**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

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

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

**Washington, DC 20024**

**July 25, 2024**

**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 held its meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2024, at 11:01 am. This meeting was held virtually.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman, Ms. MaryJean Pajak, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Michael Jelen, Roland Carter, Dr. Sam Wilson

Absent: Mr. Mike McKenna

Board Staff: Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Ms. April Randall, Legislative Director, DLCP, Ms. Nicole Bremstedt, Legislative, and Public Affairs Officer

Legal Counsel: Mr. Justin Orrison, Esq

Public Guest: Mr. Robert Hershey, Mr. John Cassidy, Ms. Kimberly Brown, Office of

 Open Government.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Mr. Cassidy inquired about the status of his reinstatement application. He was informed that his application would be reviewed in Executive Session.

Mr. Hershey requested that the Board dismiss the continuing education requirement.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for 4/25/2024 and 6/27/24.

**Agenda Item: Application Approvals**

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted to approve the amended administrative approval applications list for July 25, 2024

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Lewis gave feedback from the DLCP Career Day held at The Department of Health located at 2201 Shannon Place in SE Washington DC. The event was a great kickoff. We are hopeful to make this an annual event.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted to develop a sub-committee to review technology degrees, the Mutual Recognition Agreement, and decoupling. The sub-committee will provide a report to the Board by December 2024 and with final actions by April 2025. Dr. Wilson will chair this committee, and Mr. Lucas and Mr. Carter will also serve on the committee. Ms. Pajak abstained from this vote since she will not be a member of the Board during this period.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board voted to approve the rule making by The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). This rulemaking will allow DOEE to streamline and expedite the review process for their odor plants by removing the requirement for Professional Engineers to approve/certify the odor plants before they are approved by DOEE.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Mr. McKenna was reappointed to the Board for the next two years. He was sworn in on July 23, 2024.

Ms. Pearson gave an overview of the webinar presented by the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) Task Force on May 23rd. ICOR’s members are from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ). ICOR will focus on exploring practice overlap due to incidental practice, and scope of practice which has posed challenges for licensing boards to regulate, and code officials to review building plans. Ms. Pearson will forward the slides from the presentation to the Board.

Ms. Pajak provided information regarding continuing education to be included in the Board’s newsletter. This information has been forwarded to Mr. Cyrus.

The discussion regarding continuing education will be deferred until the September 26, 2024 meeting.

The Board is actively recruiting. More updates will be provided in September when the Council returns from recess.

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

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board entered Executive Session at 12:41 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 2:20 pm

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Dr. Wilson, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Mr. Keith Preddie (PE8142) to send a formal letter stating that this matter has been adjudicated and resolved. No further action will be taken by the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Mr. Peter Stroh (PE907507) to reinstate his license with no further action.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Mr. Anthony Scovazzo (PE8422) to issue a Consent Order and impose a fine of $1500 fine due to practicing on an expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of William Hodge to issue a Consent Order and impose a $500 fine due to him practicing on an expired license.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Wilson and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Mr. John Cassidy (PE904966) to issue a Consent Order and impose a fine of $2500 due to practicing on an expired license.

*\*\*Note – Chairman Lucas did recuse himself from deliberation and voting of the case involving Mr. Cassidy.*

The case involving Mr. John Cassidy has been deferred until the September meeting to obtain additional information.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jelen and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 pm.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2024 @ 11am.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Barry Lucas, Chairman

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