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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS
FINAL MINUTES
MEETING OF:
STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS
TIME: 10:34 A.M.
Held at
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2601 North Third Street
One Penn Center, Board Room C
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
as well as
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
July 13, 2022

## State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists July 13, 2022

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## BOARD MEMBERS:

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James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent Michael F. Brinkash, PLS

Martin F. Helmke, PhD, PG 12

Ronald N. Jumper Jr., Public Member

Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE

Joseph T. McNally, PG, Vice President Carol D. Sides, Public Member

Francis J. Stanton Jr., PE 17

18 Jonathan J. Tabas, PE, PLS

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## BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor Alice Glasser, Esquire, Board Prosecutor Glenn P. Masser, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist, Department of State

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## ALSO PRESENT:

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Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee

38 39 40 Ted Mowatt, Vice President, Wanner Associates, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

Rebecca Albert, PG, Chairman, Coordinating Committee on Professional Practices, Department of Environmental Protection

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State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land
Surveyors, and Geologists was held on Wednesday, July
13, 2022. James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President,
called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

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[C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the Board met in Executive Session and conducted quasi-judicial deliberations.

Mr. Fritz also reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and voluntary participation constitutes consent to be recorded.]

\* \* \* 1 2 Roll Call 3 [Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator, provided a roll call of Board members. A quorum was noted to be 5 present.] \* \* \* 6 7 Approval of minutes of the May 13, 2022 meeting PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ: 9 Hopefully everybody got a chance to 10 review the minutes from the last 11 meeting. Are there any changes, 12 recommendations, or conflicts on the 13 minutes? Hearing no. 14 I would like to make a motion to 15 approve as presented. 16 MR. STANTON: So moved. MS. SIDES: 17 18 Second. 19 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ: 20 Roll call vote. 21 22 James Szalankiewicz, yes; Mike Brinkash, 2.3 yes; Martin Helmke, yes; Ron Jumper, 2.4 yes; Robert Kudlawiec, yes; Joseph 25 McNally, yes; Carol Sides, yes; Frank

1 Stanton, yes; Jonathan Tabas, yes.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Acknowledge Public

5 | [Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator, provided an

6 introduction of public members in attendance.]

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8 Report of Board President

9 [James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, President, had

10 | nothing new to report but thanked everyone for

11 attending the meeting in person and virtually.]

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13 Report of Board Members

14 | [Francis J. Stanton Jr., PE, informed Board members

15 that he accepted an invitation to be on the National

16 Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying

17 (NCEES) Committee on Examinations for Professional

18 | Engineers and would be overseeing examination

19 specifications, along with patrolling and scoring all

20 of the engineering examinations.

21 Mr. Stanton notified everyone that a couple of

22 | Board members would be moving off the Board next year.

23 He noted speaking with engineers who are interested in

24 serving on the Board. He stated four engineers have

25 expressed an interest but still have to complete

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paperwork and contact their state Senators.
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President Szalankiewicz commented that the Board currently has two professional engineer (PE) vacancies and one public member vacancy, noting the importance of preparing for members who are leaving the Board.

President Szalankiewicz and Mr. Kudlawiec will be attending the NCEES Annual Meeting in August for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He mentioned that he would be handling the professional land surveyors (PLS) portion and Mr. Kudlawiec would be handling the PE portion.]

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13 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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15 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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17 Report of Board Prosecution Division

18 | [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted a

19 hearing is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Fritz asked whether Board members had any

21 questions for Mr. Masser concerning prosecution.]

22 MR. FRITZ:

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The Board would entertain a motion to

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No. 22-47-002545.

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MR. STANTON:
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   MS. SIDES:
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                  Second.
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   PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:
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                  Roll call vote.
                  James Szalankiewicz, yes; Mike Brinkash,
                  yes; Martin Helmke, yes; Ron Jumper,
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                  yes; Robert Kudlawiec, yes; Joseph
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                  McNally, yes; Carol Sides, yes; Frank
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                  Stanton, yes; Jonathan Tabas, yes.
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   [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
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   name is Michael Anthony McCready, P.E.]
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   Report of Board Counsel
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   [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided
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   a Status of Cases Report for the Board's review. He
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   asked Board members to inform him of any cases where
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   they would need to recuse themselves. He reported
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   nine open disciplinary matters and one
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   application/reinstatement. He noted another hearing
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   regarding a disciplinary case is scheduled for the
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   next Board meeting.
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Mr. Fritz mentioned the digital seals regulation
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   is close to being done, noting the architect and
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   engineer portions are all ready to go to the
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   Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) as
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   final. He also noted the landscape architect portion
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   is going to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) for
   their edits this week. He informed Board members that
   any adjustments OGC recommended would be made and then
   all three regulations would be sent together to IRRC
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   and hopefully done within the next few months.
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        Mr. Fritz reported that only their Board and one
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   other board have completed and finalized Act 41
   regulations. He noted that all of the boards received
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   letters asking for the status on their Act 41
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   regulations. He mentioned that their Board and other
   boards have been utilizing Act 41 and been granting
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   Act 41 provisional licenses.
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   Applications for Review
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   MR. FRITZ:
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                  The Board would entertain a motion to
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                  approve the Application for Licensure
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                  filed by William Fiorillo.
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   MR. STANTON:
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                  So moved.
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   MS. SIDES:
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                   Second.
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   PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:
                  Roll call vote.
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                  James Szalankiewicz, yes; Mike Brinkash,
                  yes; Martin Helmke, yes; Ron Jumper,
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                  yes; Robert Kudlawiec, yes; Joseph
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                  McNally, yes; Carol Sides, yes; Frank
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                  Stanton, yes; Jonathan Tabas, yes.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   MR. FRITZ:
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                  The Board would entertain a motion to
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                  provisionally deny the Application filed
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                  by Jack Yoon.
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   MR. STANTON:
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                  So moved.
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   MS. SIDES:
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                  Second.
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   PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:
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                  Roll call vote.
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                  James Szalankiewicz, yes; Mike Brinkash,
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                  yes; Martin Helmke, yes; Ron Jumper,
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yes; Robert Kudlawiec, yes; Joseph 1 2 McNally, yes; Carol Sides, yes; Frank 3 Stanton, yes; Jonathan Tabas, yes. 4 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 5 6 Discussion Items - Fall ASBOG COE Meeting Attendance [Joseph T. McNally noted he and Mr. Helmke were approved at the last meeting to attend the National Association of State Boards of Geology's (ASBOG) 10 Annual Meeting in early November. He stated the 11 meeting would be a combination of the business part of the organization, followed by a two-day ASBOG Council 12 13 of Examiners Workshop. 14 Mr. McNally mentioned that Pennsylvania is an 15 active member of the business part and ranks in the top five as far as the number of applicants across the 16 17 country applying for a geologist license. He noted 18 participating in the ASBOG Council of Examiners 19 Workshop reviewing exams with people from all over the 20 country. 21 President Szalankiewicz thanked Mr. McNally and 22 Mr. Helmke for representing the Board at the annual 23 meeting.] 2.4 25 Discussion Items - Scam Alert

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[C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, notified
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   Board members of a current scam concerning licensees.
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   He stated persons pretending to be from one of the
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   health-related licensing boards were contacting
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   licensees regarding the status of their license.
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        Mr. Fritz noted scammers are threatening license
   suspension for failure to act and falsely claiming
   involvement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation
   (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).
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        Mr. Fritz provided reminders from the Bureau of
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   Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA)
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   concerning contact and personal information for
   licensees.
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        Mr. Fritz mentioned that those who are the
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   subject of an investigation or disciplinary action
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   service and are provided with a contact name and phone
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   number. He informed everyone to contact their local
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   they have been a victim of the scam.]
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22 [The Board recessed from 10:52 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.]

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2.4 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:15 a.m. until

25 11:21 a.m. in the Matter of the Petition for

12 Reinstatement of the Professional Engineers License of 1 2 Andrew Steven Braum, P.E., Case No. 22-47-002651.] 3 4 MOTION 5 MR. FRITZ: 6 Based on the Petitioner failing to appear for the hearing, the Board would entertain a motion to deny the Petitioner's Petition for Reinstatement without prejudice, allowing him to apply 10 11 at a later date should he choose to do 12 so. MR. STANTON: 13 14 So moved. 15 MS. SIDES: 16 Second. 17 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ: Roll call vote. 18 19 James Szalankiewicz, yes; Mike Brinkash, 20 2.1 yes; Martin Helmke, yes; Ron Jumper, 22 yes; Robert Kudlawiec, yes; Joseph 2.3 McNally, yes; Carol Sides, yes; Frank 24 Stanton, yes; Jonathan Tabas, yes. 25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13 \* \* \* 1 2 Adjournment 3 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ: It sounds like the official business of 4 5 the Board for this date has ended. I 6 make a motion to adjourn. 7 MR. STANTON: So moved. 9 MS. SIDES: 10 Second. 11 PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ: 12 Roll call vote. 13 14 James Szalankiewicz, yes; Mike Brinkash, 15 yes; Martin Helmke, yes; Ron Jumper, 16 yes; Robert Kudlawiec, yes; Joseph McNally, yes; Carol Sides, yes; Frank 17 18 Stanton, yes; Jonathan Tabas, yes. 19 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 20 21 [There being no further business, the State Board of 22 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists 23 Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.] \* \* \* 2.4 25

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1 2 3	STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS REFERENCE INDEX	
2 3 4 5 6 7	July 13, 2022	
8	TIME AGENDA	
9 10 11	9:00 Executive Session 10:30 Return to Open Session	
12 13	10:34 Official Call to Order	
14 15	10:34 Roll Call	
16 17 18 19	10:35 Approval of Minutes	
	10:36 Acknowledge Public	
20	10:39 Report of Board Members	
22	10:41 Report of Board Prosecution Division	
24 25	10:42 Report of Board Counsel	
26 27	10:46 Applications for Review	
28 29	10:47 Discussion Items	
30 31 32	10:52 Recess 11:15 Return to Open Session	
33 34	11:15 Formal Hearing - Andrew Steven Braum	
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50	11:21 Motions	
	11:23 Adjournment	