

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
At 8:30 a.m. in Room W064
Indiana Government Building South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Members Present:

Vincent Drnevich
Stephen Gillman - Chair
Opal Kuhl – Vice Chair
Harold Snead

Members Absent:

Attending Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell – Assistant Board Director
Donald ‘Ned’ Hannah - Board Counsel
Margie Addington- Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER – Steve Gillman called to order the meeting at **8:38 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to adopt and approve the **amended** agenda – adding to the agenda “What constitutes ‘**Under Direct Supervision**’ in this electronic age”

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Harold Snead to approve the amended agenda.
Motion passes 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2019 BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Vince Drnevich to approve the July 17, 2019 minutes.

Motion passes 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

REPORT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Leif Johnson provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints. There are currently 11 open complaints. Discussion about investigators designated to the board was brought up by Vince Drnevich.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

1. **Kevin Finn – Cause Number 2016SBRPE0010**

Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Opal Kuhl for the approval of the petition to withdraw from probation.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

Firooz Zandi – Cause Number 2018SBRPE0003

Petition for Renewal of Summary Suspension

The criminal case was heard and Mr. Zandi was found guilty on one felony 5 count – theft of over 50,000.00. The sentencing hearing will be conducted in October.

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Vince Drnevich for the approval of the renewal of the summary suspension.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

APPLICATION REVIEW –

Gregory Zoog – Comity applicant

The board reviewed his application. A minimum requirement is a baccalaureate degree. He does not have a degree. His coursework does meet the requirements.

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Opal Kuhl for the request of his withdrawal of his application and recommend that he withdraw his application in lieu of a denial so he doesn't have to report a denial on future licensure applications to other states.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

James Wertz –

Appeared before the board to discuss CE, per his request. He is a geospatial analyst and uses GIS Software. He has developed a new process for accuracy regarding the GIS Software. He has been tasked by his job to create scenarios pertaining to damn deterioration. He has worked with the creator of the mesh free computational methods. He is not satisfied with the current offerings of CE and requires a higher learning due to the damn breach analysis. Requests guidance about how to further his knowledge base for his pursuit. Wants to revisit the board once he is more prepared to discuss the CE he wants to pursue and use. ESRY – Geospatial Coordinates on the Earth. Mr. Wertz also brought in a copy of a CE/PDH Certificate and the board reviewed it. The board suggested that Esry submit a CE Sponsor Application in order for them to be an approved provider of CE.

CE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST

Bishop – The board discussed his submitted a notice from his nurse practitioner on behalf of his physician, stating he was caught up in dialysis, three times a week, five hours a day. He renewed stating that he had completed his CE, though he had only done 2 hours of the required CE. His disease is life threatening. He requested the waiver after he received notice about the audit. He is 28 hours of his CE, though he did complete the ethics and rules and did submit them. He completed those two hours on July 31, 2018.

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Harold Snead to approve the waiver request.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

Greg Warner - The board discussed Greg Warner's request for his waiver request due to the death of his wife after a battle with cancer. He has submitted one hour of CE and needs 29 hours. He requested a waiver due to his wife's illness.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Opal Kuhl for to waive the CE but include information about how CE has to be completed by the time of renewal.
Motion Carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

CE Audit Status

Final notice has to be sent out next week. There are currently 6 people out of 140 that have not complied, that will receive the notice of non compliance..

Convictions of Concern – Emergency Rule

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Harold Snead approve the Convictions of Concern as presented.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

What constitutes 'Under Direct Supervision' in this electronic age

Even though distance may separate someone from providing direct supervision, it is allowed with employees from within their firm. Location should not be a determining factor.

NCEES Annual Meeting Report – Steve Gillman

Steve Gillman provided a written report about the annual NCEES Meeting. This report provided information about the various resolutions that were brought before NCEES in their business session.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE FE EXAM TASK FORCE

Vince Drnevich reported that the new assistant dean at Purdue is very earnest and is committed to emphasizing taking the FE Exam. He will be meeting with her and the idea is to get information to all the juniors about the importance of taking the FE Exam and providing information about licensure. The EI registration should also be recommended and students should be encouraged to obtain their EI. He will work toward becoming licensed as a PE because he is not currently licensed.

BOARD DISCUSSION ABOUT VACANCIES

The Board discussed the 3 vacancies that the board still has. Concerns about the applicants that have submitted their applications.

Motion to adjourn made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Vince Drnevich.

Motion 4/0/0	Vincent Drnevich	Yay
	Stephen Gillman	Yay
	Opal Kuhl	Yay
	Harold Snead	Yay

ADJOURNMENT 10:47 a.m.