

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 200, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Laging called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and noted the location of the Public Meeting Statues. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Tom Laging, Chair; Jennifer Klein, Vice-Chair; Lori Krejci, Secretary; Mark Champion; Fred Choobineh; Mike Konzett; Roger Helgoth; Krista Kester.

Staff Present: Steve Masters, Executive Director (ED); Sandra Weaver, Administrator (AD); Lisa Mathews, Compliance Officer (CO); Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA); Rachel Fetterman, Public Information Officer (PIO).

Public Comments

No public comment

Appointments

9:15 a.m. - Rich Lombardi, American Communications Group, Inc (*Section E - Legislative Committee*)

Agenda Items

A Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2014 meeting minutes

January 31, 2014 emergency meeting minutes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Action Motion by Krejci, second by Konzett to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Konzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

B Financial Matters

Reports

FY 2013-14 Financial Profile, January 2014

Budget Status Report, January 2014

MTD General Ledger Detail Report, January 2014

Fund Summary Report, January 2014

ED Steve Masters reviewed financial reports with the Board and reported expenditures were on track. Upcoming expenses for the 2014 Zone Meeting and the Strategic Planning Session will need to be monitored to ensure they fall within the appropriation.

Approval of Financial Reports

Action Motion by Kester, second by Konzett to approve the financial reports. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Konzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Proposed Contracts for FY 2014-15

NEBOG Administrative Services Contract

The proposed FY 2014-15 contract providing administrative services for the Board of Geologists, beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, was reviewed by the Board. The fee will be \$14,045 for the fiscal year to be paid quarterly.

NSBLA Administrative Services Contract

The proposed FY 2014-15 contract providing administrative services for the Board of Geologists, beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, was reviewed by the Board. The fee will be \$13,498 for the fiscal year to be paid quarterly.

Approval of Contracts

Action Motion by Konzett, second by Krejci to approve the FY 2014-15 administrative service contracts as presented for the Board of Geologists and the State Board of Landscape Architects. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Konzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Board went to Section G in the agenda to address "Continuing education - Learning units."

C Applications

Administratively Approved

NCEES MLE – Engineers

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E-15017 Shawn Michael Duke, Civil; E-15020 Kyle Hatch Larson, Civil; E-15018 Kevin Lyle Nolan, Civil; E-15019 Mark Randolph Scheurer, Civil; E-15014 Seemesh Michael Sethi, Civil; E-15016 Donald Lee Stites, Civil; E-15021 David Douglas Zimpel, Civil; E-15015 Karla Suzanne Ritter, Mechanical.

NCARB Certification – Architects

A-4421 Matthew John Brinza; A-4418 Rodney Chester Chitwood; A-4416 Anthony Edward Ewen; A-4417 Trevor Tyson Holcomb; A-4422 Michael Alexander McKay; A-4413 Todd Michael Parker; A-4423 Jeffrey Francis Pawlowski; A-4414 David Roland Pederson; A-4419 Robert B. Pitt; A-4420 Raymond Ronald Raffel.

Temporary Permits - None

Engineer Intern Enrollment

Ashraf Amin Fouad Mohamed Hosni Aly Hassan, NE; Virginia Mae Christian, NE; Rachel Marie Goldsmith, NE; Brian Scott Larson, NE; Eric James Lumpkin, KS; Christina Beth McCoy, KS.

Architect Registration Examination/Reapprovals

John Michael Thompson, NE.

Organizational Practice – Certificates of Authorization

CA3122 Teasley Services Group LLC; CA3123 Halo Architects Inc; CA3124 Mulhern & Kulp Structural Engineering Inc; CA3125 Epic Engineering; CA3126 WERK LLC; CA3127 G3 Architecture Inc; CA3128 KCS Corporation; CA3129 The Dimension Group I LP; CA3130 Designery Architecture; CA3131 Guy P Gentry MSCE PE LLC.

Special Cases - Organizational Practice - Certificates of Authorization

CA3120 Design 1 of Eden Prairie LLC; CA3121 National Engineering Ltd.

Licensure/Examination

Applications for licensure of Engineers by Comity

Approved: John Daniel Hall, Civil, WY; Charles Rodney McComas, Structural, IN; Stephen Edward Sawtelle, Civil, KS; Adam Michael Schreiner, Control Systems, KS; Chad Thomas Williams, Civil, OK.

Applications for licensure of Engineers by Experience

Approved: Thomas Francis Deter, Electrical, PA; Carolyn Hanson, Civil, FL.

Denied: Philip Clyde Sears, Manufacturing, TX - Nebraska does not offer manufacturing as an engineering discipline.

Applications for licensure of Architects by Experience

Approved: Richard Franklin Dallam, WA.

Applications for licensure by Reinstatement - None

Applications to take the PPE Exam - Talked about added yellow sheets on App

Approved: Timothy Joseph Adams, Civil, NE; Ashraf Amin Fouad Mohamed Hosni Aly Hassan, Environmental, NE; Adam Jerome Becker, Civil, NE; Matthew Allen Benes, Mechanical, NE; David Joseph Bennier, Structural VL, KS; Kyle Andrew Burner, Structural VL, NE; Jacob Allen Canniff, Civil, NE; David James Carey, Electrical & Computer, NE; Daniel Edward Carlson, Mechanical, NE; Jason Dean Cerny, Mechanical, NE; Virginia Mae Christian, Civil, NE; Lucas John Dietterle, Civil, NE; Adam James Franzluebbbers, Civil, NE; Nathan Harry Fries, Mechanical, NE; John Ray Geringer, Civil, NE; Mark Phillip Gibilsco, Electrical & Computer, NE; Luke Arthur Glaser, Civil, NE; Rachel Marie Goldsmith, Civil, NE; Amy Helene Gutschewski, Mechanical, NE; Patrick Ryan Hartman, Civil, NE; David John Hospodka, Civil, NE; Joshua Cody Jackson, Mechanical, NE; Michal Jarzab, Structural VL, KS; Anthony Daniel Klaumann, Civil, NE; Eric James Lumpkin, Structural VL, KS; Christina Beth McCoy, Structural VL, KS; Adam Richard Plack, Civil, NE; Michael Robert Rakowski, Civil, NE; Craig Daniel Schmit, Civil, NE; Gregory Thomas Seib, Civil, NE; Matthew Dale Seidel, Industrial, NE; Joseph Christopher Sinden, Civil, NE; Celeste Kay Spickert, Structural VL, MO; Kevin Robert Stachura, Civil, NE; Anthony William Staub, Architectural, NE; Joshua Scott Steelman, Civil, NE; Alec James Stubbe, Civil, NE; Christopher William Taylor, Civil, NE; Jon Erik Ucman, Civil, NE; Jordan Thomas Wagner, Structural VL, NE; Jared Christopher Wagner, Civil, NE; Lucas Robert Weatherly, Civil, NE; Drew Ryan Wilson, Civil, NE.

Approval of Licensure/Examination Applications

Action Motion by Choobineh, second by Krejci to approve licensure and examination applications (except the application of Philip Clyde Sears) as discussed. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Konzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Action Motion by Choobineh, second by Konzett to deny the application of Philip Clyde Sears for licensure as a Professional Manufacturing Engineer. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Konzett, Helgoth, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Abstain: Kester. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

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Special Cases - Applications for licensure by Reinstatement

Approved: E-7593 Paul Lawrence Christiansen - Waiver of continuing education due to illness.

Special Cases - Applications to take the PPE Exam

Deferred: Daniel Haggerty, Civil, NE - Has not met four year work experience requirement

Champion departed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Approval of Special Cases - Licensure/Examination Applications

Action Motion by Choobineh, second by Kester to approve a request for a waiver of the continuing education requirement for reinstatement of license E-7593. Voting Yes: Choobineh, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion, Conzett (temporarily stepped out of meeting).

Action Motion by Choobineh, second by Kester to defer Daniel Haggerty to sit for the civil engineering PE exam until October 2014, provided an updated experience section of the PE exam application is submitted and approved by the Board. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion, Conzett (temporarily stepped out of meeting).

Licensing Information

Comparison of ABET-EAC Accredited Programs and NCEES Education Standard provided.

D Compliance

Logs

Current complaints provided.

History of closed complaints provided.

Executive Session - Commenced at 10:53 a.m.

Action Motion by Krejci, second by Kester to enter into executive session for discussion of pending and new compliance cases not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. The limitation for going into executive session was restated by Chair Laging. Voting Yes: Choobineh, Conzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion.

Pending Cases

11.04 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

13.01 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

13.08 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

13.13 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

13.15 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

13.17 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

14.01 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

New Cases

14.02 – Summary & Documentation

Reviewed in Executive Session

Executive Session - Concluded at 11:35 a.m.

Action Motion by Krejci, second by Klein to close executive session for discussion of pending and new cases not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Choobineh, Conzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion.

Action Approval of Compliance Case Disposition

Motion by Kester, second by Choobineh to dismiss Compliance Case 13.17 with no disciplinary action. Voting Yes: Choobineh, Conzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion.

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The Education and Communication Committee was charged to the Statewide building code issue at the January meeting. Further clarification was requested. The subject will be held over for the next meeting.

G New Business

Governance Items

Public Works Exclusion/Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment

The Board reviewed an adjustment to be effective July 1, 2014, for the contemplated expenditures exclusion for a public works project. A draft for a proposed revision of Rule 10.5.11 was presented by ED Masters. The Board discussed waiting to submit the proposed rule change with other proposed changes if LB 665 successfully passes.

Action Motion by Kester, second by Krejci to recheck the math for the adjustment for the public works exclusion and publish it on the website and Facebook page. Voting Yes: Choobineh, Conzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion.

Organizational disciplinary disclosures; policy recommendation

CO Mathews reported that she and AD Lais had noticed disciplinary action listed on the enforcement exchange taken against organizations by other jurisdictions. Compliance issues with licensees connected to certificates have also been seen. Staff Assistant, Kathleen Clements, presented the steps for processing certificates of authorization. No action was taken by the Board.

Engineering Items

NCEES member licensing boards sign MOUs with Japan PE/FE Examiners Council (JPEC)

State licensing boards that regulate the practice of engineering in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Texas signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the Japan PE/FE Examiners Council (JPEC) on December 18, 2013, in Tokyo, Japan. The MOUs allow for those who have successfully completed NCEES licensing exams in Japan to seek licensure a professional engineer, or PE, in the three US states.

2014 Central/Western Zone Joint Interim Meeting

The NCEES Central/Western Zone Joint Interim Meeting will be held May 15-17, 2014, in Lincoln, NE. Registration opened January 23. The deadline for registration is March 27 for funded delegates and April 17 for all other delegates and guests.

Selection of two funded delegates for 2014 Central/Western Zone Meeting

Helgoth and Kester will serve as funded delegates to the NCEES 2014 Central/Western Zone joint interim meeting.

Architecture Items

Candidacy for First Vice-President/President-Elect of NCARB - Dennis Ward, AIA

Candidacy for Secretary of NCARB - Gregory Erny, AIA; John Sorrenti, FAIA

Candidacy for Treasurer of NCARB - Kristine Harding, AIA; Margo Jones, AIA

Officer candidates for the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB) were provided for Board review. The final votes for candidates will be taken at the NCARB Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, June 18-21, 2014.

Other Items

Request for eligibility letter to use architecture in organizational name - 81-3436(5)

Action Motion by Klein, second by Krejci to send an eligibility letter to the Secretary of State to allow Integrity Architectural Millwork Inc. to use "architectural" in its name. Voting Yes: Choobineh, Conzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: Champion.

Continuing education - Learning units/Champion - 9:00 a.m.

Champion asked the Board if a presentation could be given at the NCARB Regional meeting about continuing education issues. Whether continuing education is helpful to licensees or merely costing a large sum of money will be discussed.

Action Motion by Kester, second by Helgoth to task Krejci and Champion to work together to develop a presentation for the NCARB Regional Summit Meeting, March 7-8, 2014, concerning continuing education. Voting Yes: Champion, Choobineh, Conzett, Helgoth, Kester, Klein, Krejci, Laging. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Board went to Section C of the agenda to review applications.

Strategic planning agenda discussion

An email will be sent to the Board to identify June dates that would work for a strategic planning session.

Reappointment of Champion to Board

The Board received notice that member Mark Champion was reappointed by Governor Heineman. The new term

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will expire on February 28, 2019.

2014 regional and national meeting travel authorization

Helgoth was authorized to attend the NeSPE Legislative Luncheon on February 20, 2014, at the Country Club of Lincoln. ED Masters will be attending the Engineers' Week Banquet at the Strategic Air and Space Museum on February 20, 2014. Helgoth was authorized to give a presentation on March 13, 2014, to the UN-L Civil Engineering Department and Kester was authorized to speak to the UN-L engineering students on April 18, 2014.

Information on LB 664

ED Masters reported the Board was in a neutral position concerning LB 664. The bill is not expected to move in this legislative session. Reviewing the good Samaritan laws in Nebraska was suggested. ED Masters will contact Lombardi to let him know the Board wishes to be contacted immediately if LB 664 goes forward.

Kester and Choobineh noted they would not be able to attend the March 14, 2014 meeting.

H General Information

Public meeting notice publication

A public notice request was sent to the Lincoln Journal Star for the February 14, 2014 meeting.

Board meetings and schedule

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided for review.

Roster of Board members

A current roster of Board members was provided.

Travel Reimbursement Policy

The agency travel reimbursement policy was provided.

Licensing and Certification Trends

Trends in Licensure

Trends in Renewals

Trends in Certificates of Authorization

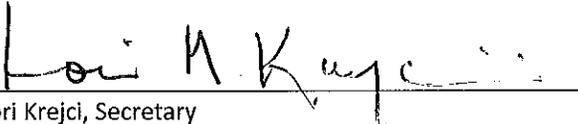
Database reports reflecting licensure trends, renewal statistics, and active certificates of authorization were provided.

Other information

The current approved Board policies were provided for review.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.


Lori Krejci, Secretary