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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

TIME: 10:35 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

March 23, 2021

1 State Registration Board for Professional
2 Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
3 March 23, 2021
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President
9 Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs, on behalf of
11 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
12 Professional and Occupational Affairs
13 Michael F. Brinkash, PLS
14 Ronald N. Jumper Jr., Public Member
15 Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE
16 Joseph T. McNally, PG, Vice President
17 Carol D. Sides, Public Member
18 Francis J. Stanton Jr., PE
19 Jonathan J. Tabas, PE, PLS
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22 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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24 C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel
25 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
26 Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Prosecution Liaison
27 Glenn P. Masser, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Caroline A. Bailey, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator
30 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,
31 Department of State
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34 ALSO PRESENT:
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36 Chander Shahdarpuri, President, CP Engineering LLC
37 Nicole Sidle, Majority Committee Executive Director,
38 House Professional Licensure Committee
39 Ted Mowatt, Vice President, Wanner Associates, on
40 behalf of Pennsylvania Society of Land
41 Surveyors/Pennsylvania Society of Professional
42 Engineers
43 Daniel Husted, Environmental Group Manager, Department
44 Of Environmental Protection
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2 State Registration Board for Professional
3 Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists

4 March 23, 2021

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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
7 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
8 with C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
9 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
10 and to receive legal advice from Board counsel on
11 matters that are currently pending before the Board.
12 The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 [Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of
15 Professional and Occupational Affairs, reminded
16 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and
17 those who remained on the line were giving their
18 consent to be recorded.]

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20 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
21 Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land
22 Surveyors, and Geologists was held on Tuesday, March
23 23, 2021. James Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President,
24 called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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1 Roll Call

2 [A roll call of Board members was taken by Mr. Fritz.]

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4 Approval of minutes of the January 8, 2021 meeting

5 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

6 Could we have approval of minutes from
7 last session? I had no problem. Any
8 concerns?

9 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

10 So moved.

11 MR. BRINKASH:

12 Second.

13 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

14 Approved and seconded. Vote, aye or
15 nay?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Acknowledge Public

19 [President Szalankiewicz requested members of the
20 public introduce themselves.]

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22 Report of Board President - No Report

23 [James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President, thanked
24 Ms. Bronshtein and her staff, Mr. Fritz, and Mr.
25 Stauffer for making the virtual situation work.]

1 President Szalankiewicz addressed the National
2 Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying
3 (NCEES) Meetings, noting prior participation.

4 Ms. Bronshtein reported NCEES is conducting
5 virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

6 Mr. Stanton announced his attendance at the
7 virtual meeting in February 202, where there was
8 discussion related to the annual meeting possibly
9 being held in New Orleans at the Sheraton on Canal
10 Street with a backup plan to go full virtual if things
11 do not improve.

12 Mr. Stanton reported NCEES is limiting the number
13 of attendees to two delegates per state and only the
14 delegates present can cast a vote. He stated there
15 would not be any opportunity for livestreaming or
16 casting a vote on any issue for those who were not
17 present.

18 Mr. Stanton informed the Board that he signed up
19 to join a couple committees, especially ones reviewing
20 education and policy, but had not heard whether he had
21 been accepted.

22 President Szalankiewicz mentioned Board members
23 previous attendance at NCEES meetings and noted the
24 need for further discussion at a later time.]

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1 Report of Commissioner - No Report

2 [James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President, thanked
3 Commissioner Johnson, on behalf of the Board, for all
4 of his help to everyone.

5 Mr. Stauffer agreed and will convey the message.]

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7 Report of Board Administrator

8 [Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator, announced
9 the geology paper and pencil exam took place last
10 Friday and everything went well.

11 President Szalankiewicz again thanked Ms.
12 Bronshtein and her staff.]

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14 Report of Board Prosecution Division

15 [Caroline A. Bailey, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
16 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 17-47-
17 14009.]

18 MR. FRITZ:

19 The Board would entertain a motion to
20 approve the Consent Agreement at Case
21 No. 17-47-14009.

22 MR. BRINKASH:

23 So moved.

24 MR. STANTON:

25 Second.

1 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

2 All in favor? Anyone opposed?

3 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
4 name is John P. Keenan, P.E.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel

7 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided
8 a Status of Cases Report for the Board's review. He
9 requested Board members inform him on any matters
10 where they would need to recuse themselves.

11 Mr. Fritz noted five open disciplinary cases and
12 one less with the Consent Agreement approved at this
13 meeting. He reported no open and active application
14 or reinstatement requests.

15 Mr. Fritz reported on actively working on the
16 digital seals and signatures regulation and the Act 41
17 regulations.]

18 MR. FRITZ:

19 Based on discussions in executive
20 session, the Board would entertain a
21 motion to provisionally deny the
22 Application submitted by Chander
23 Shahdadpuri.

24 MR. BRINKASH:

25 So moved.

1 MR. STANTON:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

4 All in favor? Anyone opposed?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MR. FRITZ:

8 Based on discussions in executive
9 session, the Board would entertain a
10 motion to approve the application
11 submitted by Martin Gordon and Barry
12 Colford.

13 MR. BRINKASH:

14 So moved.

15 MR. STANTON:

16 Second.

17 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

18 All in favor? Opposed?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Regulatory Counsel

22 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel,
23 announced House Bill 609, formerly House Bill 2101,
24 had been reintroduced and referred to the Professional
25 Licensure Committee on February 24, 2021. He stated

1 the bill makes changes to current exemptions and CE
2 language and adds provisions.

3 Mr. Fritz stated the primary sponsor is
4 Representative Joe Emrick and is supported by the
5 Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers and
6 Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors. He reported
7 the Board had not been asked for an official response
8 at this time.

9 Mr. Brinkash was in support of the bill and
10 contacted his local legislators.

11 Nicole Sidle, Majority Committee Executive
12 Director, House Professional Licensure Committee,
13 informed the Board that the bill passed out of the
14 House Committee and Senate Committee unanimously and
15 was held up in Senate after the committee process.

16 Ms. Sidle mentioned that there are a few entities
17 that have expressed concerns, specifically as it
18 relates to the new language added in the 2020 bill
19 concerning the use of the geographic information
20 system (GIS) technology.

21 Ms. Sidle announced an upcoming stakeholders
22 meeting in the House, including engineers and land
23 surveyors and individuals from the GIS community to
24 discuss the issues. She believed the intent was for
25 the bill to come out of the committee again early in

1 the new session.

2 Mr. Stanton questioned whether there were any
3 changes between the recent version and the prior
4 version of the bill.

5 Ms. Sidle explained this is the exact same
6 version of House Bill 609 as introduced and passed by
7 the House in the last session.

8 Ted Mowatt, Wanner Associates, Pennsylvania
9 Society of Land Surveyors/Pennsylvania Society of
10 Professional Engineers, commended Ms. Sidle for being
11 diligent with this legislation.]

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13 [Mr. Mowatt experienced technical difficulties.]

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15 Continuing Education Exemption/Waiver Request

16 MR. FRITZ:

17 Based on discussions held in executive
18 session, the Board would entertain a
19 motion to approve the Request for a CE
20 Waiver filed by Gregory Turner.

21 MR. BRINKASH:

22 So moved.

23 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

24 Second.

25 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

1 All in favor? Opposed?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Regulatory Counsel - (cont.)

5 [Joseph T. McNally, PG, Vice President, questioned
6 whether there had been input from the Pennsylvania
7 Council of Professional Geologists regarding House
8 Bill 609.

9 Ms. Sidle commented that the stakeholder meeting
10 had roughly 20 people now virtually, and she invited
11 all of the groups she heard from previously on the
12 bill. She had not been contacted directly from
13 geologists but would be happy to work with them and
14 provided an email address.

15 Mr. McNally did not want to delay a process that
16 had been going on for years but mentioned references
17 in different sections that would tie into some of the
18 geology language also.]

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20 Miscellaneous

21 [James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President, thanked
22 Mr. Fritz and his staff and the people of the
23 Commonwealth for dealing with the virtual situation
24 and would welcome the day everyone goes back to
25 Harrisburg.]

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2 [President Szalankiewicz experienced technical
3 difficulties.]

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5 Mr. Stanton questioned whether anyone signed up
6 for the NCEES Meeting on April 7, 2021. He also noted
7 another meeting on May 5, 2021.

8 Mr. Brinkash noted signing up but having
9 difficulty with confirmation and will check again.

10 Mr. Stauffer received a question from Mr.
11 Shahdadpuri requesting information concerning the next
12 steps after a provisional denial.

13 Mr. Fritz noted already answering Mr. Shahdadpuri
14 through chat but also addressed the question with the
15 Board by explaining the provisional denial process.]

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17 VICE PRESIDENT MCNALLY ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY

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19 Adjournment

20 VICE PRESIDENT MCNALLY:

21 Do we have a motion to adjourn the
22 meeting?

23 MR. TABAS:

24 Motion to adjourn.

25 VICE PRESIDENT MCNALLY:

1 Do we have a second?

2 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

3 Second.

4 VICE PRESIDENT MCNALLY:

5 All in favor? Any opposed? The meeting
6 is adjourned.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 [There being no further business, the State Board of
10 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
11 Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists meeting.



Kelly Gallick,

Minute Clerk

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