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Minutes of the February 26, 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

1. Chairman Dennis Drumm opened the meeting at 9:25.
2. The Chair confirmed that all attendees were aware of the building's emergency evacuation procedures.
3. Scott Cameron moved, seconded by Paul Tyrell, to accept the minutes from the January 29, 2015 open meeting. Mr. Duff suggested an edit to paragraph 14 to show that he will also attend the April conference. Motion to accept the minutes as amended passed.
4. Central/Northeast Zone Joint interim meeting invitation information - Funded Delegates. The Board discussed the members attending the Zone meeting in April. Paul Tyrell and John Duff are the funded delegates. Ron Willey is attending as well but since he is an officer of a Zone committee he is not considered one of the two funded delegates. The Chair asked whether the April board meeting should be rescheduled for a week earlier to ensure maximum board attendance. Several members indicated that they would not be available to meet a week earlier. The Chair stated that the April meeting would remain scheduled for April 30, 2015.
5. Email from Chad Duffy dated February 10, 2015 re: Canadian degree/classification E. The Board discussed this email asking whether his non-ABET Canadian degree would be credited towards the number of years of work experience under Classification E (twenty year candidate). Mr. Goodmonson noted that it is clear that his degree is not ABET equivalent and therefore no need to require him to get an equivalency assessment. Mr. Pilette stated that the Board would need to evaluate both his years of work experience and his education, the Board may not find that all of his work experience constitutes qualifying experience and therefore we cannot answer his question as to whether he would have sufficient years of experience without an application before the Board. The Board directed staff to respond that the Board needs to look at both work experience and educational qualifications and that he



would need to file an application in order for the Board to determine whether he has 20 years of qualifying work experience as required to sit for the PE examination under Classification E.

6. NCEES semiannual president's assembly report: Chairman Drumm updated the Board on topics discussed at the NCEES conference that he and Ms. LeBel recently attended in Atlanta, GA.
 - NCEES is looking at ways to establish uniformity among continuing education requirements among the states. Licensees complain that it is overly burdensome to meet the specific requirements of each state. However, uniformity will be difficult because some state boards are extremely particular regarding what courses qualify.
 - NCEES has also bought a software company that allows for the creation of non-multiple choice questions for a computer based examination. NCEES envisions that this software may be useful to the boards in the future when creating state jurisprudence examinations; however, it is not ready yet.
 - NCEES is interested in administering state specific jurisprudence examinations.
 - NCEES is engaged in an effort to combine its various databases.
 - With regard to licensing software engineers, Chairman Drumm learned that the states who offer the software examination have not discussed whether this will require all individuals engaged in software engineering to obtain a PE license. The Representative from Texas who is pushing for licensure of software engineering did not need to address the issue of unlicensed practice because in Texas it merely gives a person the opportunity to become licensed and call themselves a PE, it does not mandate that all individuals who practice that form of engineering be licensed.
7. Software engineering: Board members discussed the number of questions that would need to be answered if the Board began offering applicants the opportunity to take the PE examination in software engineering. The Board discussed what software engineering entailed and the application of the manufacturer exemption to certain types of software work. Mr. Tyrell moved, seconded by Mr. Englander, to not offer the PE examination in the discipline of software engineering at this time. Motion passed.
8. Board Counsel stated that the Board needed to review the character of applicants: 1001383, 58021, AR, and that it was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Englander moved, seconded by Mr. Goodmonson, to enter Executive Session to comply with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of reviewing an applicant's good moral character rather than professional competence and pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with or exercise the Board's authority under G.L. C. 66, § 10; G.L. c. 4 § 7 para. 26(a) & (c) and G.L. c. 6, s. 172. Roll call vote: Members in favor: Dennis Drumm, Joel Goodmonson, Peter Hale, John Duff Jr., Ron Willey, Scott Cameron, Dan Caron; Paul Tyrell, Edward Englander and Maurice Pilette. Members Opposed: None. Motion passed. The Chair estimated that public session would resume in 10 minutes.
9. Public session resumed.

10. At 10:45 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 recommendations of the Complaint Committee.

Public Session resumed at 10:50.

11. Report of actions taken during Investigative Conference:

EN 15-003 Dismiss
SA EN 15-007 Dismiss
EN 15-006 Dismiss
EN 15-002 Dismiss
EN 15-004 Forward to Prosecutions

12. At 10:54 the Open Board meeting adjourned.



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Board Counsel
Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Documents Used at the public session of the Board Meeting:

Agenda of February 26, 2015 meeting
Draft Minutes of the January 29, 2015 Open meeting
Email from Chad Duffy dated February 10, 2015 re: Canadian degree/classification E.