

**General Session Minutes
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
March 23, 2010**

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers met in their offices at 300 Capitol Street in Charleston, WV on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Those present for all or part of the meeting were:

Edward L. Robinson	President
William E. Pierson	Vice-President
Bhajan S. Saluja	Secretary
Leonard J. Timms	Member
Lesley L. Rosier-Tabor	Executive Director
Don W. Johnson	Board Investigator
Nicole Cofer	Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. There were no additions to the agenda.

The Board meeting minutes for January 21, 2010 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Timms, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion carried.

The Board budget summaries for January and February were received and reviewed. The detailed P-card expenditures were also received and reviewed. A motion to approve the expenditures and purchasing card transactions was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Timms. Motion carried.

Ms. Rosier presented the Executive Director's report and addressed all Board questions and comments. Ms. Rosier discussed her participation in recent events and presentations made by her to various groups since the last Board meeting. She also reviewed the office's schedule of upcoming activities. A motion was made by Mr. Timms, seconded by Mr. Saluja, to approve attendance and travel for staff activities outlined in the Executive Director's report and updated 2010 calendar of events.

Results of the October 2009 exam administrations were discussed. First time pass rates improved for both FE and PE candidates. FE pass rates were 63.1%, up from 59% in the October 2008 exam. PE pass rates were 65.9%, up from 59%.

Twenty-two (22) Educational Plans of Study were submitted for the April 2010 FE exam. Three FE examinees were interviewed by members of the Board and staff and allowed to sit for the exam. Four (4) Educational Plans of Study for PE examinees were submitted but no interviews were required.

Mr. Pierson moved to enter into executive session at approximately 9:30 a.m., seconded by Mr. Saluja. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mr. Timms moved to enter into general session with a second by Mr. Pierson. Motion carried and the Board took the following actions:

1. Mr. Timms made a motion that complaint C2009-23 be dismissed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried.

2. Mr. Timms made a motion that complaint C2010-6 be dismissed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Saluja and carried.
3. The Board directed staff to take necessary actions to inspect the residence involved in complaint C2010-13.
4. Mr. Pierson made a motion that complaint C2010-15 be dismissed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Timms and carried.
5. Mr. Saluja made a motion that inquiry I2010-16 be received and filed as a Board-initiated complaint. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried.
6. Mr. Timms made a motion that inquiry I2010-17 be received and filed as a Board-initiated complaint. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried.

Based on a motion by Mr. Timms, seconded by Mr. Pierson, the Board took the following actions on Special Cases for Board Action:

1. John D. Addison's request for comity was denied.
2. Steven T. Alvine's request for comity was approved.
3. Susan W. Borenstein's request for comity was denied.
4. Carl V. Deicas' request for comity was delayed for a minimum of one year due to disciplinary action taken in complaint C2010-7.
5. William E. Higgonbotham's request for comity was approved.
6. Hans J. Kast's request for comity was approved.
7. Shokroolah Mohammadi's request for comity was approved.
8. Ramon G. Sarmiento's request for comity was approved.

Personnel Matter: The Board directed Ms. Rosier to pursue options regarding replacement of an administrative assistant.

Mr. Timms reported on his activities as the President-Elect of NCEES. As previously discussed, the NCEES Credentials Evaluation group (formerly known as CPEES) will be moved from Miami, FL to Clemson, SC in early 2011 to consolidate staff and minimize expenses. A very successful Member Board Administrator (MBA) Networking Group meeting was held in Clemson February 9-11, 2010. Ms. Rosier attended this MBA meeting on behalf of the Board. The plans for the joint Northeast and Southern Zone meeting are finalized and this meeting will be held in Tampa April 8-10, 2010. Currently Mr. Timms, Mr. Pierson and Mr. Saluja from the Board plan on attending. Staff members Ms. Rosier, Mr. Johnson and staff attorney Ms. Cofer will also attend.

The proposed amendments to the NCEES Bylaws were discussed. No major issues were found. It was also noted that updates on the Zone Continuity Guidelines have been distributed and will be approved at the upcoming meeting.

NCEES changes to the Examinee Management System were discussed in detail at the Member Board Administrator's meeting and will be covered at the upcoming joint Zone meeting. Ms. Rosier is confident this new database system will be of great benefit to the examinees and the Member Boards, as well as NCEES.

The idea of offering the PE examination in Morgantown was discussed. Due to the low number of PE applicants it may not be economically feasible but Mr. Timms plans to follow up with the NCEES staff regarding a trial offering in the near future. He will report back to the Board on the matter in May.

The 2010 legislative session has adjourned. There were no changes to Chapter 30 Article 1 (relating to Boards in general) and Article 13 (professional engineers).

The 31st Annual WV Construction and Design Exposition is scheduled for the next two days, March 24th and 25th, at the Charleston Civic Center. Both the Board and staff will be actively involved. The Board is working for the third year with WVSPE to continue the recognition of the successful FE and PE examinees of 2009. The ceremony will immediately follow the Board's continuing education seminar. All Board members were encouraged to attend.

The Board was presented with a report prepared by Mrs. Sue Rubenstein, Board Administrator, and Mr. Don Johnson, Board Investigator, regarding their recent attendance at the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB). As always, this meeting proved to be very beneficial as the sessions provide expertise and innovation in delivery of services by regulatory Boards.

The most recent Board publications were briefly reviewed. The Board has received numerous positive comments on the 2010 newsletter content. Ms. Rosier will be updating the license renewal brochure and sending out the RFQs in early April. Renewal will be underway prior to the Board convening for their May meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 28, 2010. The meeting will take place in their offices at 300 Capitol Street in Charleston, WV.

Upon motion by Mr. Timms, seconded by Mr. Pierson, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The Board members will be compensated one day per diem plus travel expenses.

Following the regular Board meeting, the Board reconvened to conduct an administrative hearing at 1:00 p.m. on complaint C2010-01. President Robinson recused himself from the hearing and exited the building. The hearing ended at approximately 7:00 p.m. See Record of Hearing for details.

Edward L. Robinson, P.E.
Board President

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Board Secretary