

**MINUTES**

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**VIA TELEPHONE AT 1-240-454-0887  
MEETING CODE: 610.915.440  
BY VIDEO AT:**

**<https://IndianaEnhanced.Webex.com/join/PLAWebex>**

**Members Present:**

Opal Kuhl, Chair  
Steve Gillman, Vice Chair  
Jason Durr  
Tim Jensen  
Greg Morical  
Sam Reed  
Susan Zellers

**Members Absent:**

None

**Attending Administrative Staff:**

Amy Hall - Board Director  
Chris Shea-Russell – Assistant Board Director  
William Anthony - Board Counsel  
Karon Voloski Brown - Court Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER** – Opal Kuhl called to order the meeting at **9:01 a.m.**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – A motion was made by Greg Morical and seconded by Tim Jensen to adopt and approve the agenda.  
Motion carries 7/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Sam Reed                      Aye

Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020 BOARD MEETING**

Greg Morical proposed some minor changes and corrections of typographical errors in the draft minutes.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Sam Reed to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes as presented by Greg Morical,

Motion carries 7/0/0

#### **ROLL CALL**

Sam Reed	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

#### **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Kiely Keesler provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints and litigation matters. The Board inquired about the time frame of open litigation and consumer complaint cases. Ms. Kessler noted that the attorney general's office has a target of the average age of open litigation matters and consumer complaints not exceeding one year.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Amy reported that the Mathews matter had been continued.

#### **Firooz Zandi – Cause No: 2018SBRPE0003 – Petition for Reinstatement**

Petition for Reinstatement

Firooz Zandi appeared before the Board for his petition to reinstate his license. The Board then conducted an administrative hearing, with Ms. Kuhl serving as the hearing officer. Mr. Zandi presented his case. Ms. Eagan then presented the case on behalf of the State. The Board asked questions of Mr. Zandi.

On a motion made and seconded, a majority of the Board approved Mr. Zandi's petition for reinstatement and placed requirements upon his reinstatement. Mr. Zandi's license will be reinstated on a probationary status. Prior to reinstatement of his license on probationary status, Mr. Zandi must complete 1 hour of the required Indiana statutes and

rules of CE and 12 hours of ethics of CE, all of which must be approved by the Board. In addition, in order for Mr. Zandi's license to be reinstated in probationary status, Mr. Zandi must prepare and the Board must approve a form of letter Mr. Zandi must provide to all employers and clients at the start of any engagement, stating his license is on probation and why it's on probation. The Board determined that Mr. Zandi's probation is indefinite. The first time Mr. Zandi can petition the Board to be removed from probationary status is 2 years of the date of the reinstatement of his license on probationary status. As a condition of his probationary status, Mr. Zandi shall submit monthly reports to the Board, identifying who he has done work for, the type of work performed and copies of the required letters he provided to all employers and clients. As a further condition to his probationary status, Mr. Zandi is required to make a personal appearance before the Board on a quarterly basis.

Steve Gillman and seconded by Susan Zellers  
Motion carries 5/2

#### **ROLL CALL**

Sam Reed	Nay
Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Nay
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

#### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

NONE

#### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

NONE

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **1. Meeting Dates – 2021**

The updated meeting dates schedule was sent out to the Board members. There were no changes to the Board meeting dates.

##### **2. NCEES Awards Discussion**

Discussion about how the awards work. Harold Snead and Vince Drnevich have both been nominated and granted Emeritus status with NCEES. They may participate with NCEES and work with various committees as the need arises.

The Board then discussed the interpretation of 864 IAC 1.1-2.1-4(a) and whether an applicant who had a masters or a doctorate from an approved engineering curriculum but did not have a

bachelors from an approved engineering curriculum would be exempt from the requirements of that rule. Jason Durr, Greg Morical and Susan Zellers agreed to consider the issues and make a recommendation to the Board.

There was a discussion regarding meeting organization and the timeline to provide Board packets to the Board prior to a Board meeting. The Board requested that a complete board packet be sent out to all Board members the Friday before the next scheduled meeting.

Opal Kuhn reported on her further review and consideration of the interpretation of 864 IAC 1.1-2.1-6, noting that she believes that an engineering intern applicant who had graduated with a bachelors from a program that is not an approved engineering curriculum but that met the education requirements set forth in 864 IAC 1.1-2.1-4 must have two years of work experience in order to be certified as an engineering intern. The Board discussed and agreed with that interpretation.

Steve Gillman left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Sam Reed would like a report of all applicants licensed that do not need Board review and approval, to be shared with the Board at future meetings.

It was also discussed that Board meetings are public meetings and are therefore open to all members of the public.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19