

MINUTES
October 7, 2020
Jackson, Mississippi

The Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors held a meeting on October 7, 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 Alexis Morris attended the meeting via Zoom representing the AGO's office in the absence of Board Attorney Edward Wiggins
- Attorney Wade Sweat of the Civil Litigation Division of the AGO's office joined the meeting via video conference using Zoom to discuss the Vizaline case. He joined the meeting at the start of the closed and executive sessions.

2. Roll Call

Board President Tolbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday October 7, 2020, via Zoom. Staff Officer Gilmore completed the roll call with the following persons identified as present via video, teleconference using Zoom or in person:

Board members:

Richard Tolbert, PS
Sarah Tracy, PE
William “Bill” Mitchell, PE/PS
Mike Thornton, PS
Patrick Martino, PS
Carey Hardin, PE
Dr. Dennis Truax, PE (late arrival)
Steve Twedt, PE

Agency staff:

Mark Humphreys
Jane Phillips
Barbara Mills
Monica Gilmore-Love
Attorney Alexis Morris

Mark Humphreys 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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting. On a motion from Sarah Tracy and second by Bill Mitchell, the minutes were submitted for approval with the requested corrections to the numbering for the Disciplinary and Business sections:

- II Disciplinary / Legal Matters changed to IV
- III Business changed to V

The motion was approved unanimously. 7-0 AYE. Board Members Truax and Lauderdale were absent from the vote.

II EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Licensee Services and Outreach

A. Website, Twitter and LinkedIn report

- (1) Staff Officer Gilmore shared analytical information on the website traffic, frequently visited items on the website and mode of contact using information provided by Mississippi Interactive.

- (a) Board Member Hardin requested that the agency consider adding the three main buttons to the Licensure tab in addition to their current placement on the website home page
 - (2) Staff Officer Gilmore reported that the Twitter followers are now up to 60
 - (3) Staff Officer Gilmore reported that the LinkedIn followers are almost at 1,000
- B. Presentations / Board & Staff recognitions (if any)**
 - (1) No presentations / board & staff recognitions
- C. USM - Polymer Science and Engineering**
 - (1) Executive Director Humphreys reported that he continues to attempt to contact the Dean of the Polymer Science & Engineering Dept but as of to date has not received any follow-up correspondence from the school or dept. He will continue to try and establish communications with the entity.
- D. Biennium – Poll**
 - (1) On recommendation by the Board, the number of survey questions was reduced from five to two questions to include the following:
 - (a) Please provide your name
 - (b) Are you interested in Biennial renewal of your professional licensure?
 - (2) Board Member Tolbert requested that the Board also correspond with other boards such as the Louisiana (LAPELS); who currently utilize the biennial renewal system.
- E. Grants**
 - (1) Agency staff has updated the list of contacts for purposes of establishing correspondence with area colleges and universities about the grant opportunity. We will begin soon to send out both an E-mail and letter correspondence regarding the grant opportunity. On recommendation by the Board, correspondences will be sent to the Dean of the School of Engineering (where applicable) instead of the school President. Primarily this affects the Schools of Engineering at MSU, Ole Miss and JSU.
- F. NSPE virtual meeting September 15, 2020 - Board presentation**
 - (1) As requested by the NSPE local leadership, Mark Humphreys made a brief presentation to NSPE re current items before the board as they relate to the role and importance of professional licensure
- G. System for Review and Approval of Minutes and process to stream line it**
 - (1) Board Member Mitchell requested that the agency develop a protocol for review and approval of the board minutes and that the document be submitted to the board for review in time to be implemented for the

December 2, 2020 board meeting. The protocol should include the steps for review and time line given during each phase of the review, i.e.

- (a) Internal and board attorney review
 - (i) Number of days
 - (b) Board review
 - (i) Number of days
 - (c) Final draft to be presented for board approval at the upcoming meeting
- (2) Signatory practice of the minutes to be changed to the following:
- (a) Executive Director to begin signing the approved minutes

III COMMUNICATIONS

For Board informational purposes only; no action necessary.

1. *NCEES Supplemental PE Civil exam administration at " regional" test centers

Mark Humphreys presented a brief statement on the availability of this test option for candidates who may be interested in it. As NCEES stated this one time offering would be treated as computer based testing (CBT). The Board voted unanimously to approve.

2. Secretary of State - "Tackle the Tape Initiative"

Board created a committee to address this item. Committee consists of Twedt, Hardin and Martino. First order of business for the committee will be to compare the NCEES model rule to the Mississippi State statutes.

3. *Licensee correspondence and request

This item moved to the Disciplinary section of the agenda. See summary for Disciplinary Case No. 0418/019.

4. *Licensee providing proposed courses for approval

This item moved to the Disciplinary section of the agenda. See summary for Disciplinary Case No. 0919/05.

IV DISCIPLINARY/LEGAL MATTERS

The Board reviewed and discussed the status of cases in progress. Ms. Morris (AGO's representative) along with Attorney Wade Sweat of the AGO civil litigation division with Ms. Phillips, Mr. Humphreys and the assigned Board Member(s) updated the Board concerning the following issues.

A motion was made by Board Member Twedt and seconded by Board Member Mitchell to have a closed determination to consider whether to go into executive session to discuss the Board's Disciplinary and Legal matters. The motion passed unanimously. The Board President closed the general session and opened the closed session.

A motion was made by Board Member Twedt and seconded by Board Member Mitchell to go into executive session to discuss the Board's Disciplinary and Legal matters. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Board Member Tracy and seconded by Board Member Mitchell to end the executive session and return to general session. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Case 0418/019 – The Board determined that the terms of the Consent Order have been met.

Case# 0515/017 - In process. Referred to AG office

Tab Map Company, Inc. -recommendation to wait until Case# 0515/017 court case was completed.

Case# 0919/04 -Negligence. Revocation order delivered. Has 30 days to pay monetary fine.

Case# 0919/05 - Negligence - Proposed Consent order delivered by certified mail. Respondent requested additional documentation to be sent to him. Proposed educational classes submitted were reviewed and the Board determined that it would specify the remaining classes Licensee should take. Board Member Martino was designated to research and identify the remaining classes to be recommended to the Licensee.

Case# 1119/07 -Possible Building Code Violation- in process **Case# 0720/02** - Surveying Standards - In process.

Case# 0820/03 - Surveying Standards Possible aiding /abetting - in process.

Case# 0820/04 - Surveying Standards - Proposed Consent order. \$500.00 fine, next 3 surveying to be submitted for review and approval, attend and complete a face to face Mississippi Standards of Practice class and submit proof of completion.

Case# 0820/05- Unlicensed Practice - Proposed Consent order. \$3000.00 fine.

Case# 0920/06 - Unlicensed Practice - Board asked for AG opinion.

Case# 0920/07- Unlicensed Practice - Board asked for AG opinion.

Case# 0920/08 - Unlicensed Practice - Board asked for AG opinion.

Case# 0920/09 - Unlicensed Practice - Board asked for AG opinion.

A motion was made by Board Member Twedt and seconded by Board Member Mitchell to accept the disciplinary hearing summaries as read as well as the recommendations made by the assigned board members for each case. Motion passed unanimously.

V BUSINESS

1. General Business

A. Applications

The Board approved the following actions with regard to applications:

(1) CITATIONS TO THE 20-10 EXAMINATIONS (24)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FE</u>	<u>PPE</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>PPS</u>	<u>MS SECTION</u>
Abdulrahman Algalcan	X				
Richard Allen Berryman	X				
Mark A. Butler	X				
Joshua Frank Carter	X				
Garrett Bradley Chapin	X				
Michael Chunn	X				
Nathaniel Cran	X				
Coleen Claire Cure	X				
Paige Dias	X				
Ryan Christopher Gaddy	X				
Keaton Edward Jones	X				
Andrew Ernest Koopman	X				
Cecelia Mathide Lamb	X				
William Burns Morrison	X				
Kyle Lance Munn	X				
Mason Pitfield	X				
Justin Patten Sedam	X				
Philip Joseph Sherman	X				
Emily Michelle Sigler	X				
Jessie Tucker	X				
Gary Lee Wilson	X				
Isaiah Chloke Wilson	X				
Jonathon Blake Rushing			X		
Steven Andrew Morgan				X	

(2) MENTORING (0)

NAME

N/A

(3) DEFERRED (0)

NAME

REASON

N/A

(4) DENIED (0)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>
N/A	

(5) LICENSURE APPROVALS (0)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
31307	Judson Tyler Gordy	10/08/2020	*

*Mr. Gordy is the Board's first initial licensee who met both the decoupling and direct registration requirements and only had to demonstrate his four years of qualifying experience.

(6) RATIFICATION - PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LICENSED (86)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
31181	Bush, Thomas Dennis	08/17/2020
31182	Canuteson, Jared Layne	08/17/2020
31183	Cooley, Bryan	08/17/2020
31184	Fox, Jordan Thomas	08/17/2020
31185	Cooper, Gary	08/17/2020
31186	Hosli, Blake	08/17/2020
31187	Jennings, Sandra Prince	08/17/2020
31188	Kemper, Clarence Barton	08/17/2020
31189	Nail, Christopher	08/17/2020
31190	Liu, Yang	08/17/2020
31191	Self, Reed	08/17/2020
31192	Sestak, Alex	08/17/2020
31193	Sommerville, Judson Cain	08/17/2020
31194	Turnbull, Walter Sanders	08/17/2020
31195	Ward, Bryan Robert	08/17/2020
31199	McNamara, Patrick Joseph	08/21/2020
31206	Brodock, Keith Patrick	08/28/2020
31207	Clark, Walter	08/28/2020
31208	Ezold, Robert Wayne	08/28/2020
31209	Garza, Oscar Michael	08/28/2020

RATIFICATION - PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LICENSED (continued)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
31210	Guclu, Alper	08/28/2020
31211	Hagen, Kevin R.	08/28/2020
31212	Matula, Dennis Lee	08/28/2020
31213	Schiller, Steve William	08/28/2020
31214	Peck, Blake Van Leer	08/28/2020
31215	Thornock, Darrell	08/28/2020
31216	Burby, Jason Matthew	08/29/2020
31217	Carlton, Blake Michael	08/29/2020
31218	Gessner, Thomas Edward	08/29/2020
31219	Henry, Aaron Michael	08/29/2020
31220	Rowse, Laurel Erika	08/29/2020
31221	Underwood, David	08/29/2020
31222	Williams, Ferdinand Beer	08/29/2020
31223	Wolf, Kirk Patrick	08/29/2020
31224	Yates, Jonathan William	08/29/2020
31228	Baham, John Anthony	09/01/2020
31229	Bordelon, Johnny Wayne	09/01/2020
31230	Christman, Ralph James	09/01/2020
31231	Ellis, Jason Randall	09/01/2020
31232	Malasitt, William	09/01/2020
31233	Murphy, Daniel Brian	09/01/2020
31234	Julian, Dennis Raymond	09/01/2020
31235	Mullenix, Terry Alan	09/01/2020
31236	Rea, Vince Michael	09/01/2020
31237	Riggs, Jeffery	09/01/2020
31241	Cartwright, Donald William	09/08/2020
31242	Erter, Shawna	09/08/2020
31243	Garbrick, Keith Russell	09/08/2020
31244	Grigg, Thomas Talmadge	09/08/2020
31245	Nance, Darrell Anthony	09/08/2020
31246	Naquin, Paul Jeffrey	09/08/2020
31247	Candelaria Ortiz, Alex Javier	09/08/2020
31248	Robertson, Mickey Lee	09/08/2020
31249	Smith, Christopher William	09/08/2020
31250	Davis, Clinton	09/08/2020
31258	Brookhart, Ryan	09/15/2020

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<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
31259	Butler, Phillip Todd	09/15/2020
31260	Carey, Jennifer Amy	09/15/2020
31261	Colecchia, Mario	09/15/2020
31262	Cothron, Anthony Scott	09/15/2020
31263	Drengenberg, David	09/15/2020
31264	Eckroate, Edward Christopher	09/15/2020
31265	Grosz, Robert William	09/15/2020
31266	Hancock, Ryan Christopher	09/15/2020
31267	Harrell, James Robin	09/15/2020
31268	Herrera, Robert Jesus	09/15/2020
31269	Hunsberger, Joel Wayne	09/15/2020
31270	Langston, Timothy Steven	09/15/2020
31271	Makar, John Daniel	09/15/2020
31272	Marshall, Evan James	09/15/2020
31273	McDowell, Michael Bryant	09/15/2020
31274	Petri, Brad Stephen	09/15/2020
31275	Maynard, Larry A.	09/15/2020
31276	Tolikonda, Rajesh	09/15/2020
31277	Villarruel, Jose Daniel Ferrufino	09/15/2020
31278	Wahba, Harry B	09/15/2020
31279	Weible, Adam	09/15/2020
31287	Dethlefs, Richard Alan	09/29/2020
31288	Harris, Roger Ray	09/29/2020
31289	Johnson, Payden Royce	09/29/2020
31290	Mojica, Nicholas Branden	09/29/2020
31291	Powers, Stephen Joseph	09/29/2020
31292	Schleissing, Bret A	09/29/2020
31293	Suther, John Edward	09/29/2020
31294	Tippelt, Robert John	09/29/2020
31295	Young, Dishili	09/29/2020

(7) RATIFICATION OF ENGINEER INTERNS ENROLLED (21)

<u>ENR.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ENR.DATE</u>
31168	Beddingfield, Nicholas Conti	08/08/2020
31169	Hopkins, Alexander DeMetz	08/08/2020
31170	Nelson, Noah	08/08/2020
31171	Roberson, Madeleine Meilstrup	08/08/2020
31172	Harvey, Garrett Thomas	08/08/2020
31173	Wodajo, Leti Teklu	08/08/2020
31174	McDowell, Benjamin	08/08/2020
31175	Adams, Bradley Grant	08/08/2020
31176	Irwin, Jeremy	08/08/2020
31196	Kirkland, Benjamin Alexander	08/18/2020
31200	Cullop, Ryan Michael	08/22/2020
31201	Guedon, Pete Maddux	08/22/2020
31202	Senter, Keil Elizabeth	08/22/2020
31203	Kanengiser, Elijah Benjamin	08/22/2020
31225	Cagle, Taylor Saree	08/29/2020
31226	Dahal, Prabodh	08/29/2020
31227	Richardson, Robert Coffman	08/29/2020
31255	Jenkins, Chase Gregory	09/12/2020
31256	Moak, Daniel Montgomery	09/12/2020
31257	Stockstill, Gavin Wesley	09/12/2020
31280	Wientjes, Lauren Mariette	09/19/2020

(8) RATIFICATION OF SURVEYORS LICENSED (2)

<u>LIC.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIC.DATE</u>
31197	Morgan, Steven Andrew	08/21/2020
31198	Gross, William Hardy	08/21/2020

(9) RATIFICATION OF SURVEYOR INTERNS ENROLLED (0)

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

2. Old Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting - Summary of Actions for August 27, 2020

Board Members Tracy and Truax presented a summary of the August 27th meeting. Nominations for Zone Level positions in NCEES will be solicited around the first of the year (2021). Executive Director Humphreys reminded the board that in order to be considered for a Zone Level nomination, a board member must be in an active term and have previously served or currently serve on a NCEES committee.

3. New Business

A. No new business

4. Next Meeting – Tentatively set for December 2, 2020

The Board reaffirmed Wednesday, December 2, 2020; as its next meeting date. Tentatively to be an in person meeting possibly located at the offices of ACEC to accommodate social distancing. Motion presented by Member Mitchell with second by Member Tracy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn presented by Board Member Mitchell with a second by Board Member Tracy. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

VI ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Mark Humphreys, Executive Director