

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,
SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Roberto Yumol, Rules Committee Chair
Demetrio Constantino, Public Member
Dan Hirota, Surveyor Member
Clayton Pang, Engineer Member
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer

Excused: Joel Kurokawa, Landscape Architect Member
Carol Sakata

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chair Yumol.

Discussion on Amendments To Chapter 16-115, HAR, & Chapter 464, HRS: The Committee continued discussions on the Board's brochure titled "Professional Services for Construction Projects and Land Surveys".

At last month's meeting, the Committee questioned the exemption for structures costing \$15,000. Mr. Yumol reported that he contacted the co-author of the brochure, the City and County of Honolulu Building Department, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the State Procurement Office and no one had any knowledge of a \$15,000 exemption for certain structures. Accordingly, the Committee is recommending that the exemption be deleted.

Regarding amending the continuing education ("CE") requirement for architects to align with NCARB's requirement, Mr. Yumol reported that he contacted AIA Hawaii State Council and was informed that they are in the process of assembling a Licensing and Consumer Protection Committee to address this issue. As previously noted, NCARB's Model Law requires 12 hours of health, safety, and welfare ("HSW") courses per calendar year.

At the Board's last meeting in September, the Board addressed a letter requesting that environmental engineering be added as a discipline of engineering to license. The Board referred the matter to the Rules Committee for further discussion. After discussion, the Committee recommends that environmental engineering be added as a discipline of engineering to license. The Committee noted that there are many projects involving environmental engineering, there are accredited degree programs in environmental engineering, and there is an NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering ("PE") exam in environmental engineering.

Next Meeting: The next Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, November 12, 2015
8:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Building
King Kalakaua Conference Room, 1st Floor

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ James Kobashigawa

James Kobashigawa
Executive Officer

JK:tat

10/13/15

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.