MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433 June 1, 2015

At 8:05 a.m. on June 1, 2015, Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

> Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S. John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E. David L. Patterson, P.L.S.

Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer

Terry J. Huval, P.E. Christopher P. Knotts, P.E. Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E. M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S.

Also present:

Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director

Richard L. Savoie, P.E., Deputy Executive Director

Tyson Ducote, Director of Enforcement William Hyatt, Board Investigator D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney

Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff

Not present:

Alan D. Krouse, P.E., Board Member Ali M. Mustapha, P.E., Board Member D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S., Board Member

The invocation was led by Mr. Knotts and the pledge by Mr. Huval.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to accept the June 1, 2015 proposed Call for the Meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to accept the June 1, 2015 proposed Board Meeting Agenda.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Thompson.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Crosby, to approve the Minutes from the March 16, 2015 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Huval, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for July 27-28, 2015 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ms. Sentell gave the Executive Director's report and reviewed the March task list.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Huval, to request NCEES to approve Associate Member status for Mr. Savoie and Mr. Hyatt.

Enforcement

Case # 2013-79 - Mr. Ducote reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced land surveying in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$800
- 2. Costs of \$652
- 3. Cease and desist4. 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. Patterson, Mr. Gammon and Mr. Knotts, to

approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Kelly's Industrial Services, Inc.**

<u>Case # 2014-8</u> – Mr. Ducote reported on an unlicensed individual who practiced land surveying in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$400
- 2. Costs of \$479
- 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. Patterson, Mr. Gammon and Mr. Knotts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Greg Kleinpeter**.

<u>Case # 2013-104</u> – Mr. Ducote reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and/or land surveying and used the words "engineers" and "land surveyors" to identify itself in conjunction with its business activities in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$2,500
- 2. Costs of \$583.20
- 3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 4. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Patterson, Mr. Knotts and Mr. Phillips, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Freeland-Clinkscales & Associates, Inc. of N.C.**

<u>Case # 2013-103</u> – Mr. Ducote reported on a professional land surveyor who (a) aided or assisted his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and/or land surveying and using the words "engineers" and "land surveyors" to identify itself in conjunction with its business activities in Louisiana without proper licensure and (b) prepared and issued to his client a preliminary land surveying document for property located in Louisiana which did not contain the requisite preliminary work disclaimer. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following sanctions:

- 1. Fine of \$1,250
- 2. Costs of \$583.20
- 3. Cease and desist
- 4. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 5. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 7. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Patterson, Mr. Knotts and Mr. Phillips, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Fulton V. Clinkscales, Jr., P.L.S.**

Chairman Thompson charged the Continuing Professional Development Committee with reviewing whether the Board should (a) increase the number of licensees audited for CPD compliance per licensure renewal period beyond the current 200; (b) restrict CPD credit to PDHs obtained from Board-approved sponsors/providers and (c) allow the state online ethics examination to satisfy the required professional ethics PDH per licensure renewal period.

Mr. Harman updated the Board on the continued work of the civil/transportation engineering guidelines committee.

Mr. Savoie updated the Board on his Industrial Licensure outreach efforts and his contact with the Lake Area Industry Alliance in Lake Charles.

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

Committee Reports

Liaison and Law Review Committee

Mr. Knotts requested that the Liaison and Law Review Committee consider repealing Rule 1303.

Chairman Thompson charged the Liaison and Law Review Committee with reviewing Mr. Knotts' request and making a recommendation at the July Board meeting. In addition, Chairman Thompson requested the Liaison and Law Review committee review rules 1315, 1701 (B) and 2701 (A,4,b.)

Applications

Application Appeals

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the reviewing committee, comprised of Mr. Knotts and Mr. Thompson, to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Blake **Tuomy** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity based on insufficient education.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the reviewing committee, comprised of Mr. Knotts and Mr. Thompson, to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Billy **Socha** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity based on insufficient education.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of William **Fogle** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity based on insufficient education.

Committee Reports (continued)

Finance Committee

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to reinvest the certificate of deposit at Red River Bank, which is set to mature on June 4, 2015.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to reinvest the certificate of deposit at Iberia Bank, which is set to mature on June 5, 2015.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to reinvest the certificate of deposit at Home Bank, which is set to mature on July 10, 2015.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to reinvest the certificate of deposit at Chase Bank, which is set to mature on July 24, 2015.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to approve funding for car rentals for those attending the NCEES Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia in August.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch and resumed at 12:50 p.m.

Old Business/New Business

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to table the office security discussion until the July Board meeting.

Mr. Knotts requested that the Board purchase new furniture for the board room. Chairman Thompson charged the Finance Committee with reviewing Mr. Knotts' request and making a recommendation to the Board.

The Board discussed the proposed Agency Participation Agreement received from the Louisiana Department of Revenue's Office of Debt Recovery. The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Crosby, with Mr. Crosby, Mr. Moore, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Gammon for and Mr. Huval, Dr. Hale and Mr. Knotts against, to have Mr. Landry review the proposed agreement to determine whether the Board has

the authority to participate in this program and to report to the Board at the July Board meeting.

Closing Business

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

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. on June 1, 2015.

Theodore H. Thompson P.E.

Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. Chairman

John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E.

Secretary