

MINUTES
June 3, 2020
Jackson, Mississippi

The Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors held a meeting on June 3, 2020 using the web conference service known as Zoom which allowed for both video and audio conferencing. Zoom was used instead of an in person meeting due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board's office in Jackson, Mississippi was open and available for public participation; however, there were no visitors on the date and time of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to act on applications, to review correspondence, to adopt the Minutes of the recent Board meeting(s) and to attend to old and new business.

I ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Introduction of Guests

The board meeting occurred via web conference using Zoom. There were no visitors at the board office location to participate in the public meeting.

Attorney Wade Sweat of the Civil Litigation division of the State Attorney General's office joined the meeting via video conference using Zoom to discuss the Vizaline case.

2. Roll Call

Board President Twedt called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday June 3, 2020, via Zoom. Monica Gilmore-Love completed the roll call with the following persons identified as present via video or teleconference using the Zoom application:

Board members:

Steve Twedt, PE, Richard Tolbert, PS, Bill Mitchell, PE/PS, Joe E. Lauderdale, PE, Mike Thornton, PS, Patrick Martino, PS, Sarah Tracy, PE, Dr. Dennis Truax, PE, and Carey Hardin, PE.

Board Attorney Edward Wiggins

Agency staff:

Mark Humphreys, Savannah Brown, Jane Phillips, Barbara Mills and Monica Gilmore-Love.

Mark Humphreys (ED) and Monica Gilmore-Love were in the agency office to provide access to the meeting for the general public; however, there were no visitors at the Board's office on the date and time of the meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2020

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 1, 2020 meeting. On a motion from Bill Mitchell and second by Sarah Tracy, the minutes were submitted for approval. The motion was approved unanimously. 9-0 AYE. Truax, Tracy, Twedt, Tolbert, Lauderdale (Joe E.), Martino, Thornton, Mitchell and Hardin.

II EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Licensee Services and Outreach

For Board informational purposes only; no action necessary.

A. Twitter

Board twitter page is active. Twitter handle is @PeplsM. At the time of the June 3rd meeting the agency is following approximately 70 other agencies and has 40 followers. Board Member Tracy suggested that all board members encourage their twitter followers to also follow the agency page as a way to increase the number of followers.

B. LinkedIn

Board LinkedIn page is also live and is identified on LinkedIn as Mississippi Board of licensure for PEPLS. As of the June 3rd meeting, the agency has 262 followers on LinkedIn, with the predominance of them being located in Jackson but some followers as far away as Washington, DC.

C. Website

Staff & Communications Officer has started the process of setting up the new website including moving information from old site to the new site and content building on the new website. She has also enlisted the aid of Board member Tracy to review existing forms before importing them onto the new website. Requested welcome messages from the Board President and Executive Director to be included on the new website.

D. Logo Design Questionnaire

Staff & Communications Officer informed the Board of a logo design questionnaire that would be e-mailed to them to aid in soliciting a cost estimate from MSI for the development of a logo unique to the agency.

2. Training

A. CLEAR Executive Leadership Program

Executive Director reminded the Board of the Executive Leadership Program training he is currently scheduled to attend on September 21 -23, 2020. For Board informational purposes only; no action necessary.

3. Video conference applications

Staff & Communications Officer gave a brief overview of the table developed to compare video conferencing options. Summarily, Zoom was chosen due to being the most cost effective and due to being the only ITS approved conferencing option other than AT & T teleconference services.

III COMMUNICATIONS

For Board informational purposes only; no action necessary.

1. NCEES Paper & Pencil exams - changes for October 2020

Executive Director recapped information shared by NCEES about the October 2020 paper & pencil exam date.

2. NCEES - Pearson VUE test centers resume May 1, 2020

Executive Director recapped information shared by NCEES about the reopening of Pearson VUE test centers.

3. NCEES - New Headquarters Signage

Executive Director shared photo of new signage at the NCEES building

4. Mark Whitney inquiry and request

Executive Director recapped an E-mail inquiry received from Mark Whitney.

After a brief discussion it was the board consensus, that this **is not** the practice of the Board of Licensure to share the contact information of former state employees; in this instance that of the former agency director. No vote was taken.

5. Oktibbeha County

Both the Board President and legal counsel indicate that county contractual matters are not for the Board of Licensure and that the agency should direct its questions to its questions to its legal counsel.

Additional communication discussion:

Board Member Truax made the board aware of the following communications he received:

- E-mail correspondence received from Austin Dye regarding licensure requirement for the PS exam. Humphreys request that the e-mail be forwarded to him and Licensure Officer Mills for follow-up.

- Board Member Truax expressed concern over the number of calls he's receiving with complaints about the Pearson VUE test centers. To that end, Board President Twedt directed the Executive Director to draft correspondence to NCEES requesting the following:
 - Explanation of their process for complaints
 - How to file a complaint?
 - Their remedy for complaints
 - Report of any complaints received from test takers in the State of MS as well as any action taken by NCEES w/ regard to those complaints
- The Executive Director informed the Board of a pending E-mail notice that everyone should receive from NCEES regarding a virtual annual meeting in lieu of the cancelled in-person annual meeting.

IV DISCIPLINARY/LEGAL MATTERS

The Board reviewed and discussed the status of cases in progress. Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Sweat, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Humphreys and the assigned Board Member updated the Board concerning the issues.

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Truax to have a closed determination to consider whether to go into executive session to discuss the Board's Disciplinary and Legal matters.

The motion received the positive vote of every member present.

The President closed the general session and opened the closed session.

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Truax to go into executive session to discuss the Board's Disciplinary and Legal matters.

The motion received the positive vote of every member present.

The President ended the closed determination and announced in general session that the Board had voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss Disciplinary and Legal matters.

The President closed the general session and the Board entered executive session.

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Tracy to end the executive session and return to general session.

The motion received the positive vote of every member present.

The President reconvened the general session and announced that the following determinations were made:

6. Case # 0515/017

Unlicensed practice. In process. Referred to AG office. The Board authorized Mr. Sweat to proceed with the recommendations he made.

7. TAB Maps Case number - N/A

Referred to AG office. At its August 7, 2019 meeting, the Board agreed with the AG Bobo's recommendation to wait until the case number 0515/017 court case was completed. No further updates.

8. Case # 0719/01

Letter of reprimand to be issued. Case resolved.

9. Case # 0919/04

Negligence. Board hearing set for August 4th, 2020.

10. Case # 0919/05

Negligence – Board Hearing set for August 4th, 2020.

11. Case # 1119/07

Possible Building code violation - in process. No further updates.

12. Case # 0220/13

Possible plan stamping - in process. No further updates.

13. Case # 0220/14

Possible plan stamping - in process. No further updates.

14. Case # 0520/16

CPC violation – board order signed, fine paid. Case resolved.

V BUSINESS

15. General Business

A. Applications

The Board approved the following actions with regard to applications:

(1) CITATIONS TO THE 20-10 EXAMINATIONS (21)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FE</u>	<u>PPE</u>	<u>FS</u>	<u>PPS</u>	<u>MS SECTION</u>
George Brent Ashmore	X				
Tommy James Avant	X				
Dawn Kenya Boddie	X				
Cole Carson	X				
Jeron Christian Collins	X				

CITATIONS TO THE 20-10 EXAMINATIONS (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FE</u>	<u>PPE</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>PPS</u>	<u>MS SECTION</u>
Denard Cox	X				
Clinton Curtis Gentry	X				
Chase Dennis Gibson	X				
Garrett Thomas Harvey	X				
Cameron Wayne Holifield	X				
Brittany Jamison	X				
Charlie Brandon Knight	X				
Robert Coffman Richardson	X				
Corbin Schoenberg	X				
Jai Ganesh Subbarayan	X				
Christopher Allen Franks			X		
James Lee Janisse					X
Johnny Matthew Lee Mason					X
Mark Wayne Nolte					X
Joseph Todd Odham					X
Derek Schuyler Wheat					X

(2) MENTORING (1)

NAME

Carl Pittman

The mentoring reports for October, November, December, January, February and March were reviewed and approved by the Board.

As APAC has recently hired a licensed Professional Engineer (James Williams # 13197) to supervise him, Mr. Pittman and mentor Mr. Dennis Bonds have advised he will no longer need to be enrolled in the Mentoring Program as of April 1 2020.

(3) DEFERRED (0)

NAME

REASON

N/A

(4) DENIED (1)

NAME

REASON

David Bryan Towles

Initial Licensure for Land Surveyor. The new application & references conflicts drastically with testimony & attestation from previous submitted application & supporting documentation concerning qualifying boundary experience. Denied & closed. Mr. Towles is to again refer to the Board's letter of February 10, 2020 for guidance.

(5) LICENSURE APPROVALS (0)

LIC.NO.

NAME

LIC.DATE

N/A

(6) RATIFICATION - PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LICENSED (96)

LIC.NO.

NAME

LIC.DATE

30918	Albritton, Robert Allen	04/22/2020
30919	Bahney, Todd Boyd	04/22/2020
30920	Baptiste, Derren Paul	04/22/2020
30921	Berniard, Steven Craig	04/22/2020
30922	Blazo, Christopher	04/22/2020
30923	Boyd, Barrett Ray	04/22/2020

RATIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LICENSED (continued)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
30924	Bright, Christopher	04/22/2020
30925	Busch, Gunnar Robert	04/22/2020
30926	Cherepon, Andrew	04/22/2020
30927	Church, Jimmy Ray	04/22/2020
30928	Elfayoumy, Adel	04/22/2020
30929	Godwin, James	04/22/2020
30930	Guffey, James William	04/22/2020
30931	Hall, Andrew	04/22/2020
30932	Gulilat, Kifle Paulos	04/22/2020
30933	Herman, David Eugene	04/22/2020
30934	Hoerauf, Robert G	04/22/2020
30935	Kelly, Patrick James	04/22/2020
30936	Kershner, Jeffrey Alan	04/22/2020
30937	Ksaibati, Rami Ahmed	04/22/2020
30938	Macejko, Brian Raymond	04/22/2020
30939	Brandenburg, Joshua Samuel	04/25/2020
30940	Maiden, Andrea Tinn	04/25/2020
30941	McDevitt, Kate	04/25/2020
30942	Miller, Marvin Lyle	04/25/2020
30943	Moulton, John Dan'l	04/25/2020
30944	Neal, Tyler Lee	04/25/2020
30945	Neiman, Matthew Thomas	04/25/2020
30946	Oduselu, Michael Olatunde	04/25/2020
30947	Ozmun, Liane Frank	04/25/2020
30948	Pant, Rohit R	04/25/2020
30949	Parham, James Alan	04/25/2020
30950	Pierson, Christopher	04/25/2020
30951	Ramoutar, Reesha Devika	04/25/2020
30952	Schroeder, James Burt	04/25/2020
30953	Stephens, Britt Lindsey	04/25/2020
30954	Travis, Michael Joe	04/25/2020
30955	Vansickel, Gregory David	04/25/2020
30956	Wallin, Billy Daulton	04/25/2020
30957	Wiseman, Phillip	04/25/2020
30965	Bourgeois, Joshua Kyle	04/30/2020
30966	DeBord, Matthew David	04/30/2020

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<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
30967	Greenlee, Michael Stuart	04/30/2020
30968	Hill, Herman Artis	04/30/2020
30969	Nason, Adam Eric	04/30/2020
30973	Auth, Timothy John	05/06/2020
30974	Bailey, Quinn Logan	05/06/2020
30975	Broussard, Dylan Walsh	05/06/2020
30976	Lenton, Patrick Thomas	05/06/2020
30977	Merrill, Dimitri John	05/06/2020
30978	Mosser, Michael John	05/06/2020
30979	Pitts, Eric Carl	05/06/2020
30980	Quillen, Jacob	05/06/2020
30981	Richmond, Kelly Hasling	05/06/2020
30982	Shrestha, Sudeep	05/06/2020
30983	Fullington, Barney Grant	05/14/2020
30985	Anderson, David Rex	05/15/2020
30986	Baehl, Jeffery	05/15/2020
30987	Bower, Sheldon Ray	05/15/2020
30988	Clapper, Bryan	05/15/2020
30989	Cole, Thomas Christian	05/15/2020
30990	Costigan, Rebecca Rand	05/15/2020
30991	Desai, Saurabh A.	05/15/2020
30992	Johannsen, Bradley Robert	05/15/2020
30993	Johnston, Joseph R.	05/15/2020
30994	Keller, Sean Michael	05/15/2020
30995	Lippard, Michael Scott	05/15/2020
30996	Lodge, Daniel Phillip	05/15/2020
30997	Nieman, Jonathan	05/15/2020
30998	Ogburn, Derek Lee	05/15/2020
30999	Perkins, Matt K	05/15/2020
31000	Poland, David	05/15/2020
31001	Poole, Andrew William	05/15/2020
31002	Rowley, James	05/15/2020
31003	Seader, John Nicholas	05/15/2020
31004	Smith, Brian Edwards	05/15/2020
31005	Stockinger, Robert	05/15/2020

RATIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LICENSED (continued)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
31006	Warboys, Jesse Alan	05/15/2020
31007	VanNess, Drew	05/15/2020
31008	Wojtuniak, Michael Joseph	05/15/2020
31009	Wyssling, Scott E.	05/15/2020
31022	Boydstun, Jonathan Marshall	05/25/2020
31025	Bauder, Joshua Alexander	05/26/2020
31026	Haque, Moyeenul	05/26/2020
31027	Hay, Robert Clinton	05/26/2020
31028	He, Wanglong	05/26/2020
31029	Dowling, Danon Caide	05/26/2020
31030	Mackay, Lorin D	05/26/2020
31031	Marcinko, Paul W	05/26/2020
31033	Mathews, Jeremy	05/26/2020
31034	Newbold, Thomas Emerson	05/26/2020
31035	Arana, Jairo Abraham	05/26/2020
31036	Weber, Michael	05/26/2020
31038	Faccas, David D	05/26/2020
31039	Morin, Jeffrey Edward	05/28/2020
31040	Hadfield, Brian A.	05/28/2020

(7) RATIFICATION OF ENGINEER INTERNS ENROLLED (16)

<u>ENR.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ENR.DATE</u>
30960	Monroe, Jacob Daniel	04/28/2020
30961	Duckworth, Patrick Tennant	04/28/2020
31010	Finney, Megan Elizabeth	05/21/2020
31011	Seale, Madeline Alexandria	05/21/2020
31012	Dhakai, Santosh	05/21/2020
31013	Acharya, Kushal	05/21/2020
31014	Presley, Kenneth Crumpton	05/21/2020
31015	Bigham, Eliza Ann	05/21/2020
31016	Houston, Jacob Edward	05/21/2020
31041	Smith, Dillon	05/28/2020
31042	Hutchinson, Coleby Logan	05/28/2020

RATIFICATION OF ENGINEER INTERNS ENROLLED (continued)

<u>ENR.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ENR.DATE</u>
31043	Phung, Thien Van	05/28/2020
31044	Subedi, Abhinash	05/28/2020
31045	Foster, Joshua Wayne	05/28/2020
31046	Farrar, Caleb Nathaniel	05/28/2020
31047	Batinick, Brian Frank	05/28/2020

(8) RATIFICATION OF SURVEYORS LICENSED (0)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
N/A		

(9) RATIFICATION OF SURVEYOR INTERNS ENROLLED (0)

<u>ENR.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ENR.DATE</u>
N/A		

(10) CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY ISSUED (32)

The Board ratified the following Certificates of Authority for Engineering and Surveying.

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
(Engineering)		
30910	Denneau Professional Engineering Services, LLC	04/06/2020
30911	Phased Right Incorporated	04/10/2020
30912	Paulson-Mitchell, Inc.	04/10/2020

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY ISSUED (continued)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
30913	Fourrier & de Abreu Engineers, LLC	04/10/2020
30914	Essentia, Inc.	04/10/2020
30917	United States Compliance	04/21/2020
30958	Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc.	04/27/2020
30962	LISEGA INC	04/29/2020
30963	Irish Tower, LLC	04/29/2020
30964	KFW Management, LLC	04/29/2020
30970	CCI & Associates Inc.	05/06/2020
30971	Rozel LLC	05/06/2020
30972	Refrigeration Specialists, Inc.	05/06/2020
30984	CE Power Engineered Services, LLC	05/15/2020
31017	Jeske Engineering, Inc.	05/22/2020
31018	Merrick & Company	05/22/2020
31019	Hurricane Hill Development Company PLLC	05/22/2020
31020	Tecnimont USA, Inc.	05/22/2020
31021	Chapman Consulting, Inc.	05/22/2020
31023	the jdi group, Inc.	05/26/2020
31024	Benchmark Group, LLC	05/26/2020
31032	RES America Construction Inc.	05/26/2020
31037	JQ Engineering LLP	05/26/2020
31048	DNV GL Energy USA, Inc.	05/29/2020
31049	Borton-Lawson Engineering, Inc.	05/29/2020
31050	Croy Engineering, LLC	05/29/2020

(Surveying)

30915	Smith Surveying, LLC	04/10/2020
30916	Degrove Surveyors Inc.	04/21/2020
30959	SynTerra Corporation	04/27/2020

B. Financial Report

The Executive Director presented the financial report dated as of April 30, 2020 for Board review. No vote was taken.

C. Review of Legislation - HB 1104, HB I510, SB2790, SB2759, SB2117

The Executive Director presented the following house bills for board review **HB1104, HBI510, SB2790, SB2759, SB2117**. The Board President made note that HB2759 was likely the one most important to the agency presently as it speaks to “moral turpitude”; which is language presently in our regulations.

The Board President requested that the Executive Director look into the changes required to remove this from our regulations. However, the Executive Director noted that we are still waiting on a determination of what moral turpitude means from the AG office which was confirmed by Board Attorney Wiggins

Both the Executive Director and Board President recommend that each Board Member review the proposed legislation and contact their respective representative(s) for their societies to share any concerns over the proposed legislation and /or present to the board for further discussion at the next board meeting.

16. Old Business

A. Comparison of NCEES Model Laws & Rules vs. PEPLS

Executive Director suggest that this will be a long range project possibly with the assistance of a Board Member with a discussion during each board meeting until the comparison is complete. Member Twedt indicates that in his opinion that what’s most important is for the Board to know where our rules differ from NCEES and why.

B. Biennial renew - appraisal (report by Mark)

The Executive Director presented information on the extent of the changes which would be required to convert to a biennial renewal process. Executive Director has attempted to contact PEER for follow-up.

The Board President Twedt reminded everyone of the state legislation changed at our request to begin to offer biennial renewal. Requested feedback from the Board so that we can either pursue a transition to biennial renewal or continue on with annual renewal.

After discussion it was decided to facilitate a poll using our social media platforms to attempt to gauge what the agency membership would like with regard to biennial vs. annual renewals. Board President Twedt recommended the use of both social media platforms and E-mail to notify the membership (licensees) of the poll.

C. Resolution of Cooperation

Executive Director indicated that there was no new information on this item and that it would likely be a matter for next year. No vote was taken.

17. New Business

A. Election of Board Officers for FY2021

Humphreys reminded the Board that the board executive team has previously moved in successor mode. Board Member Mitchell motioned / nominated the leadership team to include Tolbert as President, Tracy as Vice President, and Mitchell as Secretary. His motion was seconded by Member Truax. Vote was held with all members voting aye. Board Officers effective as of July 1, 2020 will be the following:

Richard Tolbert – President
Sarah Tracy – Vice President
William C. Mitchell - Secretary

B. NCEES Annual Meeting – Travel canceled; NCEES pursuing alternate electronic methods to complete annual meeting. NCEES to send out an E-mail re the virtual annual meeting.

C. Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) -Must File by May

Humphreys reminded all Board Members that they must file their SEI; if not already done so. Directed Staff Officer to pull a report and to resend SEI link to applicable board members.

D. NCEES Southern/Central Zone Meeting in Oklahoma 2022

NCEES Joint Zone meeting proposed for October 2022 in Oklahoma and NCEES Annual Meeting is in New Orleans in 2021.

18. Next Meeting – August 5, 2020

The Board reaffirmed Wednesday August 5, 2020; as its next meeting date.

VI ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steve A. Twedt, P.E.", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Twedt, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William C. Mitchell, P.E.", is written over a horizontal line.

William C. Mitchell, Secretary