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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 TELECONFERENCE

TIME: 10:32 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

September 16, 2020

1 State Registration Board for Professional
2 Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
3 September 16, 2020
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Francis J. Stanton Jr., PE, President - Absent
9 Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, on behalf of
10 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs
12 James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, Vice President
13 Michael F. Brinkash, PLS
14 Jonathan J. Tabas, PE, PLS
15 Ronald N. Jumper Jr., Public Member
16 Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE
17 Joseph T. McNally, PG
18 Carol D. Sides, Public Member
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21 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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23 C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel
24 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Counsel
25 Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
26 Glenn P. Masser, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
27 Caroline A. Bailey, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator
29 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Policy Fellow, Department of
30 State
31 Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, Department of
32 State
33 Cole Gordner, Legal Intern, Department of State
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36 ALSO PRESENT:
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38 Cheryl Sinclair, PG, Chair, Coordinating Committee on
39 Professional Practices, Pennsylvania Department of
40 Environmental Protection
41 Jen Smeltz, Executive Director, Senate Consumer
42 Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
43 John Wanner, CAE, President, Wanner Associates
44 Ted Mowatt, Vice President, Wanner Associates, on
45 behalf of Pennsylvania Society of Land
46 Surveyors/Pennsylvania Society of Professional
47 Engineers
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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
7 9:00 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 on matters that are currently pending before the Board
11 as well as receiving advice of Counsel. The Board
12 returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land
16 Surveyors, and Geologists was held on Wednesday,
17 September 16, 2020. James Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS,
18 Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:32
19 a.m.

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21 Introduction of Board Members
22 [James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, Vice President,
23 requested the introduction of Board members.]

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25 Approval of minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting

1 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

2 Next on the agenda is the approval of
3 last meeting's minutes. I assume
4 everybody has had a chance to review
5 them. Are there any questions? If not,
6 could I have a motion to approve the
7 minutes as presented?

8 MR. BRINKASH:

9 So moved.

10 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

11 Second.

12 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

13 All in favor of approving the minutes
14 say aye. Anybody opposed?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Acknowledge Public

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

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21 Report of Board President - No Report

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23 Report of Board Members

24 [Joseph T. McNally, PG, announced that he would be
25 participating in the virtual National Association of

1 State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Council of Examiners
2 Workshop review November 4-5, 2020. He also noted the
3 ASBOG Annual Meeting is November 3, 2020.]

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5 Report of Commissioner
6 [Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, on behalf of
7 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs, welcomed
9 Jonathan Tabas to the Board.

10 Mr. Stauffer thanked everyone on behalf of the
11 Commissioner's Office for their patience working with
12 the virtual platform.]

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14 Report of Board Administrator
15 [Jeannie Bronshtein, Board Administrator, also
16 welcomed Jonathan Tabas.

17 Ms. Bronshtein addressed challenges regarding
18 fall engineering and geology licensing exams due to
19 the pandemic and cancelation of the spring exam. She
20 mentioned there was a concern with finding sufficient
21 seating.

22 Ms. Bronshtein noted misapprehension of the
23 Philadelphia Health Department guidelines by the
24 people booking the Philadelphia Convention Center,
25 where that testing site was canceled, and candidates

1 scheduled to test there went to the Harrisburg site.
2 She reported there was enough test space currently
3 available for engineering and geology exams for anyone
4 wanting to test this fall. She noted being pleased
5 with Pearson VUE and everyone involved working from
6 home.

7 Ms. Bronshtein reported that Board business was
8 still being administered as always, and applications
9 and more were being processed on time since State
10 agencies have been teleworking.

11 Ms. Bronshtein addressed the state-specific land
12 surveyor examination. She mentioned work began on
13 updating the databank before the pandemic but noted a
14 bit of a hiatus as subject matter experts writing new
15 questions dealt with their businesses and personal
16 lives. She stated work has resumed, and the goal is
17 to make the best exam possible for licensure.

18 Vice President Szalankiewicz thanked Ms.
19 Bronshtein for her work under very adverse
20 conditions.]

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22 Report of Board Prosecution Division

23 [Caroline A. Bailey, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

24 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-47-

25 011242.

1 Vice President Szalankiewicz complemented Ms.
2 Bailey on a very thorough report.

3 Mr. Masser announced his acceptance of a position
4 at the Department of Environmental Protection in
5 October. He noted it to be a pleasure serving the
6 Board and wished everyone the best.

7 Vice President Szalankiewicz thanked Mr. Masser
8 for the good job and all of his support.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel

11 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred
12 to status of cases for the Board's review. He
13 requested Board members advise him of any recusals.

14 Mr. Fritz noted the digital seal regulation was
15 out for public comment and hopeful it would go
16 through. He also mentioned that Act 41 was moving
17 along.]

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19 Applications for Review

20 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
21 reviewing one request.]

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23 MR. FRITZ:

24 The Board met in Executive Session and
25 conducted quasi-judicial deliberations

1 prior to the open session.

2 The Board would entertain a motion
3 to approve the Consent Agreement at Case
4 No. 18-47-011242.

5 MR. BRINKASH:

6 So moved.

7 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

8 Second.

9 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

10 It has been accepted. Any objections?

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12 Szalankiewicz, yes; Brinkash, yes;
13 Kudlawiec, yes; McNally, yes; Stauffer,
14 yes; Tabas, yes; Sides, yes.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Discussion Items

18 MR. FRITZ:

19 Based on additional information provided
20 by the applicant, the Board would
21 entertain a motion to approve the
22 educational experience submitted by
23 Evelyn Walters.

24 MR. BRINKASH:

25 So moved.

1 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

2 Second.

3 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

4 Could we have a vote on the subject,
5 Evelyn Walters?

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7 Szalankiewicz, yes; Brinkash, yes;
8 Kudlawiec, yes; McNally, yes; Tabas,
9 yes; Jumper, yes; Stauffer, yes.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 [The Board recessed from 10:53 a.m. until 11:01 a.m.]

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14 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:03 a.m. until
15 11:29 a.m. in the case of the Commonwealth of
16 Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational
17 Affairs v. Jennie Pinho, Case No. 20-47-009536.]

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19 MR. FRITZ:

20 The Board would entertain a motion
21 approving the Application to Sit for the
22 Professional Geologist Exam submitted by
23 Jennie Pinho.

24 MR. MCNALLY:

25 So moved.

1 MR. BRINKASH:

2 Second.

3 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

4 Everybody in favor say aye. Opposed?

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6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [James J. Szalankiewicz, PE, PLS, Vice President,
9 thanked Mr. Fritz, Ms. Bronshtein, and Mr. Stauffer
10 for making the meeting as complete and thorough as
11 possible.]

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13 Adjournment

14 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

15 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

16 MR. KUDLAWIEC:

17 So moved.

18 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

19 Second?

20 MR. STAUFFER:

21 I'll second.

22 VICE PRESIDENT SZALANKIEWICZ:

23 All in favor? Anybody opposed?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 [There being no further business, the State Board of
2 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
3 Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.]

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6 CERTIFICATE

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

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19 Morgan McKendrick,

20 Minute Clerk

21 Sargent's Court Reporting

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8 TIME

AGENDA

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15 10:32 Introduction of Board Members
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19 10:35 Acknowledge Public
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21 10:38 Report of Board Members
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23 10:39 Report of Commissioner
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27 10:43 Report of Board Prosecution Division
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29 10:46 Report of Board Counsel
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31 10:49 Applications for Review
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33 10:51 Discussion Items
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35 10:53 Recess
36 11:01 Return to Open Session
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38 11:03 Formal Hearing - Jennie Pinho
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41 11:14 Adjournment
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