**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

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

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

**Washington, DC 20024**

**March 24, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 11:06 AM. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Attendance**

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

Board Staff: Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator; Mr. Leon Lewis, Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager

Legal Counsel: Mr. Patrick White, Esq.

Public Members: Mr. Roland Dreist, Mr. Micheal Wiley, Mr. Hershey, Ms. Shonda

Valentine, Ms. Angela Shaw

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Ms. Valentine joined the meeting and informed the Board of a complaint that she recently submitted to the Board. Ms. Pearson informed Ms. Valentine that the complaint had recently been assigned to an Investigator and probably would not be reviewed until the next Board meeting in May.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 24, 2022, minutes with the recommended changes.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 24, 2022, list of Professional Engineers applications for licensure, with the recommended changes, attached hereto and made a part of the March 24, 2022, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Mr. McKenna will not be attending the 2022 Interim Zone Meeting due to a personal family matter. This funded delegate space will be used by Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter has received the invitation from NCEES and has made all of the necessary travel arrangements.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Ms. Pearson informed the Board of the passing of Mrs. Tanya Cox, the wife of Mr. David Cox, NCEES CEO. Ms. Pearson will send a card on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Cyrus will work with the Board’s Education Committee to put together an Education Forum to offer continuing education credits for licensees. All PE licenses will expire on August 31, 2022.

Mr. Lucas spoke with the Board regarding outreach at the local colleges and universities. Ms. Pearson will follow up with Mr. Wilson regarding contacts at Howard University. The Board is hoping to begin outreach in Fall 2022.

**Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence**

There was no correspondence reviewed during this meeting.

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

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board entered Executive Session at 11:43 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 session at 1:06 pm.

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board unanimously voted to take no action in the matter of James Steele vs Abdefatah.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Ms Pajak the Board unanimously voted to defer the case in the matter of James Steele and Dasol, LLC (Negussu Solomon) until the May meeting for further review.

The Valentine vs Watkins Complaint was sent to the Board prior to this meeting. It was assigned to Investigator Batista in the Consumer Protection Unit in March and assigned to Investigator Batista in the Consumer Protection Unit on March 3rd. This Complaint will be reviewed at our May meeting.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

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

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2022.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator