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

Minutes of the September 25th, 2025 Open Meeting

The following attendance was recorded:

Board Members Present Remotely

Paul Tyrell, PE, PLS, Chairman
Paul Tsang, PE
Daniel Caron, PE
Nancy Gould, PE
Edward Englander, Esq., Public Member
Kenneth Anderson, PLS
Shallan Fitzgerald, PE
Joyce Hastings, PLS
Ronald Willey, PE, Vice Chairman
Azu Etoniru, PE, PLS, Secretary

Board Members Not Present

Members of the Public Present Remotely

JP Ramos
Tripp Whalen
Melissa Cannata
Yoseph Gebeyaw
Marie Nebesky
Marta Cipolla
David Mejorado
Tim Shuipis

DOL Staff Members Present Remotely

Cameron Lease, Executive Director
Charles Kilb, Board Counsel
Eric Funk, Board Administrator
Colleen Maloney, Associate Deputy Commissioner
Nathan Begeal, Legal Intern

Approval of Meeting Minutes

At 9:00 AM Cameron Lease announced that the meeting was being recorded and by staying in the meeting, attendees consent to being recorded.

Chair asked for a motion to open the public meeting.

Edward Englander moved to open the public meeting.



Daniel Caron seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 8-0. Members in favor: Chair Paul Tyrell, Edward Englander, Daniel Caron, Joyce Hastings, Nancy Gould, Paul Tsang, Ronald Willey, Azu Etoniru
Members opposed: none. Members abstaining: none.

1. August 28th Meeting

- Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28th, 2025 Open Meeting.
- Edward Englander moved to approve the minutes of the August 28th, 2025 Open Meeting.
- Daniel Caron seconded the motion.
- Chair asked for any edits to the minutes.
- Azu Etoniru said he had no edits to the minutes.
- The motion passed by a roll call vote of 8-0. Members in favor: Chair Paul Tyrell, Nancy Gould, Joyce Hastings, Edward Englander, Daniel Caron, Azu Etoniru, Ronald Willey, Paul Tsang. Members opposed: none. Members abstaining: none.

Discussion Items

1. Comments from Chair

- a. Chair provided a safety reminder for everyone to be careful of children crossing the road now that schools are back in session.

2. United Kingdom Mutual Recognition Agreement (UK MRA) Presentation

- a. Chair welcomed UK MRA presenters and explained that the Board has taken action to propose regulatory changes that would allow the Board to join the UK MRA.
- b. Tripp Whalen from the British Consulate in Boston introduced himself.
- c. Marta Cipolla from the UK Engineering Council introduced herself.
- d. Marie Nebesky from NCEES introduced herself.
- e. Chair asked how many member boards have signed on to the UK MRA.
- f. Marie Nebesky said 13 boards are accepting reciprocal members, and 28 boards have signed intents to participate.
- g. Tripp Whalen explained the background behind the UK MRA. The goal is to allow engineers from the UK to practice in the US and vice versa and to blend expertise between the UK and states in the US. More Boards are signing on to the UK MRA through various efforts of British Consulates across the US. The process of joining the MRA was explained. There have been some UK engineers who have come to the US and received licensure in other states through this MRA so far. Tripp Whalen asked for any questions.
- h. Ronald Willey expressed support for joining the MRA.
- i. Daniel Caron asked whether the agreement was limited to the UK.
- j. Cameron Lease said the UK MRA is specific to the UK but the regulatory change would allow for any other foreign jurisdiction.
- k. Kenneth Anderson asked whether the letter of intent is different from the regulations.
- l. Chair said yes.
- m. Ronald Willey asked what encompasses the UK these days.
- n. Tripp Whalen defined the country.
- o. Charles Kilb described the regulatory change that will be voted on later.
- p. Marta Cipolla offered to answer any questions.
- q. Ronald Willey reiterated his support for the MRA in the name of diversity.

Board Counsel Legal Report

Executive Director Report

1. NCEES Enforcement Exchange
2. Case Status Report

Review of Applications

1. Application Questions
2. Applicant Suitability Discussion (if required)
3. Application Review Report
 - a. Chair asked for a motion to approve the Application Review Report.
 - b. Ronald Willey moved to approve the Application Review Report.
 - c. Azu Etoniru seconded the motion.
 - d. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 10-0. Members in favor: Chair Paul Tyrell, Azu Etoniru, Ronald Willey, Kenneth Anderson, Daniel Caron, Paul Tsang, Edward Englander, Shallen Fitzgerald, Joyce Hastings, Nancy Gould. Members opposed: none. Members abstaining: none.
4. Applicant Yoseph Gebeyaw
 - a. Eric explained that Mr. Gebeyaw is in attendance so the Board can clarify the application requirements.
 - b. Chair told the applicant that his construction experience did not qualify as required engineering design experience sufficient for the application.
 - c. Yoseph Gebeyaw shared details of his experience.
 - d. Chair reiterated that this did not constitute engineering design experience.
5. Chair scheduled a meeting to discuss PLS applicants for the JP Exam.

Subcommittee Meetings and Reports

1. Regulation Review Subcommittee
 - a. Report on Proposed Regulatory Changes
 - i. Chair introduced the mandate of the Regulation Review Subcommittee.
 - ii. Cameron Lease explained that the Subcommittee voted to send the draft to the Board for review.
 - iii. Charles Kilb explained the draft changes.
 - iv. Daniel Caron asked about the language included in 250 CMR 3.05(12).
 - v. Charles Kilb explained the thinking behind that language addition.
 - b. Full Board Vote on Regulatory Changes to 250 CMR to begin formal hearing process
 - i. Chair asked for a motion to approve the proposed regulatory changes.
 - ii. Kenneth Anderson moved to approve the proposed regulatory changes.
 - iii. Azu Etoniru seconded the motion.
 - iv. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 10-0. Members in favor: Chair Paul Tyrell, Azu Etoniru, Ronald Willey, Kenneth Anderson, Daniel Caron, Paul Tsang, Edward Englander, Shallen Fitzgerald, Joyce Hastings, Nancy Gould. Members opposed: none. Members abstaining: none.
2. JP Exam Digitization Subcommittee
 - a. Chair explained the process of digitization of the exam, that DOL is investigating the process of bringing the exam in-house. Members expressed a desire for the DOL to observe the exam administration.
 - b. Paul Tsang asked to be added to the subcommittee.
 - c. Chair confirmed.

Correspondence

Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Public Comment

Chair asked for a motion to close the public meeting and move into Investigative Conference.
Kenneth Anderson moved to close the public meeting and move into Investigative Conference.
Edward Englander seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 10-0. Members in favor: Chair Paul Tyrell, Azu Etoniru, Ronald Willey, Kenneth Anderson, Paul Tsang, Edward Englander, Joyce Hastings, Nancy Gould, Daniel Caron. Members opposed: none. Members abstaining: none.

Executive Session

CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), Individual Character Rather Than Competence

Quasi-Judicial Session

CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18

Investigative Conference

CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

1. 2025-000792-IT-ENF - Dismiss
2. 2025-000730-IT-ENF - Dismiss
3. 2025-000722-IT-ENF - Dismiss
4. 2025-000715-IT-ENF - Dismiss

Adjournment

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting please reach out to Cheryl Yebba at 617-701-8711. The Agency will make best efforts to accommodate requests received in a timely manner.