

MINUTES

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

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 – Jason Durr called to order the meeting at **9:00 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – The Board reviewed the draft agenda. The Board discussed adding a discussion topic of the alternative pathway to licensure to the agenda. A motion was made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to adopt and approve the amended agenda. Motion carries 7/0/0

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF TUESDAY JULY 13, 2023, BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Tim Jensen to approve the minutes.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ian Mathew provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints. There are currently 2 open consumer complaints. There are no open litigation files currently.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Rahul Sakhare – Application review

Rahul Sakhare appeared before the board to discuss his application. This application is for EI application. He meets the requirements for the EI license.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve the application.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

John Spears – Application review

John Spears appeared before the Board to discuss his application. He was accompanied by his supervisor, Dean Ellingworth. He did have a NCEES credentials evaluation completed and sent to Indiana. He did submit his completed supplemental form with his application and his packet that he submitted to the Board. He has reapplied due to changes in the rules from 2017. He did receive his PE license in Kentucky in 2020. The Board discussed the ways in which his documented courses fall short of Indiana's requirements. He requested that he be able to identify particular proposed courses to the Board and that the Board would confirm whether the courses, if satisfactorily completed, would allow him to qualify for registration in Indiana.

Motion made by Susan Zellers and seconded by Tim Jensen to table the application.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

Vladimir Abou Sejaan– Application review

Vladimir Sejaan appeared before the Board to discuss his application. His engineering education is from France, which is a non-accredited school. He did obtain a NCEES Credentials Evaluation. He reviewed his supplemental form with the Board. He requested a deeper dive in his application since he does not meet the experience requirements of licensure in Indiana. He will have to obtain the correct amount of experience. He is not licensed in any other state. He took his PE exam in Ohio, due to decoupling issues in Indiana. He does meet the education requirements, just not the experience. During his second masters, he worked part-time in research. This was 20 hours per week that would qualify as work experience for purposes of the required amount of experience necessary for registration. By the Board’s calculations, if he continues in his current role, he will have the required amount of experience in June 2024.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Susan Zellers to table the application until he contacts PLA in June 2024, when he is expected to meet the experience requirement.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

Arzoman Safarian– Application review

Arzoman Safarian did appear before the board. There were some questions about his education and the math classes he took. He was able to get information pertaining to his education from his university. He did provide an updated supplemental form. He does not meet the total 30 hours that are required. He meets the requirements for math but not for sciences. He does have a master’s degree. He did not add those courses to his supplemental form. He will redo the supplemental form to include those courses.

Motion made by Susan Zellers and seconded by Steve Gillman to table the application to wait for further information.

Motion carries 7/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye

Greg Morical	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Michael A. Kummeth – Cause Number 2023SBRPE0002 Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Michael Kummeth appeared before the Board on behalf of his petition. He reported that he has completed all the requirements of his probation.

Motion was made by Greg Morical and seconded by Susan Zellers to approve the petition of withdrawal from probation.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Rule Change Discussion

Amy reported that the rule changes are in process. Amy will submit the proposed changes to OMB and keep Greg in the loop.

2. NCEES Annual Meeting Resolutions

The NCEES Foundation was brought up, along with various resolutions that were discussed, mainly items related to the practice of surveying.

The regional zone delegates for the 2024 meeting still need to be determined. Various board members will let Amy know who will be able to attend.

3. Education Review – David Shook

His coursework was in engineering technology program and not engineering. He has 27 years of experience. He submitted a NCEES credentials evaluation. Will be reviewed again by Opal and another Board member.

4. 2024 Board Dates

The Board reviewed the dates for 2024 meetings.

5. Alternative Pathway to Licensure

Sam and Greg provided an outline of a proposed process to create a committee of the Board to assess and make a recommendation with respect to the proposed alternative pathways to licensure. One goal of this effort is to help obtain and retain talented individuals in Indiana. The Board discussed the idea of having various paths that allow for experience to replace education requirements. Tim, Steve and Sam are the Board members working on this initiative. They will connect monthly and establish target dates for the different deliverables. Topics for them to consider including within their proposed scope include experience versus education, the review of foreign degrees, waiving the requirement of the FE exam if there is already experience obtained, align requirements with other states and NCEES, and review technology degree standards and the criteria.

AJOURNMENT
10:55



Jason Durr, Chair

1/30/2024

Date

