

MINUTES
South Carolina Board for Registration for
Professional Engineers and Surveyors
Board Meeting
9:30 a.m., July 17, 2012
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Call to Order

Chairwoman Theresa Hodge, P.E., called the meeting to order on July 17, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. Board Members present were Timothy Rickborn, P.E.; Thurl M. Amick, Sr., PLS; Nancy W. Cottingham; M.L. Love, Jr., P.E.; Charles Joye, II, PE; Dennis Fallon, Ph.D, P.E.; and Gene Dinkins, PLS, P.E.

Staff members included Jan Simpson, Administrator; Missy D. Jones, Program Assistant; and Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant. LLR employees attending the meeting included: James Saxon, Advice Counsel; Christa Bell, General Counsel; and Sharon Wolfe, Investigator.

Statement of public notice

Mrs. Hodge stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of the Registration for Engineers and Surveyors office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/engineers

Board Chairman Hodge introduced the Board and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Board meetings held on April 10, 2012. Amick/Love/Approved.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hodge moved Item 5b from the July 18, 2012 Agenda after Item 6 on the July 17, 2012 Agenda.

Office of General Counsel – Hearings – Christa Bell

a. Consideration of Proposed Consent Agreement to Voluntarily and Permanently Surrender License

Mr. Taha appeared before the Board for a motion to consider a Consent Agreement to Voluntarily and Permanently Surrender License. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Motion: To accept the consent agreement as proposed. Dinkins/Fallon/Approved

Reports

Office of General Counsel

There are three cases in OGC. One is resolved, one is pending on appeal to the Administrative Law Court (ALC), and one has requested a formal hearing. Ten cases are closed.

Exam Irregularity Hearing

Mr. Rainey appeared before the Board for an Exam Irregularity hearing. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session. Fallon/Joye/Approved

Motion: To return to Public Session. Love/Rickborn/Approved

Motion: To dismiss the case of an exam irregularity and to pay any exams incurred by the Arkansas Board for Mr. Rainey to take the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam in Arkansas. Joye/Love/Approved.

State Specific Exam – John O'Brien

John O'Brien appeared before the Board and stated that he was inadvertently not notified that the State Specific exam was closed book. He requested that the Board allow him to be administered the exam separately aside from April/October.

Motion: To allow to take SS exam at a mutually agreeable to be arranged between himself and our staff in Columbia and waive the fee for the second State Specific exam. Dinkins/Amick/approved.

Application Hearings

a. Mehran M. Dolatabadi -- Application Hearing

Mr. Dolatabadi appeared before the Board for an application hearing for a request for a Fundamental of Engineering Exam waiver. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session. Dinkins/Love/Approved

Motion: To return to Public Session. Fallon/Joye/Approved

Motion: To deny a request for a Fundamental of Engineering Exam waiver for Mehran Dolatabadi, to allow Mr. Dolatabadi to take the Fundamental of Engineering Exam and to be allowed to take the Principles of Engineering Exam once he has four years of experience verified by a registered engineer in the United States. Dinkins/Love/Approved

b. John McRae -- Application Hearing

Mr. McRae appeared before the Board for an application hearing because the criminal conviction he reported on his 2012 Renewal Form. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session. Fallon/Love/Approved

Motion: To return to Public Session. Love/Rickborn/Approved

Motion: To renew Mr. McRae's license with no disciplinary action. Love/Dinkins/Approved.

c. John Elamad -- Application Hearing

Mr. Elamad appeared before the Board for an application hearing for approval of his Professional Engineer Application by Comity. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session. Dinkins/Love/Approved

Motion: To return to Public Session. Fallon/Rickborn/Approved

Motion: To denied the comity registration application. Rickborn/Love/Approved.

Engineers Technology Review Committee – Sherri Moorer

- a. William Glenn Boyette
- b. Gary Wayne Hostetler
- c. Scott Neal Rhine

Motion: To approve William Glenn Boyette, Gary Wayne Hostetler, and Scott Neal Rhine for licensure as Professional Engineers. Dinkins/Love/Approved.

Public Comments -- None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m. to attend the Licensing Ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy D. Jones
Program Assistant