

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 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.

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Meeting Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Roberto Yumol, Chairperson, Architect Member
Ken Ota, Vice Chairperson, Public Member
Robert Eggleston, Public Member
Alan Inaba, Land Surveyor Member, Secretary
Brian Fujiwara, Architect Member
Ron Iwamoto, Structural Engineer Member
Kevin Katayama, Mechanical Engineer Member
Joel Kurokawa, Landscape Architect Member
Benedict Lee, Landscape Architect Member
Richard Suzuki, Civil Engineer Member
Marc Ventura, Architect Member
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")
LaJoy Lindsey, Secretary

Excused: Demetrio Constantino, Public Member

Guests: None

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair Yumol.

Agenda: Additions and Revisions: None.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Kurokawa moved, Mr. Ota seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the November 8, 2018, minutes.

Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters: At 9:10 a.m. Mr. Fujiwara moved, Mr. Ota seconded, and it was unanimously carried to enter into recess under Chapter 91, HRS, adjudicatory matters.

4a. In the Matter of the License to Practice Architecture of Fernando J. Andrade, ENG 2018-10-L;

It was moved by Mr. Fujiwara, seconded by Mr. Ota, and unanimously carried to accept the above Settlement Agreement.

4b. In the Matter of the License to Practice Architecture of Matthew J. Brady, ENG 2018-5L;

It was moved by Mr. Kurokawa, seconded by Mr. Ota and unanimously carried to accept the above Settlement Agreement.

4c. In the Matter of the License to Practice Architecture of Reza A. Hadaegh, ENG 2018-17-L;

It was moved by Mr. Ota, seconded by Mr. Hirota and unanimously carried to accept the above Settlement Agreement.

4d. In the Matter of the License to Practice Professional Engineering of Alan R. Mettemeyer, ENG-2018-L;

It was moved by Mr. Fujiwara, seconded by Mr. Kurokawa and unanimously carried to accept the above Settlement Agreement.

At 9:20 a.m., the Board came out of recess under Chapter 91, HRS, adjudicatory matters and returned to its regular order of business.

Applications:

- a. Ratifications
- b. Professional Engineer Committee Recommendations

Mr. Suzuki presented the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMMITTEE REPORT and recommended action as follows:

APPROVE CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- NIGRO, Robert
- PACE, Steven
- SALLAM, Amr
- TABASSIAN, Hamid
- WELLING, Stephen

APPROVE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BRONEC, Alan
- FILAR, Michael

- KWON, Christopher
- PARAMORE, Jeffrey
- REHMAN, Abdur
- TAHAI, Hadi
- TUCKER, James

APPROVE MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BROWN, Jeff
- CASPARIAN, Robert
- CROCCO, John
- KENNEY, John
- KOHARA, Ryan
- REISER, Joshua
- SHEPHERD, Bradley
- SOLBERG, Andrew

APPROVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- COLECHIA, Mario
- EARL, Curtis
- GULDEN, Joseph
- HERSHBERG, Mark
- HIGINBOTHAM, Scott
- JOHNSON, Thomas

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

- CALKINS, Brysen (CE)
- KODAMA, Colin (SE)

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- NONE

DEFER CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- GRANTHAM, Frederick
- KUNZ, Dick
- LIU, John
- MANUEL, Eric
- PERSELLIN, Esra

- STIEMKE, Patrick

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

- GERSH, Gabrielle (CE)
- ZACHARY, David (SE)

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- *NONE*

DEFER ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- CALA, Arian
- GEBREAB, Ermias
- MACKIE, Lance
- McGLYNN, James

DEFER MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- IVES, Daniel
- LEUNG, Luke

DEFER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- CRAIG, Michael
- GERLICK, Bradley
- GEURTS, Nicholas
- MANUEL, Eric
- ODEN, Marcus
- PATEL, Bakulesh
- ROBERTS, Erin
- SOUTH, Jason

DENY CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY MECHANICAL BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY STRUCTURAL BY ENDORSEMENT

- DAVIDSON, Eric

It was moved by Mr. Kurokawa, seconded by Mr. Hirota, and unanimously carried to accept the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMMITTEE REPORT.

c. Professional Architect Committee Recommendations

Mr. Fujiwara presented the PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT and recommended action as follows:

APPROVE ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- BUZARD, William
- LYLE, William
- PILLMAN, Peter
- ROEDER, Brian
- SHIVERS, Joseph
- TORNELLI, Carlos

APPROVE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- MENDOZA, Jeremy
- PUCILLO, James

It was moved by Mr. Inaba, seconded by Mr. Suzuki, and unanimously carried to accept the PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

d. Professional Land Surveyor Committee Recommendations

Mr. Hirota presented the PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

APPROVE LAND SURVEYOR BY ENDORSEMENT

- ELMORE, Jimmy
- GUSTAFSON, Jason

DEFERRED LAND SURVEYOR BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

APPROVE LAND SURVEYOR BY EXAM

- ELMORE, Jimmy
- GUSTAFSON, Jason

It was moved by Mr. Kurokawa, seconded by Mr. Fujiwara and unanimously carried to approve the PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

e. Professional Landscape Architect Committee Recommendations

Mr. Kurokawa presented the PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- VARLEY, Jeffrey

APPROVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- VARLEY, Jeffrey

Old Business:

a. Rules Committee Report –

- EO Matsushima mentioned to the Board that at the last meeting there was discussion regarding the addition of fire protection and environmental engineers. The draft language was previously emailed to the Board. Mr. Suzuki preferred the language of the second option regarding environmental engineers as it is more consistent with Chapter 16-115. EO Matsushima mentioned that Mr. Ventura had questioned the responsibilities of architects in the definition of the fire protection engineer. Mr. Katayama explained that in the definition of fire protection, the definition includes civil, mechanical, electrical and architects as they can perform some of the work. On the architectural side, they deal with existing requirements and path of travel, which is why architects would be involved. The civil would deal with exterior water supply, tanks, etc. as well as fire alarms and sprinklers. For these reasons, the various disciplines are addressed in the definition. EO Matsushima advised that this language will be included in Chapter 16-115-40 under licensure subsection (c). She explained that at this point, this matter is beyond the Rules Committee and now rests with the Board to approve the proposed language and proceed with these changes to the rules. There will be no Rules Committee meeting

on this amendment. Chair Yumol asked Mr. Ventura if he had an issue with the language. After Mr. Katayama's explanation, he understood why it will apply to architects as well. Chair Yumol thanked Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Katayama for their efforts.

New Business:

a. Professional Engineers Report

- Matters Related to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying ("NCEES")
 - NCEES Leadership Visit – EO Matsushima advised the Board that NCEES President Jim Purcell will attend the April 11, 2019 EASLA Board meeting.
 - National Transportation Safety Board ("NTSB") Report on Gas Explosion Emphasizes Role of Engineering Licensure in Public Protection

Although EO Matsushima had forwarded the report to the engineer committee, she wanted the Board to know that NTSB reported a gas explosion on a federal installation in Massachusetts in September. The NTSB is reporting that licensed professionals should be used even if on government property. They are going to change their laws in Massachusetts.

- Request for Number of Licensees - Professional Engineers and Surveyors

NCEES asked EO Matsushima for the number of licensed engineers and surveyors. She provided that information to them and believes that is how they calculate our dues.

- Nominations for NCEES Service Awards

NCEES is requesting national service award nominations due by January 31, 2019. They're also requesting nominations for Western Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Chair Yumol asked if anyone was interested. There was no response.

c. Architect's Report

- Matters Related to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ("NCARB")

➤ NCARB Continuing Education (“CE”) Guidelines Revision

EO Matsushima mentioned that Chair Yumol forwarded the continuing education (“CE”) guidelines from NCARB. Chair Yumol advised that he is on that committee and could give a brief report. NCARB now has revised CE guidelines and as of December it is opened for a 120-day comment period to all jurisdictions. All comments will be compiled and discussed at their regional meeting in March 2019. By that time, there should be an action to have it approved by the annual meeting, which is when it would become effective. From then on, they would begin disseminating to the Boards as to what is allowed as opposed to previous restrictions. NCARB did expand the guidelines a little.

- There will be a regional director’s teleconference on January 7, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., and all members of the Board are invited to join. Basically it’s for the regional director to discuss what the NCARB Board has done thus far and topics to be discussed at the upcoming annual meeting.

d. Surveyors Report

- EO Matsushima shared that she received some responses from candidates who have taken the State examination. One person has taken it once, he studied from the State website and found it to be slightly difficult. Another mentioned that he received study materials from another Land Surveyor and found the examination language to be somewhat unclear and confusing. Yet another examinee commented that the examination was easy for him.
- Mr. Inaba mentioned that he received an e-mail from a candidate but did not find it appropriate for him to respond. EO Matsushima stated that she provided information as to where study materials could be found, as she would to anyone interested.

e. Landscape Architects Report

- Matters Related to the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (“CLARB”)

- EO Matsushima was sent a survey by Missy Sutton of CLARB and asked if she could block out two hours so they could have a phone discussion to clarify licensing requirements and other topics regarding the Hawaii licensing and CLARB. They had a discussion for over an hour, which was very beneficial for both parties and worked out very well. EO Matsushima clarified Hawaii licensing requirements, as some prospective applicants were confused about actual requirements. NCARB is also seeking nominations for President, Vice-President, Regional Director. She asked Mr. Kurokawa if he would still be a Regional Director. He replied that he is up for re-election.
- Mr. Kurokawa shared that he had recently returned from the CLARB Western Regional Director's meeting. He re-iterated the close results of the by-laws for governance failing by a fraction of a percent earlier in the year at the meeting held in Canada. Because that meeting was held outside of the United States, several states were not represented as they weren't allowed to travel outside of the U.S. Although a virtual vote was allowed, some did not participate. The Board felt that the recommended changes are still very valid and would like to present them again at the next meeting where greater representation is expected.
- At 9:40 a.m., Chair Yumol excused himself briefly from the meeting and asked Vice-Chairman Ota to carry on with the next item of business.

Correspondence: None.

Executive Officer's Report:

- Update on the Architect License Renewal Continuing Education Audit for Biennial Period May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018

EO Matsushima advised that the Architect CE audit has been closed out. There were 18 RICO referrals for non-compliance.

➤ Results from Landscape Architect Hawaii State Plant Examination:

Two candidates examined, 0 passed, two failed.

Mr. Kurokawa shared that from his experience, most applicants by endorsement are from out of state. They often fail the first and second time and then they realize that they must study.

At 9:43 a.m., Chair Yumol returned to the meeting.

➤ Results of the October 2018 NCEES Professional Engineer Examinations

EO Matsushima provided the results of the NCEES administered Professional Engineer examinations in which she was an observer in October. She was rather surprised with the results. Total candidates eligible was 76, total candidates examined was 69, number of candidates who passed was 26, 43 failed. Seven candidates did not sit for various reasons. The breakdown is as follows: Civil – 41 examined, 17 passed, 24 failed. Electrical – 20 examined, 3 passed, 17 failed. Mechanical MAM – one examined and passed, MAH- 6 examined, 4 passed, 2 failed; MEF one examined, one passed. Structural lateral - 18 examined, 2 passed, 16 failed; vertical 12 examined -2 passed, 10 failed.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 10, 2019
9:00 a.m.
King Kalakaua Meeting Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chair Yumol adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ LaJoy Lindsey

LaJoy Lindsey
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

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[] Minutes approved as is.

[x] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes 1/10/19.