**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

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

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

**Washington, DC 20024**

**November 19, 2020**

**Minutes**

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 12:00 pm. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Sam Wilson, Chairman, Ms. Mary Jean Pajak, Mr. Michael McKenna, Mr. Roland Carter, and Mr. Barry Lucas

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

Legal Counsel: Mr. Keith Parsons, Esq., Office of the General Counsel

Public Guest : Mr. Moussa Wone, Ms. Orlie Yaniv, Mr. Robert Hershey,

 Mr. Shahabeddin Torabian

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Mr. Wone requested clarification regarding the renewal and continuing education. He was informed that the education requirement for PE’s is 20 hours to include one course in Ethics. Mr. Wone was further informed the education requirement had been waived for this renewal cycle and would not be required until the renewal cycle ending August 2022. Due to COVID-19, the renewals have been extended. All licenses will remain active until 45 days after the Mayor lifts the State of Emergency.

Ms. Hershey asked that the Board reconsider the continuing education requirement beyond the next renewal. He further requested that the Board be open to additional conversation regarding the need to have any continuing education requirement at all. The Board expressed appreciation of Mr. Hershey’s comments and did inform him that this regulation had been passed and that the Board would continue with implementation.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 29, 2020, 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 October 29, 2020, list of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the September 24, 2020, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

None

**Agenda Item: Education**

Mr. Cyrus, Mr. Lucas and Ms. Pearson met to discuss some provisions of the continuing competency requirements. The Board has provided in previous correspondence a list of preferred providers which has been made available to the licensees. A specific question was received from a Mr. Justin Fischgrund, Industrial PE, who is also licensed in another jurisdiction and has been taking courses thru the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and The LUMA Institute. Mr. Fischgrund inquired as to whether or not courses from this provider will be accepted by the Board. Mr. Lucas had the opportunity of going on line to research the types of courses offered by both institutions and found that the courses offered are not specifically engineering in nature. The courses are very similar to what might been seen for safety certifications. Additional information is needed from Mr. Fischgrund.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the 2021 Calendar meeting dates.

The NCEES Board Presidents Assembly scheduled for January 29, 2021 will be held virtually. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Pearson will attend.

The NCEES Interim Zone Meeting is currently scheduled to be held in person in Rhode Island in April 2021. The status of this meeting will likely be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DC Society of Professional Engineers (DCSPE) offered a free Ethics course to licensees in DC, MD, & VA. The course was well attended and received positive feedback. Thank you to Mr. Wilson, Chairman, for his assistance in coordinating this event.

**Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence**

Nominations for the NCEES Distinguished Service Award was distributed to the Board. Board members were asked to review this information and contact Ms. Pearson regarding nominations.

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive session at 12:55 PM to discuss complaints/legal matters, application and legal counsel reports pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (9).

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Wilson the Board voted to defer the case of Ms. Yaniv until additional information is received from the respondent and Mr. Reiss.

Additional information is needed from Mr. Fischgrund regarding the courses that he has taken with ASQ and the LUMA Institute. No other education providers will be approved by the Board at this time.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by MR. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:26 PM.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Sam Wilson, Chairman

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 Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson