**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

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

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

**Washington, DC 20024**

**September 22, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 11:04 AM. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman, Ms. MaryJean Pajak, Mr. Sam Wilson, Roland Carter

Absent: Mr. Michael McKenna

Board Staff: Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator; Mr. Leon Lewis, Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Ms. Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Mr. Patrick White, Esq.

Public Members: Mr. Robert Praga

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

**Question:** Mr. Praga inquired about why his application was not approved. He has an undergraduate degree in chemistry, but does have a Master’s Degree in engineering.

**Answer:** Mr. Lucas informed Mr. Praga that the Board adheres to the Model Law Rules that require an undergraduate degree in engineering. Mr. Lucas further explained his participation with an NCEES Task Force that is currently reviewing other pathways to licensure under the Model Law.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 28, 2022, meeting minutes with the recommended changes.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 22, 2022, list of Professional Engineers applications for licensure, and the list of renewal applications, attached hereto and made a part of the September 22, 2022, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

The Board gave feedback from the NCEES Annual Meeting held in August.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Mr. Lucas informed the Board that he has been in contact with Dr. Arhin regarding outreach at Howard University. Ms. Pearson has reached out to Dr. Zeytinci to discuss scheduling. Mr. Wilson will provide Ms. Pearson with a point of contact for Catholic University.

The DCRA is going thru a transition process. Effective October 1, 2022, the agency will function as two agencies: The Office of Buildings and The Office of Licensing and Consumer Protection. This transition will not have any impact with the Board and the day-to-day operations.

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board entered Executive Session at 11:44 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 into public session at 12:37pm

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Consent Order as written for Mr. Abdeltafah.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted to take no action in the case involving Ms. Valentine vs Mr. Watkins.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted to take no further action with renewal applications for Mr. Matthews, Mr. Ray and Mr. Stansbury.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted to defer Mr. Stroh’s renewal application until additional information regarding until the status of the disciplinary action with the state of New York is known.

Mr. Lewis shared upcoming training information from BEGA. These trainings are as follows: Open Meetings Act on 9/22/22 @ 3pm, Open Meetings Act/Parliamentary Training on 9/27/22 and Open Meetings Act Training on 10/13/22. An email was sent to the Board with the registration link for these trainings.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:47PM.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2022 @ 11am.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator