



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
November 20, 2025

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The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 11:01 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

Attendance

Board Members: Mr. Michael Jelen, Vice Chairman, Dr. Sam Wilson, Mr. Michael McKenna, Mr. Dan Hanlon, Mr. Roland Carter

Absent: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

Board Staff: Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, Ms. Kiyana Roberts, Para Legal Specialist, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Fazia Majeed, Attorney Advisor

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

Public Guest: Mr. Rick Dreist, Mr. Karthik, Ms. Melissa Cannata, Ms. Amber Brook, Mr. Ramesh Kotadia

The Board welcomed Mr. Dan Hanlon, PE.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Mr. Karthik spoke with the Board regarding his application.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for October 30, 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 November 20, 2025 attached hereto and made a part of November 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Outreach

There are currently no scheduled outreach events. However, the Washington School for Girls has invited the Board to participate in their Career Day, which is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026. Anacostia High School has also expressed an interest to have the Board partner with them for a Career Day. Ms. Noisette will provide additional information at the January meeting.

Mr. Jelen provided Ms. Pearson with contact information for Catholic University. Ms. Pearson will follow up to coordinate a time for the Board to visit and deliver a presentation to the students. A flyer for Engineers Week has also been sent to Savoy and Turner Elementary School and the Washington School for Girls.

The Math Counts Chapter Competition will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, and the State Competition will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026. Both events will be held at Saint Anselm's Abby School, 4501 South Dakota Ave. Washington, DC 20017. Additionally, The International Future Cities Competition will be held on February 16-17, 2026, and they need Judges. Dr. Wilson will forward Ms. Pearson additional information for this event.

Agenda Item: Legislative/Rulemaking Updates

Ms. Bramstedt presented two Bills to the Board. The Architect and Engineer Good Samaritan Amendment Act. This Bill would have protection for professionals to intervene in the event of an emergency to limit their civic liability. Their civil liability will be limited when the render assistance during an emergency under four conditions: 1) they act during an emergency declared by the Mayor or within 90 days following the end of the emergency, 2) they act in good faith and without compensation, 3) they act at the direction or approval of a federal district official and 4) they complete a training program that uses the California Office of Emergency Management Safety Assessment Program. This is a Nationally recognized standard in terms of emergency assistance by engineers. This Bill was introduced by Councilmember Alan (Ward 6). A hearing will be held on December 3, 2025, to review the Bill. A member of the Board will attend this hearing to provide testimony.

The second Bill is an Emergency Bill to be introduced by the Mayor on December 2, 2025. It would give the Director of the Department of Buildings to record plats and subdivisions while the position of the Deputy of Surveyor is vacant.

Agenda Item: Sub Committee Update

The subcommittee met on November 17, 2025. Mr. Jelen put together a summary of topics to be reviewed by the subcommittee in 2026.

Education

The Board has confirmed the Education Forum for April 6, 2026, from 9a-12p. The Forum will be held at the DLCP office; 1100th Street SW. Washington, DC.

Mr. Cyrus also reached out to the Ethics presenters who presented at the last Forum. Only one of the presenters still works for the Firm and has agreed to present again. Mr. Cyrus did request assistance in reaching out to someone in the Department of Buildings (DOB) to present on additional topics such as migration of e-stamps, fraudulent use of seals, etc. Other topics of interest are updates from the Surveyors Office on digital plats and digital recordings. Mr. Jelen did reach out to the Chief Operating Officer at the DOB. They agree with collaborating with us but have not identified who will make the presentation during this event.

Dr. Wilson will follow up with Mr. Whorton, NCEES Compliance Manager, to discuss his participation in the Forum.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Ms. Bramsted informed the Board that Ms. Randall will be briefing Director Crowe that the Board has voted to adopt the UK Charter Mutual Recognition Agreement.

Ms. Pearson will work with Dr. Wilson to contact NCEES staff to schedule a meeting to discuss the signing process.

Agenda Item: New Business

NCEES is offering an ongoing virtual Ethics course for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. This module of training will meet the continuing education requirement.

Information regarding this course has been sent to the Board.

The Northeast/Central Zone Meeting will be held May 14-15, 2026, in Columbus, OH. The Annual Meeting will be held August 18, 2026, in Henderson, NV.

There will be an ICOR Overlap Practice Guidance Webinar held on December 8, 2025. Ms. Pearson will be sending out the log in information for this event.

This District of Columbia Association (DCALS) will be having an all-day continuing education event on April 10, 2026, at George Washington University. This event will offer 8 hours of continuing education for Land Surveyors. Mr. Dreist will send Ms. Pearson a flyer once this event has been finalized. This information will also be put on the Board's website.

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

Upon motion, duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Carter, the Board entered the Executive Session at 12:03 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. McKenna, the Board returned to public session at 1:34p.m.

Agenda Item: Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, In the matter of Earnest McMarty (LS40000075) and Syed Khan (PE10287) the Board voted to approve these applications.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, In the matter of Bethany Turner (PE920296), the Board voted to approve her application for licensure and issue an Advice of Informal Admonition.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, In the matter of Wondwosen Ali (PE906971) and Tewodros Made (PE40000387) the Board voted to defer the matter for further review at the January 2026 meeting.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:57p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026 @ 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator