MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433 January 30, 2018

At 8:00 a.m. on January 30, 2018 Terry J. Huval, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Terry J. Huval, P.E.

David L. Patterson, P.L.S.

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E.

Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Alan D. Krouse, P.E. Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S. Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S. Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E. Christopher K. Richard, P.E. Chad C. Vosburg, P.E.

Also present:

Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director Richard L. Savoie, Jr., P.E., Deputy Executive Director Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff William Hyatt, Board Investigator D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney

The invocation and pledge were led by Mr. Huval.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Krouse, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the November 13, 2017 proposed Call and Agenda, as amended, for the Meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Pike, to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for April 9, 2018.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Huval. Hussein Skaikay was present and addressed the Board concerning his application for licensure as a professional engineer by examination.

Applications

Application Appeals

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Hussein **Skaikay** for licensure as a professional engineer by examination based on not satisfying the educational requirements of the Board.

Compliance and Enforcement

<u>Case #2017-24</u> - Mr. Savoie reported on an unlicensed individual who used the words "engineer", "engineering" or a modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$500
- 2. Costs of \$981.23
- 3. Cease and desist
- 4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Knotts, Dr. Hale, and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Mubashir Maqbool**.

Case #2015-37 - Mr. Savoie reported on a professional engineer who (a) practiced and/or offered to practice land surveying without proper licensure, (b) committed gross negligence, gross incompetence and/or gross misconduct in the practice of engineering, (c) approved and sealed design documents which were not safe for public health, property and welfare, which were incomplete and inaccurate, which were not in conformity with accepted engineering standards or practice, and which did not conform to applicable laws and ordinances, (d) sealed, signed or issued engineering documents not prepared by him or under his responsible charge, (e) performed services outside the area of his competence and when not qualified by education or experience in the specific technical fields of engineering involved, (f) sealed or signed engineering documents dealing with subject matters in which he lacked competence, (g) failed to maintain all appropriate evidence of his responsible charge over the preparation of engineering documents outside of his office and (h) practiced or offered to practice engineering when not qualified. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of 9,000
- 2. Costs of \$3,149.35
- 3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 5. Cease and desist
- 6. Only practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana in the area(s) of engineering in which he is competent
- 7. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 8. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Pike, and Mr. Carroll, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Lurrie B. Mayeux, Jr., P.E.**

<u>Case #2016-15 - Mr.</u> Savoie reported on an unlicensed individual who (a) practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words "engineer", "engineering" or a modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity without proper licensure, (b) used or attempted to use a seal or stamp which was deceptively similar to the seals or stamps authorized by the Board for use by its licensees, (c) falsely claimed that a person was licensed by the Board and (d) failed to provide, within thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information or documents requested by the Board relating to any alleged violation of the Board's laws. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$5,000
- 2. Costs of \$1,212.61
- 3. Cease and desist
- 4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Pike, and Mr. Coyle, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Glenn Rogers**.

<u>Case #2016-45</u> - Mr. Savoie reported on an unlicensed firm whose representative used or attempted to use a seal or stamp which was deceptively similar to the seals or stamps authorized by the Board for use by its licensees. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$1,500
- 2. Costs of \$1,156.36
- 3. Cease and desist
- 4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Pike, and Mr. Coyle, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **KGS Oilfield Rentals LLC.**

The Board recessed at 9:35 a.m. and resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Knotts presented the report for the Finance Committee.

The Board unanimously approved the motion by the Finance Committee to accept the finance report for FY 17-18 as presented.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to renew the certificate of deposit at Citizens Bank when it matures on January 29, 2018.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to renew the certificate of deposit at United Community Bank when it matures on March 7, 2018.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to renew the certificate of deposit at Investar Bank when it matures on March 12, 2018.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Chaffe McCall, L.L.P.** for legal services. The term of the contract will be for three years **beginning July 1, 2018** and ending June 30, 2021, in the annual amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Celia Cangelosi** to serve as a prosecuting attorney for Board disciplinary and enforcement hearings. The term of the contract will be for three years **beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021,** in the annual amount not to exceed **\$36,000.00.**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **L.A. Champagne & Co., L.L.P.** to provide accounting services to the Board. The term of the contract will be for three years **beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021**, in the annual amount not to exceed **\$28,000.00**.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Joe H. Harman & Associates, LLC** to serve as a technical support staff for the Board. The term of the contract will be for three years **beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021,** in the annual amount not to exceed **\$60,000.00**.

Nominations and Awards Committee

The Nominations and Awards Committee presented the following list of nominations for election of Board officers for 2018-19:

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E. – Chairman Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E. – Vice Chairman Alan D. Krouse, P.E. – Treasurer D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S. – Secretary

The Board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Pike, to enter into executive session to discuss employee character at 10:20 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to exit the executive session at 11:15 a.m.

The Board approved the motion by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr. Krouse, with Mr. Patterson, Mr. Knotts, Dr. Hale, Mr. Krouse, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Coyle, Mr. Pike, Mr. Vosburg, Mr. Richard and Mr. Huval for, and Mr. Phillips abstaining, to elect Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S. as Secretary of the Board for 2018-19.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Nominations and Awards Committee to elect Mr. Knotts as Chairman, Dr. Hale as Vice Chairman and Mr. Krouse as Treasurer of the Board for 2018-19.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:25 a.m. and resumed at 11:55 a.m.

Old/New Business

Chairman Huval designated Mr. Patterson and Mr. Coyle to be the Board's funded delegates to the LSPS Convention in Marksville, LA on March 21-23, 2018.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve Board members, Emeritus members and Board staff to attend the NCEES Southern Zone meeting on April 18-21, 2018 in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Board authorized funding to cover travel, 3 nights lodging, 4 days per diem, meals and car rental.

Closing Business

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

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Krouse, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed since the last Board meeting.

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

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Christopher P. Knotts, PE

Chairman

Thomas R. Carroll, III, PE, PLS

Secretary