
8. Dennis Drumm reported that on January 13, 2015 a subcommittee met to interview land survey applicants. Four applicants were interviewed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee recommends approval of candidates 1001295; 1001145; 1001365 to sit for the PLS and/or State exams, but the subcommittee recommended applicant 57966 obtain one more year of experience. Peter Hale moved, seconded by Edward Englander to accept the subcommittee's recommendations. Motion passed.
9. NCEES is now offering a 'software engineering' exam. The Board discussed this new exam and had many questions. The discussion was tabled. Paul Tyrell will research NCEES for more information about the new examination and Board Counsel will research relevant legal issues.
10. The Board discussed recent NCEES updates to the PE Agricultural examination, effective April 2015. These updates include changing the name of the PE Agricultural exam to the PE Agricultural and Biological Engineering exam. Board staff updated the Board with regard to further information received from NCEES which explained that the prior Agricultural examination contained biological content but that more biological content was added to the updated examination. The Board discussed whether or not a new discipline will need to be added to the database. The Board determined that an additional discipline was not needed, but rather to change the name of the current Agricultural discipline to Agricultural and Biological.
(Ron Willey arrived at 9:45 am)
11. Both Paul Tyrell and Ron Willey attended the NCEES Central/Northeast Zone meeting. Paul provided a report to the Board about the meeting.
12. At 9:50 John Duff Jr. recused by leaving the room. The Board discussed a new letter from Joseph Vela dated December 31, 2014. The Board received, reviewed and discussed the letter. Paul Tyrell moved, seconded by Joel Goodmonson, to inform Mr. Vela that the Board's position as articulated in previous correspondence by Board Counsel to Mr. Vela remains unchanged. Motion passed.
13. John Duff Jr. returned to the room.
14. Paul Tyrell and Ron Willey and John Duff Jr. will attend the NCEES Interim Zone Meeting.
15. Update on regulation process—Board Counsel informed the Board that the new governor has established a pause on the filing of new regulations. Board Counsel will update the Board when this pause has been lifted.
16. Comity applicant 1001294 applied for the Civil discipline and is licensed as a Civil engineer, but his experience is not civil. The Board approved him to be licensed.
17. Comity applicant 1001147 applied for the Structural discipline. The exam this applicant took was a state specific exam in 1974. The Board determined that a letter should be written to the Colorado State Board regarding whether the state exam is substantially equivalent to the NCEES prepared exam.

18. At 10:25 Mr. Englander moved, seconded by Scott Cameron, to suspend the public meeting and enter into closed session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to discuss EN 14-007 and EN 15-001.

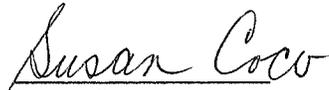
Public Session resumed.

19. Report of actions taken during Investigative Conference: John Duff Jr moved to accept the committee's recommendations and take the following actions, seconded by Scott Cameron. Motion Passed.

EN 14-007: Dismissed

EN 15-001: Sent to Prosecutions

20. At 10:45 the Open Board meeting adjourned.



Susan Coco,

Administrative Assistant

Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Documents Used at the public session of the Board Meeting:

Agenda of January 29, 2015 meeting

Draft Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Open meeting

Letter from Joseph Vela dated December 31, 2014