

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



# **Board of Professional Engineering**

# Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 16, 2017

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineering held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Community Room 300, Washington, DC 20024. The Board met in committee session prior to the public meeting to review Applications for Licensure.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Wilson, Board Chairman, at 11:26 AM.

Board Members Present: Mr. Roland Carter, Mr. Barry Lucas, Ms. Mary Jean Pajak

Board Members Absent: Mr. Paul Rich

Legal Counsel Present (via telephone): Mrs. Kia Winston, Esq.

**Staff Present:** Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Leon Lewis, Executive Director, Kathy Thomas, Education Specialist

**Public Consumers: None** 

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# **Agenda Item: Executive Session- CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

- Upon motion made by Mr. Lucas and properly seconded by Mr. Carter the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session at 11:30AM pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A),(9) and (13) in order to:
  - o Deliberate over applications for licensure;
  - o Discussion of public complaints.
- The Board returned to Open Session at 12:10 PM

#### Comments received from the Public:

- There were public comments.
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#### **Agenda Item: Minutes**

• Upon motion duly made by Mr. Lucas and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the amended October 26, 2017 minutes with revisions.

#### Agenda Item: Recommendation

- In the matter of Kapsalis/Curry vs Shakeri The case will be closed with no further action taken. The case is civil in nature due to a contract dispute.
- In the matter of DCRA vs Keith Preddie the Board recommended that the Office of Permits request DCRA to issue a Cease and Desist Order. Ms. Pearson and Mr. Lewis will meet with Mr. Underwood's office to explain this process.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Roland, the Board unanimously voted to approve recommendations discussed in Executive Session. (Note:

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Mr. Lucas did recuse himself from the deciding recommendations in the matter of Kapsalis/Curry vs Shakeri due to his affiliation with Mr. Shakeri).

### **Agenda Item: Old Business**

- Mr. Lucas and Mr. Lewis gave feedback from the outreach at UDC. The presentation was given by Mr. Lucas and Ms. Pearson on November 1, 2017. The audience was junior/senior engineering students. Information of The Pathway to Licensure was shared as well as the role of the Professional Engineers Board.
- Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Lucas, the Board unanimously voted not to decouple the application process.
- Upon motion duly made by Ms. Pajak and properly seconded by Mr. Lucas, the Board unanimously voted not to make the structural license a separate designation.

# **Agenda Item: New Business**

Kathy Thomas, Education Specialist, will be working with the Board to develop a newsletter for 2018. Ms. Thomas did request the Board members to send all newsletter submissions to her email; Kathy.thomas2@dc.gov. A list of possible topics was conveyed to Ms. Thomas.

#### Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carter and properly seconded by Ms. Pajak, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:10PM.

#### **Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018. The Board will recess in December.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Wilson, Chairman

Recorder: Ms. Avis M. Pearson, Board Administrator