



## Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

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

Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2026

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The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:03 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

### **Attendance**

Board Members: Mr. Michael Jelen, Chairman, Mr. Dan Hanlon, Vice Chairman, Mr. Michael McKenna

Absent: Dr. Sam Wilson, Mr. Roland Carter

Board Staff: Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Kiyana Roberts, Para Legal Specialist, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Legal Counsel: Ms. Fazia Majeed, Esq.

Public Guest: Ms. Melissa Cannata, AMBER Book, Mr. Rick Dreist, Ms. Kimberly Brown, BEGA, Adelgado

### **Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board voted to approve the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board voted to approve the Administrative Approval Applications list for February 26, 2026, attached hereto and made a part of February 26, 2026 meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item: Outreach**

The Washington School for Girls has invited the Board to participate in their Career Day, which is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026. The event will be held in their new building. Ms. Jefferson is in process of following up with the Board to discuss participation. Ms. Pearson will find out the time of the event and inform the Board.

The Board has also been invited to participate in Career Day at Turner Elementary School on March 11, 2026; 9:15-11:15a.

**Agenda Item: Legislative/Rulemaking Updates**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board voted to approve the Mutual Agreement Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking.

**Agenda Item: Sub Committee Update**

The Board reviewed the action taken last summer to accept Engineering Technology degrees as qualifying for education and confirmed that the approved language remains acceptable, with no changes needed.

The next subcommittee meeting will be on March 23, 2026 at 10a.

**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.

The Association of Land Surveyors (DCALS) will host a Continuing Education event on April 10, 2026. Information can be found on their website (<https://dcals.org/>)

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

The signing of the Mutual Recognition Agreement was held on February 18, 2026 at the British Embassy. The event was well attended. Mr. Jelen expressed appreciation to all Board staff.

Board Members attending the Zone Meeting were encouraged to complete their registration.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Ms. Kathy Thomas will begin working on the Board newsletter. Ms. Pearson asked the Board to begin writing articles for the newsletter. Ms. Thomas will attend the February meeting.

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

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board entered the Executive Session at 11:31a 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 Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Hanlon, the Board returned to public session at 12:03p.m.

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of James Tate (PES40000366), the Board voted to approve his license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Mr. Nicholas Mojica (PE40001953) the Board voted to issue a Formal Reprimand, issue a civil fine of \$500 and offer a Consent Order for practicing on an expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Christopher Cassino (PE920076), the Board voted to issue a Formal Reprimand, issue a civil fine of \$500 and offer a Consent Order for practicing on a expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Woodwosen Ali (PE906971) and Tewodros Made (PE40000387) the Board voted to retain a Forensic Engineer to review 1111-1113 V Street NW Complaint an associated documents, conduct a forensic analysis and produce a report with findings. This matter will be deferred until the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Hanlon, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:12pm.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled March 26, 2026 @ 11am.***

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jelen, Chairman

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Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator