Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: September 25, 2018
Convened: 11:01 am
Adjourned: 2:14 pm

Location: Chicago Office

Members Present: James P. Schlichting, Vice-Chair
Brian Berg Jr, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Charles R. Rayot, Member
John M. Whitt, Member
L. Duane Yockey, Member

Member(s) Absent: Richard M. Ray, Chair
Kevin Burke III, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFPR Prosecuting Attorney

Guests Present: None.

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 11:01 am.
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

I. Announcements, Correspondence, Guest comments

Mr. Schlichting welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Motion was made, seconded (Whitt/Jamison) and passed to The
Board made a motion to grant Benjamin Miller and Charles Rayot
the status of Emeritus Members to allow them to continue to work on
committees with NCEES should they desire to do so.

II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting.

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Yockey) and passed to
accept the open minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting as amended
to reflect that Brian Burg Jr.

III. Old Business

The proposed draft administrative rules are currently in queue for
review by the deputy general counsel’s office.
IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee Reports

None. The next scheduled CRC meeting is scheduled for 7/12/2018.

B. Industrial Exemption Sub-committee

Mr. Yockey stated that there was no new activity at this time.

Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Kunz) and passed to remove the industrial exemption sub-committee until further notice.

V. New Business

A. New Board Member Introduction

Mr. Middleton briefly shared about his engineering experience. He noted that he graduated from Bradley University with an Electrical Engineering degree and has been with a Rural Electric Co-Op for twenty-three years.

Mr. Lazell informed Mr. Middleton about the importance the advisory board plays and how the Department relies on their expertise.

B. Report from NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Yockey gave a report regarding the 2018 Annual NCEES Meeting.

He stated that the main items to note are the appointment of David Cox as the new NCEES CEO, as Jerry Carter will be retiring as of October 1, 2018. Another item was the appointment as Dean Ringle (Ohio Board) as the president-elect for NCEES.

Additionally he shared that the PE discipline exams continue to be converted to CBT and examinees are receiving score reports within two weeks.

Mr. Rayot stated that one proposed change was to remove the word “professional” and replace with “licensed”. This was discussed by
the NCEES council, and the motion failed as opposition to the
motion stated that the name is professional engineer and removing
it would further “water down” the perception of the profession.

Additional topics discussed were:
- Engineers Without Boarders organization
- Donation “cap” for NCEES Board
- NCEES President election process

Mr. Lazell stated that the sessions were informative and that he
greatly appreciated the ability to attend. The Board Liaison sessions
were very impactful and allowed for the networking with individuals
from other states to learn what is similar and different in regard to
licensure requirements.

C. Foreign ABET programs

Mr. Lazell shared with the Board that NCEES had contacted him and
inquired if the Board would re-evaluate their policy of requiring all
foreign graduates to have an NCEES credential evaluation.
Particularly those who graduated from a foreign EAC/ABET
program.

The Board discussed the reasoning why and the consensus was that
at present, there is no way to verify that the course content and
standards are the same as a domestic program. The Board will
continue to look into this as a future possibility, but for the time
being, there is no allowance in the administrative rules to accept a
foreign degree without an evaluation.

D. Practice Act Review

Chau notified the Board that a working draft of the revised statute
has been submitted to the Department Secretary and the Division
Director for review.

Motion to go into Closed
Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Yockey) and passed to go
into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open
Meetings Act at 12:06 pm.

VI. Closed Session:

Roll Call:
James P. Schlichting, Vice-Chair
Brian Berg Jr, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Charles R. Rayot, Member
John M. Whitt, Member
L. Duane Yockey, Member
Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Berg) and passed to go into Open Session at 2:10 pm.

Recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Rayot/Yockey) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

VII. Signatures

A. Action Sheets
The Board signed action sheets: 18-1150 through 18-1181

B. Travel Vouchers

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Rayot) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.