

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Jason Durr, Chair
Steve Gillman
Tim Jensen
Greg Morical, Vice Chair
Susan Zellers

Members Absent:

Opal Kuhl
Sam Reed

Attending Administrative Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER – Jason Durr called to order the meeting at **9:02 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 5/0/0

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING

Board reviewed the draft minutes and identified several corrections. Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes, as revised.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Susan Zellers	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 6 open consumer complaints. There are no open litigation files currently.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Albert Goering – Probation Report

Albert Goering appeared before the Board for his yearly probation appearance.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Corbin Lane Sollman – Cause Number 2023SBRPE0001 Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Corbin Lane Sollman appeared before the Board on behalf of his petition. He reported that he has completed all the requirements of his probation.

A motion was made by Greg Morical and seconded by Tim Jensen to approve the petition of withdrawal from probation.

Motion carries 5/0/0

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. College Level Examination Program**

It's an option for candidates for licensure to document meeting educational requirements through pre-college courses (i.e., AP courses). The applicable course would need to be on the individual's transcript and accepted by the college as equivalent to the applicable college course.

2. Rule Change Discussion

Elizabeth Walker met with the Board to discuss the rule modifications process. She will work with the rule making subcommittee. The rule making subcommittee consists of the Board director, a Board member, Donald Hannah, Elizabeth Walker, interested stakeholders, and OMB. Beth Bauer could be a stakeholder. The Committee needs to be determined before moving forward and creates the list of proposed rule changes.

The Board then reviewed proposed changes and made modifications to the proposed changes. Greg will share the newly proposed revisions with Amy to distribute to the Board members.

Tim Jensen made a motion and Susan Zellers seconded to make Greg Morical the Board representative on rule subcommittee.

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

The Board discussed the relative merits of amending the rules to allow a professional engineer candidate to take the PE exam without first achieving a certain level of work experience, which is known as "decoupling". The Board discussed how decoupling will help entice engineers to be registered and work in Indiana and to help Indiana compete with other states in the Midwest who has already implemented decoupling. The Board discussed completing proposed changes to the rules shortly so that the proposed changes can be provided to the rule committee after the May meeting, so they may be reviewed and start the process of rule changes.

The Board separately discussed the need to review and study potential licensure pathways for new engineer applicants who may not meet our current educational requirements, including those licensed as PEs in other states with different requirements and who have degrees in non-engineering areas. The Board noted that engineers are needed in the state to allow for growth of the entire state, while maintain health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Indiana. The Board discussed inviting interested educators, associations, and other interested parties in providing their input on this issue. The subcommittee of the Board working on this topic plans to meet in person July 1.

3. Rule Readoption LSA#23-103

The Board reviewed the Rules that need to be adopted set forth in the Notice of Intent to Readopt. Ned reviewed what the readoption entails.

Greg Morical made a motion and Susan Zellers seconded the motion to readopt the Rules listed in LSA 23-103.

Motion carries 5/0/0

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

4. NCEES Zone Meeting Report

Jason Durr provided a report from the Regional Meeting held in Houston in April. Decoupling was mentioned lightly since many states have already decoupled. There was talk of FE Exams numbers falling.

Interim business meeting is April 27 – 30 in Houston
Annual business meeting is August 15 – 18 in Boston

5. Board Elections 2023

Chair, Vice Chair and Liaison

A motion was made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to keep the current officers as they are – Jason Durr as Chair, Greg Morical as Vice Chair and Tim Jensen as Board Liaison.

Motion carries 5/0/0

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

Next Meeting – July 13, 2023

AJOURNMENT
10:31



Jason Durr, Chair

7/13/2023

Date