

June 3, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

2nd Annual Board Retreat, Old Capitol Inn - Magnolia Room, Jackson, MS

The Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors held its second annual Board retreat on June 3, 2025, from, 1 to 5:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of the Old Capitol Inn located in Jackson, Mississippi. There were no visitors on the date and time of the meeting, unless otherwise mentioned under the roll call below.

I ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Board President Carey Hardin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and Executive Director Monica Gilmore completed the roll call with the following persons identified as present:

Board Members:

Carey Hardin, PE
Clint Tidwell, PS
Patrick Martino, PS
Dr. Dennis Truax, PE
Sarah Tracy, PE
Steve Twedt, PE
Joe Lauderdale, PE
Bill Mitchell, PE
Blake Collins

Agency staff:

Monica Gilmore, Executive Director
Jermaine Pullum, Licensure Investigator
Joshua Smith, Licensure Officer
Pamela Shields, Customer Service
Olivia Branum, Summer 2025 Intern
Bryson Kennedy, Summer 2025 Intern

Visitors and Guests:

Denise DeRossette, Cornerstone

On a motion from Board Member Dennis Truax and second by Board Member Patrick Martino, the June 3, 2025, Board Retreat meeting agenda was submitted for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Policy

The Board reviewed a licensee request to get continuing education credit for a patent issued in 2021 but not reported at the time of the 2021 renewal cycle. After discussion, on a motion from Board Member Bill Mitchell and a second by Board Member Dennis Truax, the Board voted to allow for the use of a patent to cover CE's (aka PDHs) within five years of obtaining the patent. The motion carried unanimously.

II Personnel Matters

On a motion by Board Member Steve Twedt and second by Board Member Sarah Tracy, the Board voted to close the regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Board Member Steve Twedt and second by Board Member Sarah Tracy, the Board voted to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing HR and personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Board Member Steve Twedt and a second by Board Member Sarah Tracy, the Board voted to exit closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Monica Gilmore reported that the following matters were discussed in executive session:

Personnel Matters:

After the financial reports were reviewed, the Board discussed the opportunity to pay the 2025 summer interns for their work with the agency. On a motion by Board Member Blake Collins and a second by Board Member Steve Twedt, the Board voted to pay the summer 2025 Interns a stipend of \$2500 each. The stipend will be paid in installments of \$1,250 to be paid monthly on June and July 30th, respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board also discussed the Customer Service Specialist pin that will be available to the Board as of July 1, 2025. No actions were taken.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn presented by Board Member Sarah Tracy with a second by Board Member Steve Twedt. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Board President Carey Hardin, P.E.