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Commonwealth of Massachusetts **Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**

Minutes of the August 7th, 2025 Open Meeting

Subcommittee Members Present Remotely:

Paul Tyrell, PE, PLS, Chairman Ronald Willey, PE, Vice Chairman Azu Etoniru, PE, PLS Shallan Fitzgerald, PE

Subcommittee Members Not Present:

Daniel Caron, PE Joyce Hastings, PLS Nancy Gould, PE

Members of the Public Present:

DOL Staff Members Present at Various Times during the Meeting:

Cameron Lease, Executive Director Colleen Maloney, Deputy Commissioner of Boards and Policy Charles Kilb, Board Counsel

Discussion Items

- 1. Discuss Digitization of Jurisprudence Examination
 - a. Colleen Maloney updated subcommittee members on DOL's new database and effort to bring more state exams in-house, and that DOL would like to administer the JP Exam. DOL would like to work with the subcommittee to develop exam logistics, regardless of whether DOL administers the exam or a vendor does. DOL already does administer some exams, and has had issues with vendors in the past, which is why the state would like to bring the exam in-house.
 - b. Paul Tyrell expressed concern about exam security for an in-house exam and said that vendors could provide security better than the state. A security breach could result in significant issues.
 - c. Azu Etoniru echoed the concerns of Paul Tyrell.
 - d. Colleen Maloney requested to visit an administration of the JP Exam.
 - Paul Tyrell said that a visit can be arranged, and explained that in terms of logistics, certain materials need to be able to be brought into the exam and questioned whether the state or any vendor can manage that. He explained the process for scoring the exam. He asked what digital platform the state would

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- utilize to administer the exam and listed the various features the platform would need.
- f. Subcommittee members discussed examples of JP Exam questions and how to review samples.
- g. Paul Tyrell said there is a limited question bank which limits the amount of times the exam can be administered each year. The bank could be expanded, or a digital platform could assist. He suggested meeting with the JP Exam Subcommittee to discuss administration, soliciting assistance from NCEES, and clarifying the digitization options.
- h. Colleen Maloney said the state will look into capabilities the digital platform could have and view an administration of the JP Exam. Outstanding questions for the subcommittee are the size of the question bank, frequency of exam administration, and scoring.
- i. Subcommittee members discussed next steps and agreed to reconvene in September after doing some research.

Adjournment

Documents used at the public meeting:

Agenda