**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

**District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**

**1100 4th Street SW; Suite 500**

**Washington, DC 20024**

**February 22, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

***This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act.  Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at******opengovoffice@dc.gov****.” 3 DCMR § 10409.2*

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 11:02 AM. This meeting was held virtually.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman, Ms. MaryJean Pajak, Mr. Michael Jalen, Roland Carter, Mr. Michael McKenna

Absent: Mr. Sam Wilson

Board Staff: Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Ms. Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Justin Orrison, Esq

Public Guest: Mr. Hirday Gill, Anjali Gupta, Mr. Christophe Locussol, Mr. Brian

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The Board welcomes Mr. Michael Jalen, PE. He was officially sworn in on February 20, 2024. Welcome, Mr. Jelen.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

All public guests who joined the meeting inquired about the status of their reinstatement applications. Ms. Pearson reviewed and approved all applications following the meeting.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 25, 2024, meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Carter the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 25, 2024, list of administrative-approved list of Professional Engineers' applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the January 25, 2024, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Ms. Pearson provided additional information regarding decoupling. NCEES does not have any specific data that shows decoupling has increased licensing. Ms. Pearson will talk to jurisdictions that have adopted decoupling to get additional information regarding continuing education.

Ms. Pearson gave an update on the upcoming 2024 Interim Zone Meeting that will be held at the Watergate Hotel; May 2-4, 2024.

The Education Forum will be held April 24, 2024; 9a-12p. This will be a virtual event to give DC licensees an opportunity to obtain 1-3 credits.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

The Board will further explore what acceptable identification documents will be accepted from foreign applicants.

The NCEES Special Committee proposed changes to be made to the NCEES Bylaws. These changes will be reviewed/voted on at the August NCEES Annual Meeting. A copy of this draft was distributed to the Board for review and discussion at future meetings.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session** – **(Closed to the Public)**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board entered Executive Session at 11:48 am to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications, and review the Legal Counsel Report. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (9) and (13).

The Board returned to public session at 12:37 pm

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Shanda Valentine vs Daniel Watkins to review the legal matter in a special meeting in April.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to defer Mr. Shakeri’s application until additional information is provided.

Mr. Lewis informed the Board that he is in the process of working with the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA) to set up the required Board training.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024 @ 11am.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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 Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator