**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 27, 2025**

**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, March 27, 2025 at 11:05 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

**Attendance**

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

Absent: Mr. Roland Carter

Board Staff: Mr. Demetrius Norman, Chief, Customer Experience Officer, Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Associate Administrator, Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative and Public Affairs Specialist, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Ms. Jah-Mai Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Ms. Jessica Rice, Esq.

Public Guest: Mr. Rick Dreist, Mr. Farouk Ahmed, Mr. Jaspreet Singh Brar, Ms.

 Kimberly Brown, BEGA Representative, Ms. Suha Atiyeh,

 Mr. Dan

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Ms. Atiyeh provided the Board updates from her discussion with representatives in the UK on the Mutual Recognition Agreement. Ms. Atiyeh will forward Ms. Pearson some of the guidance information regarding this agreement. This information will also be forwarded to the Board.

Mr. Dreist informed the Board that the District of Columbia Association of Land Surveyors (DCALS) is sponsoring a spring seminar on May 1, 2025 at Catholic University. This will be an in person training and will offer eight hours of continuing education. Interested licensees can visit the DCALS website (dcals.org) for additional information. This information will also be put on the Board’s website.

**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 February 27, 2025.

**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 March 27, 2025, attached hereto and made a part of the March 27, 2025 minutes.

The Board did have some additional discussion regarding the excessive number of reinstatement applications. This discussion was a continuation of the previous month’s discussion. For future renewals, additional renewal notices will go out to the licensees more often as well as information will be posted on the Board’s website and sent to associations.

**Legislative/Rulemaking Updates**

Ms. Bramstedt informed the Board of the new Bill introduced by Councilmember Allen on March 10, 2025– The Architect and Engineering Good Samaritan Amendment Act of 2025 (B26-0173). This Bill will provide limited civil liability, absent gross negligence or willful misconduct, to licensed architects and professional engineers who, in good faith and without compensation, render assistance at the scene of or in connection with a life-threatening emergency.

Ms. Bramstedt will continue to track this Bill and provide updates.

Ms. Bramstedt reminded the Board of the Financial Disclosure filing. Documents will be sent out on April 15, 2025 and filing must be completed by May 15, 2025.

**Sub Committee Update**

The subcommittee has not met since 1/13/2025. Dr. Wilson did provide updates from his discussion with Ms. Bramstedt and Ms. Rice. The next meeting scheduled will be held on 4/28/28. Ms. Pearson will send out invites for this meeting.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

The Board participated in Outreach at the Washington School for Girls on March 14th and Savoy Elementary School on March 21,2025. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by the students. Dr. Wilson also informed the Board that Chairman Lucas volunteered at the Math Counts event on March 9, 2025.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Ms. Pearson informed the Board that until further notice all travel will be discontinued for Board staff. This includes funded and non-funded travel. The Board Members can travel with funded travel. For any travel request requiring the funding of the District of Columbia, it will require the approval of the City Council. Travel information will need to be submitted timely for review/approval.

Ms. Pearson will provide a regional report for Chairman Lucas for the upcoming NCEES Zone Meeting in April. The Land Surveyor Colonial States have requested that someone from the Board attend the Land Surveyor Colonial States meeting on April 10th.

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson the Board entered Executive Session at 12:06 pm 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).

The Board returned to public session at 1:44pm

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon Motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matters of David Dean (PE 901910) Yue Cao (PE920502) , Jon Shiancoe (PE901570) ,Paul Scott (PE904990) Michael Terrigno (PE906530) , Timothy Smidt (PE10356), and Raja El-Awar (PE907890) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, a $500 civil fine, and offer a Consent Order.

Upon motion, made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matters of Dennis Anibaba (PE904446) and John Krobath (LS900362) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, a $1000 civil fine and offer a Consent Order.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Joshua Nicodemus (PE907789) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, a $1,500 civil fine, and offer a Consent Order.

Upon motion, made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Husam Ahmad (PE905789) the Board voted to issue a formal reprimand, a $2,500 civil fine, and offer a Consent Order.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, in the matter of David Kornacki (PE4002462) the Board voted to approve his application for licensure and issue an Advice of Informal Admonition.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, in the matter of Michael Gibson (PE40002548to approve his application for licensure.

The Board also reviewed the correspondence received from Mr. Asefina regarding licensure. Following an academic evaluation by NCEES his education is not substantially equivalent. He will not be able to move forward with the application process.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Jelen the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:54pm.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025 @ 11am.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator