



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
1100 4th Street SW; Suite 500
Washington, DC 20024

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 met on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 11:06 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman, Mr. Michael Jelen, Dr. Sam Wilson, Mr. Michael McKenna

Absent: Mr. Roland Carter

Board Staff: Mr. Demetrius Norman, Chief, Customer Experience Officer, Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator

Legal Counsel: Ms. Jessica Rice, Esq., Board Attorney

Public Guest: Ms. Cynthia Taylor-Cutler, Howard University Student, Ms. Amiyah Wright, Howard University Student

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for July 31, 2025 meeting.

Agenda Item: Application Approvals

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the administrative approval applications list for October 30, 2025, attached hereto and made a part of October 30, 2025 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Outreach

There is no scheduled outreach. Ms. Jefferson has been in contact with Savoy and Turner Elementary School to discuss the Board’s participation in their 2026 Career Day. Both schools will follow up with Ms. Jefferson when a date is set. There is still a need to have outreach at the local universities. Mr. Jelen will forward Ms. Pearson point of contact information for Catholic University personnel.

Agenda Item: Legislative/Rulemaking Updates

There are no Legislative or Rulemaking updates.

Agenda Item: Sub Committee Update

The subcommittee met on October 21, 2025. During this meeting most of the time was spent discussing the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). This agreement creates a streamlined process for UK Chartered Engineers to obtain a US Professional Engineer license and for the US Professional Engineers to get the Chartered Engineer title simplifying professional mobility and reducing the assessments for qualified candidates in both countries.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson the Board voted to adopt the NCEES United Kingdom Engineering Council Mutual Recognition Agreement

Education

The Board identified April 6, 2026, as a tentative date for the Education Forum. This will be an in-person event held at the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection. Mr. Cyrus will finalize this date and location. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Cyrus completed the PE Audit was completed, and the results were shared with the Board.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Mr. Lucas, Mr. Jellen and Dr. Wilson provided feedback from the NCEES Annual Meeting held in August. During this meeting Dr. Wilson was also elected President Elect for 2025-2026. He will transition into the role of President for 2026-2027. Mr. Jelen was also appointed to the Advisory Committee on Council Affairs.

Agenda Item: New Business

Engineers Week will be held February 22-28, 2026; Girl Day will be on February 26, 2026. The location of this event has not been confirmed. World Engineers Day will be held on March 4, 2026. The flyer for Engineers week will be put on the Board’s website and sent out to schools.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar.

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

Upon motion, duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen, the Board entered the Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. to discuss complaints, legal matters, and applications pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (9) and (13).

Upon motion, duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Mr. McKenna the Board returned to public session at 2:21p.m.

Agenda Item: Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna in the matter of Stephon Devon (PE904995), Tracy Mitchell (PE40002918), and Gregory Poole (PE4002860) the Board voted to approved the licenses.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of John Mateo (PE40000396) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, impose a \$750 civil fine and offer a Consent Order for practicing on a expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Alex Ryberg (PE908767), the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, impose a \$500 civil fine and offer a Consent Order for practicing on a expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Gus Mehrdad (PE8911) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand impose a \$1500 civil fine and offer a Consent Order.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Bethany Turner (PE920296) and Syed Khan (PE10287) the Board voted to defer review of these applications until the November meeting to obtain additional information.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of 10S Development LLC the Board voted to dismiss this complaint due to lack of jurisdiction.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Michael Strausburg the Board voted to dismiss this complaint due to finding no violation of the law.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Priyavadam Meta (PE900451) the Board voted to dismiss the complaint due to lack of jurisdiction.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of Wondwosen Ali (PE906971) and Tewodros Made (PE40000387) the Board voted to defer this complaint until the November meeting to obtain additional information.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:35p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025 @ 11am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator

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