

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors**  
**9:30 a.m., August 11, 2020**  
***Conference Call Meeting***

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**Call to Order**

Chairperson Peeples called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Statement of Public Notice**

Chairperson Peeples stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the Board website, 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.

**Welcome and Introduction of Board Members and Other Persons Attending**

Board members participating in the conference call included, Dr. Johnston Peeples, Ph.D., PE, Chairperson; Jimmy Chao, PE, Vice-Chairperson; Henry Dingle, Jr., PLS, Secretary; Gene L. Dinkins, PE, PLS; Timothy Rickborn, PE; D. Mack Kelly, Jr., PE, PLS; and J. Baker Cleveland.

Staff members participating included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; and Stacey Hewson, Esq., Advice Counsel.

Others participating included: Nadine Garrett (Creel Court Reporting), and Jesse Burke (SEASC).

**Approval of Excused Absences**

Member Fallon previously advised he was unable to participate in the conference call.

**Funding Request – SEASC Annual Conference & Trade Show**

The Board reviewed a request from the S.C. Structural Engineers' Association of SC for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show to be held Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Jesse Burke provided details regarding the in-person event. Additional space is being utilized to observe social distancing. Hand sanitizing stations are available and temperature checks will be conducted. Masks are required. As of the meeting date, 32 attendees are confirmed.

**MOTION:** J. Baker Cleveland made a motion to approve the \$3,700 request. The motion did not receive a second.

**MOTION:** To enter executive session for legal advice. Dinkins/Rickborn/approved.

**MOTION:** To exit executive session. Cleveland/Rickborn/approved.

**MOTION:** To approve request with a suggestion and strong recommendation that a portion be used for a virtual option due to the current health crisis. Cleveland/Chao/Kelly/Peeples approved. Rickborn/Dinkins/Dingle/opposed.

Mr. Dinkins noted for the record that he is in favor of the funding, but not in favor of an in-person conference.

**Public Comments**

No members of the public were present.

**Notice of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors will be held on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> via video/teleconference and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**MOTION:** To adjourn. Kelly/Rickborn/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenora Addison-Miles, CPM, MBA  
Administrator