

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS
9:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 18, 2013
SYNERGY BUSINESS PARK, KINGSTREE BUILDING
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 105
COLUMBIA, SC

Call to Order

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

Statement of Public Notice

Chairperson Hodge stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional 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.

Introduction of Board Members and Other Persons Attending

Board members present included Theresa H. Hodge, PE, Chairperson; Timothy W. Rickborn, PE, Vice-Chairman; Dennis J. Fallon, Ph.D, PE, Secretary; Gene L. Dinkins, PE, PLS; John P. Johnson, PE, PLS; Miller L. Love, Jr., PE; and Nancy W. Cottingham.

Staff members present included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Britton Jenkins, Program Assistant; Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant; Sara McCartha, Esq., Advice Counsel; and Erin Baldwin, Esq., Office of General Counsel.

Others present included Linwood Jones, PLS; John Hudson; Aaron Leach; Kent Hudson; Marguerite McClam; Kim Long; Joe Jones; Emily Howard; Robert Longseth; Timothy R. Jones; John L. Williams; William Slate Bauknight; Ginger Bauknight; Representative Don C. Bowen; and Mary Occhipinti (Creel Court Reporting).

Motion for Reconsideration – Gary Bee Bradley

Mr. Bradley asked to be deferred to the next Board meeting.

Office of General Counsel Disciplinary Hearings

Mrs. Baldwin requested to change the order of the hearings to accommodate individuals participating in the meeting. The Board agreed to this request.

- a. Patrick Olson (2013-23). Mr. Olson reached an agreement with the State and is asking for a final order hearing. Mr. Olson was represented by Mr. John Hudson, Esq. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

MOTION: To go into executive session for legal advice. Fallon/Love/approved.

MOTION: To exit executive session. Fallon/Cottingham/approved.

Mrs. Hodge said the Board will defer a decision until they have more consideration.

- b. Lee Page (2013-3). Mr. Page is represented by Ms. Emily Howard, who attended the hearing to represent Mr. Page. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

MOTION: To go into executive session for legal advice. Fallon/Dinkins/approved.

MOTION: To exit executive session. Fallon/Love/approved.

MOTION: That Mr. Page receive a public reprimand, \$2,000 fine, and that his license be reinstated provided all requirements are met. Fallon/Dinkins/approved.

- c. Linwood Jones (2012-23). Mr. Jones wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

MOTION: To go into executive session for legal advice. Fallon/Rickborn/approved.

MOTION: To exit executive session. Love/Fallon/approved.

MOTION: To fine Mr. Jones \$1,000 and issue a public reprimand. Dinkins/Fallon/approved.

- d. Kraig Blim (2012-29). Mr. Blim signed an agreement to voluntarily and permanently relinquish his license in lieu of a disciplinary proceeding. This is a public matter, so it will be posted.

MOTION: To accept Mr. Blim's relinquishment. Dinkins/Love/Approved.

- e. Jason Seaverson (2013-6). Mrs. Baldwin distributed a copy of the Certificate of Service showing delivery of notice of this meeting. Mr. Seaverson did not reply to the notice. She asked the Board to proceed with the hearing in his absence.

MOTION: To proceed with Mr. Seaverson's hearing. Johnson/Fallon/approved.

This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

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

MOTION: To exit executive session. Dinkins/Love/approved.

MOTION: To fine Mr. Seaverson \$1,000 and that the Cease and Desist order remain in effect, and that his license stays in suspended status. Mr. Seaverson must appear before the Board to return his license to active status. Dinkins/Fallon/approved.

Application Reviews

- a. John Andrew Trogdon (FE Waiver) – The Board reviewed an application for an FE Waiver from Mr. Trogdon.

MOTION: To not approve the FE waiver for Mr. Trogdon. Dinkins/Fallon/approved.

- b. John L. Williams (FE Waiver) – The Board reviewed an application for an FE Waiver for Mr. Williams.

MOTION: To approve the FE Waiver for Mr. Williams. Dinkins/Fallon/approved.

Review of Candidate Recommendations From Portfolio Review Committees

Mrs. Moorer presented licensure recommendations from the Electrical Engineering Portfolio Review Committee.

MOTION: To approve Wesley Allen Cribb and Drew C. Howard for licensure due to favorable committee recommendations. Fallon/Love/approved.

Return to Olson Hearing

The Board considered the Memorandum of Agreement for Patrick Olson. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

MOTION: To substitute name of Aerometric Inc. for Mr. Olson. Love/Fallon/approved.

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

MOTION: To exit executive session. Fallon/Love/approved.

MOTION: That a public reprimand be issued to Aerometric Inc, with a \$10,000 fine and that staff issue the Certificate of Authorization upon satisfaction of terms. Expungement after three year period of time if Aerometric Inc. has complied with all terms of the agreement. Dinkins/Fallon/approved.

Mrs. Baldwin asked to be excused from the meeting.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:49 p.m. – 1:31 p.m.

Mr. Dinkins left the meeting at 1:45 p.m. A quorum was still present.

Application Hearings

- a. Mr. William Slate Bauknight appeared before the Board for an application hearing to reinstate the Certificate of Authorization for Bauknight & Associates. Representative Don Bowen and Mrs. Ginger Bauknight served as witnesses for the hearing. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

MOTION: To enter executive session for legal advice. Fallon/Love/approved.

MOTION: To exit executive session. Love/Fallon/approved.

MOTION: To reinstate the Certificate of Authorization for Bauknight & Associates with a private letter of caution. Johnson/Fallon/approved.

- b. Mr. Robert Longseth and Mr. Timothy R. Jonas appeared for an application hearing to issue a Certificate of Authorization to Unified Investigations & Sciences. This matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript, should one be necessary.

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

MOTION: To exit executive session. Cottingham/Rickborn/approved.

MOTION: To issue a public reprimand and \$500 fine to Unified Investigations & Sciences and issue the Certificate of Authorization. Fallon/Love/approved.

Other Business

- a. Review of Board Website – the Board website was recently updated. The Board reviewed the website and suggested changes to Mrs. Addison-Miles.

Notice of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, Columbia, SC and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn. Cottingham/Rickborn/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant