

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Wednesday, July 17, 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
Heather Orbaugh - Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER – Steve Gillman called to order the meeting at **8:32 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to adopt and approve the **amended** agenda.

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Opal Kuhl 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 MAY 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve the May 15, 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

Jennifer Barth provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints. There are currently 10 open complaints. Opal will serve as a liaison to the OAG for a drainage issue complaint.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Melissa Walker

Melissa Walker appeared before the board to request to retake the PE Exam. She was provided an EI certification by error. She was not successful in her two FE attempts, of which NCEES verified that she had no passing scores for her FE exam. NCEES provided her exam record. Statute requires the passing of Part 1 (FE), Part 2 (PE) and Part 3 (State) prior to licensure. The board grants her permission to take the FE and PE. Since there have been 3 failed attempts with the PE exam, she will need to supply additional education prior to taking the PE exam, of which she has. She will need to provide proof of passing the FE prior to signing up and taking the PE exam.

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Opal Kuhl for the approval of her to take the FE and to take the PE pending passing of the FE.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

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

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

1. **James Kovacs – Cause Number 2019SBRPE0004** Proposed Agreed Order

He agreed to cease and desist in the settlement order.

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Opal Kuhl for the approval of the proposed settlement agreement.

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 continued to August. The board determined to continue the suspension.

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 - NONE

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

NCEES Resolutions/Voting Delegate

The board discussed the resolutions that will be voted on at the NCEES Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. NCEES Education Committee is presenting a motion to accept a technology degree for Engineering Licensure. It was discussed. The Indiana Board reviews the courses taken with all applicants, which allows much holds applicants to meet the existing Rules on Education, which keeps the level of proficiency relatively high. The credit hours required by Indiana Rules for licensure are relatively light in comparison to those of EAC accredited engineering programs, but are more stringent than educational requirements of ETAC accredited technology programs.

Separate structural exam applicant to be introduced as a new license status. There is also a press for licensing per professional engineer specialty – civil, electrical.... This will be another hot topic at the NCEES meeting.

Decoupling was discussed again, as it is becoming a buzz word within NCEES culture.

Comity applicants are not equal from state to state. There is much scrutiny and review in some states versus almost none in other states for comity licensure applicants.

Steve Gillman was determined to be the voting delegate for the engineer board.

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Opal Kuhl for Steve Gillman as the voting delegate.

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 15 people out of 140 that have not complied, that will receive the 3rd notice for not complying with the Continuing Education Audit.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE FE EXAM TASK FORCE

Vince Drnevich reported that the associate dean at Purdue is very earnest about following through with the previous associate dean's commitment to emphasize taking the FE Exam. He will work toward becoming licensed as a PE because he is not currently licensed. Most engineer professors are not licensed PEs.

Amy Barrett of INSPE, will be providing some talks in Evansville about the importance of the FE.

Inquiries were made about the three vacant spots on the board and if there was any movement toward filling them. No actions were reported.

INDUSTRIAL EXEMPTIONS –US Legislators are deliberating on a new law to remove exemption for engineering licensure for those involved in designing gas distribution pipelines. This is response to the explosion that took place in the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts last September. Indiana requires these people to be licensed and has no exemptions for state and federal employees.

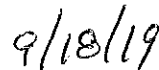
Motion to adjourn made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Vince Drnevich.

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

ADJOURNMENT 10:20 a.m.



Stephen Gillman



Date