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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433
November 17, 2014

At 8:05 a.m. on November 17, 2014, M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S. called the meeting to order with the following members present:

11 M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S. Chairman
12 Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. Vice Chairman
13 Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S. Secretary
14 John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E. Treasurer

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16 Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.
17 Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
18 David L. Patterson, P.L.S.
19 Christopher P. Knotts, P.E.
20 D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S.
21 Alan D. Krouse, P.E.

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23 Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director
24 Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff
25 Tyson Ducote, Board Investigator
26 Richard L. Savoie, P.E., Emeritus Board Member
27 D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney
28 Bill Tripoli, Board Staff

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30 The invocation was led by Mr. Moore and the pledge by Mr. Patterson.

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32 Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Gammon.

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34 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr.
35 Mustapha, to accept the November 17, 2014 proposed Call for the Meeting.

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37 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by
38 Mr. Knotts, to accept the November 17, 2014 proposed Board Meeting Agenda.

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40 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
41 Knotts, to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2014 Board meeting.

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43 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr.
44 Patterson, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for January 28, 2015 in
45 Lafayette, Louisiana.

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47 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr.
48 Knotts, to approve the following dates for the 2015 Board meetings:

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- 51 • March 16 - 17, 2015 - Baton Rouge
 - 52 • June 1 - 2, 2015 - Baton Rouge
 - 53 • July 27 - 28, 2015 - Baton Rouge
 - 54 • September 28, 2015 - New Orleans (Tulane)
 - 55 • November 20, 2015 - Baton Rouge
 - 56 • January 20-21, 2016 - Lafayette (JESC)

57 The Board reviewed the September task list.

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59 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr.
60 Crosby, to purchase enforcement badges and identification cards for Board members
61 and staff.

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63 **Enforcement**

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65 **Case #2014-23** - Mr. Ducote reported on a professional engineering firm which
66 practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license.
67 The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the

1 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following
2 sanctions:

- 3 1. Fine of \$500
- 4 2. Costs of \$221.01
- 5 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$180
- 6 4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 7 5. Report to NCEES with name

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9 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
10 Review Committee, consisting of Dr. Hale, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Krouse, to approve
11 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Argus Architecture**
12 **Engineering, L.L.C**

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14 **Case #2014-24** - Mr. Ducote reported on a professional engineer who aided or
15 assisted his professional engineering firm in practicing and offering to practice
16 engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and
17 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.
18 The proposed consent order contains the following sanctions:

- 19 1. Fine of \$50
- 20 2. Costs of \$205.79
- 21 3. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 22 4. Online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 23 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 24 6. Report to NCEES with name

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26 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts,
27 seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to disapprove the signed consent order as presented and
28 to return it to the committee for further disposition.

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30 **Case #2014-12** - Mr. Ducote reported on a professional engineer (with a currently
31 expired license) who practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with
32 an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent
33 order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order
34 contains the following sanctions:

- 35 1. Fine of \$1,700
- 36 2. Costs of \$359.42
- 37 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$135
- 38 4. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 39 5. Online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 40 6. Cease and desist
- 41 7. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 42 8. Report to NCEES with name

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44 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
45 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Gammon and Dr. Hale, to approve the
46 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Larry R. Harper**.

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48 The Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. and resumed at 9:45 a.m.

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50 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the ad hoc committee,
51 comprised of Mr. Crosby, Mr. Gammon, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Mustapha and Mr. Krouse,
52 to direct Ms. Sentell to prepare job descriptions and Civil Service
53 postings/advertisements for the positions of Deputy Executive Director and Director
54 of Enforcement and present this information to the Board at the January meeting.

55 **Committee Reports**

56 **Land Surveying Committee**

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58 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Education/Accreditation
59 Committee to accept four-year baccalaureate degrees earned from online/for-profit
60 institutions with regional accreditation as acceptable four-year baccalaureate degrees
61 for purposes of land surveyor intern certification.

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63 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr.
64 Knotts, to affirm the Land Surveying Committee's decision to *disapprove* the
65 application of Mr. Phillip **Landry** for certification as a land surveyor intern based on
66 lack of good character and reputation.

1 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with
2 Mr. Crosby, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Hale, Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Phillips, Mr.
3 Knotts and Mr. Krouse for and Mr. Moore against, to establish a policy that Board
4 members should recuse themselves from reviewing applications and/or
5 disciplinary/enforcement cases if they have a business or personal relationship with
6 the applicant or respondent which would prevent them from being impartial in
7 connection with the matter.

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9 Mr. Landry left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

10 **Finance Committee**

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12 Mr. Moore presented the Finance Committee report.

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14 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
15 adopt the proposed budget for FY 15-16 as presented.

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17 Chairman Gammon charged the Finance Committee with reviewing the proposed LEF
18 lease for 2014-2019 and making a recommendation to the Board at the January
19 meeting.

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21 Mr. Thompson left the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Mr. Rhaoul Guillaume, Emeritus Board
22 Member, and Mr. Landry entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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24 The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and resumed at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Miles Williams,
25 Emeritus Board Member, was present

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27 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Crosby, to
28 establish an ad hoc committee, comprised of Board members and representatives
29 from LES, to study the merits of allowing professional engineer licensure without the
30 requirement of passing the fundamentals of engineering examination.

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32 Chairman Gammon appointed an ad hoc committee, comprised of Mr. Moore
33 (Chairman), Mr. Knotts (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Krouse, and charged it with studying
34 the merits of allowing professional engineer licensure without the requirement of
35 passing the fundamentals of engineering examination and making a recommendation
36 to the Board at the January meeting.

37 **Nominating Committee**

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39 Chairman Gammon presented the following list of nominations for election of Board
40 officers for 2015-16:

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42 Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. – Chairman
43 Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S. – Vice Chairman
44 John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E. – Secretary
45 David L. Patterson, P.L.S. – Treasurer

46 **Old Business/New Business**

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48 Mr. Krouse reported on the new security system which has been installed in the office.
49 The ad hoc committee and Ms. Sentell will meet to discuss whether additional office
50 modification should be made and then make a recommendation to the Board at the
51 January meeting.

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53 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Crosby, with
54 Dr. Hale, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Knotts, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Phillips for and Mr.
55 Mustapha against, to invite and host representatives of Engineers Canada to attend
56 the January 2015 Board meeting in Lafayette and to pay for their hotel and meal
57 expenses to attend the meeting.

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59 Mr. Knotts, on behalf of the ad hoc committee comprised of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Mustapha
60 and Mr. Crosby, discussed the procedures for Board staff to process applications from
61 engineer interns to take the principles and practice of engineering exam prior to
62 obtaining the requisite experience. Such applicants who submit only Part I of the
63 application, which does not include all of the requisite experience, will have their
64 application processed by the staff. Such applicants who submit the entire application,
65 which includes all of the requisite experience, will have their application reviewed by
66 Board members.

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Chairman Gammon charged the ad hoc committee with reviewing Rule 1303 to determine whether it should be amended as it relates to the wavier of the fundamentals of engineering exam requirement for certain applicants who have an earned doctoral degree in engineering. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board at the January meeting.

Closing Business

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Dr. Hale, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued by the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on November 17, 2014.



M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S.
Chairman



Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.
Secretary