

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, October 10, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Present: Ken Ota, Chairperson, Public Member
Dan Hirota, Land Surveyor Member, Vice Chairperson
Brian Fujiwara, Architect Member
Marc Ventura, Architect Member
Roberto Yumol, Chairperson, Architect Member
Ron Iwamoto, Structural Engineer Member
Clayton Pang, Electrical Engineer Member
Richard Suzuki, Civil Engineer Member
Joel Kurokawa, Landscape Architect Member, Secretary
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")
LaJoy Lindsey, Secretary

Excused: Kevin Katayama, Mechanical Engineer Member
Benedict Lee, Landscape Architect Member

Guests: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Chairperson Ota.

Agenda: Additions and Revisions At EO Matsushima's request, it was moved by Mr. Suzuki, seconded by by Mr. Pang and unanimously carried to add "Disciplinary Actions" as well as the "Workplace Violence and Discrimination Policy" to the Executive Officer's report, agenda item #9.

Approval of Minutes It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Iwamoto and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting.

Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters: NONE.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

Haidar, Hassan (PE)

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Iwamoto and unanimously carried to ratify Mr. Haidar's application for PE exam.

Prior to the professional engineer committee's report, EO Matsushima discussed an issue regarding a foreign applicant who was approved by the board for a license, however, his license was not issued because he did not meet the requirement of having a SSN. She discussed the possibility of granting a conditional approval for licensure for applicants who have met the licensure requirements but do not yet have a SSN. After a brief discussion, the board recommends that the applicant first provide documentation from the federal government (INS or ICE) indicating the federal requirements for the granting of a SSN. EO Matsushima will request for copies of the federal documents from the applicant.

b. Professional Engineer Committee Recommendations

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

APPROVE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- NONE

APPROVE CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- HOWORTH, John
- LEE, Aaron
- MARSHALL, Jonathan
- NIEMEYER, Eric
- SCHALL, Andrew

APPROVE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- MITSUMORI, Jonathan

APPROVE MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- ANTONIO, Allyson
- DEBEVEC, Matthew

- KAPLAN, Christopher
- PETERSON, Cory

APPROVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- COMBER, Matthew
- RHODES, John
- WONG, Rachel

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

CIVIL

- JOAQUIN, Cedric (not yet licensed)
- LUKE, Kimberlee (not yet licensed)
- TSUBOTA, Korey (not yet licensed)

ELECTRICAL

- NONE

MECHANICAL

- NONE

STRUCTURAL

- NONE

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- NONE

DEFER CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- MEEKS, Logan
- MILLS, James
- RIVERA, Andres

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

- CLARKE, Kevin

Mr. Clarke is a Hawaii resident. His supervisor is not licensed in Hawaii. It was suggested that his supervisor be referred to RICO for unlicensed activity. This is unfortunate for Mr. Clarke who is a student. Mr. Suzuki suggested that the EO request that Mr. Clarke

find another supervisor (licensed) who can complete his verification of supervision.

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- *NONE*

DEFER CHEMICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DEFER ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DEFER MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- CALLOWAY, Robert

DEFER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- EMERY, Russell
- FOX, Douglas
- ROGERS, Robin

DENY CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

The following applications were denied on the basis of not meeting the lawful experience requirement for a civil engineer license, pursuant to §464-8 (a)(4) Qualifications for licensure, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and §16-115-24 (d)(2) and (d)(3) Licensure by endorsement, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

DENY CIVIL ENGINEER BY EXAM

- *NONE*

DENY CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- SHANG, Shuangling

DENY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORESEMENT

- *NONE*

It was moved by Mr. Hirota, seconded by Mr. Inaba, 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

- AGUSTIN, Elena
- CALL, Ryan
- ESTES, Samuel
- FARGALLA, Maikel
- IWAGAMI, Hidenori
- LiBASSI, Philip
- MARTIN, Laurel
- PLEAU, Robert
- PODROBINOK, Vadim
- TAACA, AJ

DEFER ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

APPROVE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- GUERRIERO, Gabriel
- SELLERS, David

DEFER ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- *NONE*

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

d. Professional Land Surveyor Committee Recommendations

There was no PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR COMMITTEE

REPORT.

APPROVE LAND SURVEYOR BY ENDORSEMENT

- NONE

DEFER LAND SURVEYOR BY ENDORSEMENT

- NONE

APPROVE LAND SURVEYOR BY EXAM

- NONE

DEFER LAND SURVEYOR BY EXAM

- NONE

There was no PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

e. Professional Landscape Architect Committee Recommendations

There was no PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

APPROVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- NONE

DEFER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- NONE

APPROVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- NONE

Old Business:

- a. Discussion of the draft rules amendment to a proposed Draft 1 of Title 16 Chapter 115, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR").

There is a new rules flow chart which depicts the rules process. The rules are still being edited and will be sent forward to the Attorney General's office for review.

New Business:

- a. Professional Engineers Report

- Matters Related to the National Council of Examiners for

Engineering and Surveying (“NCEES”)

- NCEES 2020 Call for Nominations – National Service Awards

EO Matsushima advised the board that nominations for NCEES national service awards are due on January 21, 2020.

- NCEES MBA Committee’s Resolution of Cooperation (“ROC”)

EO Matsushima circulated the ROC for perusal. This resolution promotes licensure mobility between states, although non-binding. Response is mixed as some states support the resolution and others do not. After a discussion, the board recommended to respond that while the board supports the efforts of promoting licensure mobility and efficiency, the board has concerns because Hawaii issues licenses by specific branch or discipline of engineering and also differentiates civil engineers from structural engineers as separate licenses. Therefore, the board will not sign the ROC.

b. Architects Report

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

- NCARB Update – August 2019 Issue;

The update was circulated for perusal.

- NCARB – Advocacy Webinar – Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (“APRL”)

There was a webinar on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 and one today, October 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss APRL and mobility challenges. This is a hot topic.

c. Surveyors Report

There was no surveyors report.

d. Landscape Architects Report

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

➤ CLARB “In the Know” Webcasts:

The next webcast will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

➤ CLARB Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, September 25-28, 2019

Mr. Kurokawa attended the annual CLARB meeting as a Director-at-Large. EO Matsushima participated as a newly selected member of the MBE Committee. Mr. Matt Miller is the new CEO of CLARB. He was selected because of his lateral approach in running the association. He is excited to start his new position. The proposal for governance change in the leadership structure is still ongoing. At last year’s annual meeting it failed by a fraction of a percent, primarily because it was held out of the country in Toronto, Canada. There were some jurisdictions that were not authorized to travel, and one needed to be physically present to vote.

Because the vote was so close, the board decided to put forth the same proposal at this year’s meeting. It had been discussed in several of the webcasts and it was actually voted on during the annual meeting in September. The membership did not agree to Indiana’s amendment, but the board’s original proposal did pass.

➤ UHM-MLA Program Lunch and Learn – LARE, CLARB and Becoming a Landscape Architect in Hawaii

Mr. Kurokawa was asked by the Director of the new Masters in Landscape Architecture program at UH Manoa to do a presentation on the pathway to landscape architecture. It will be a chapter event and EO Matsushima will also attend this presentation at UH Manoa on October 16, 2019.

Correspondence: E-mail from Brandi Castillo, NAVFAC, Regarding PEs allowed to sign/
Seal any type of structure, building, or fence/retaining walls;

Ms. Castillo sent an e-mail to Mr. Iwamoto, who in turn sent forward to EO Matsushima. Ms. Castillo wanted to confirm that since Hawaii recognizes civil (CE) and structural (SE) as separate and distinct disciplines, a PE (CE) cannot sign/seal design drawings for any type of

structure, building, or fence/retaining walls as all of these items fall under structural engineering.

Discussion ensued regarding this inquiry. The Board, by consensus, referred Ms. Castillo to their statutes, Chapter 464, HRS, and their rules, Chapter 16-115, HAR for detailed information and definitions of the professional engineer by discipline. The Board also referred Ms. Castillo to seek additional information from the county codes, regulations, and ordinances.

It was moved by Mr. Suzuki, seconded by Mr. Pang and unanimously carried to have EO Matsushima send a letter to Ms. Castillo, referring her to the rules and statutes as discussed.

Executive Officer's
Report:

- Orientation for DCCA/PVL Boards and Commission Members;

This orientation is being held tomorrow, October 11, 2019 at the state capitol. Mr. Inaba will be attending.
- LA – Hawaii Plant Materials State Exam Results

One examined; one passed
- DCCA Disciplinary Actions through August 2019;

Kanji Kobayashi, architect, surrendered his license as he failed to complete required CEs.
- Workplace violence and discrimination policy;

The workplace violence and discrimination policy documents were distributed to board members and will be included in an operational manual

Next Meeting: **Thursday, November 14, 2019**
9:00 a.m.
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Adjournment: It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Fujiwara and unanimously carried to adjourn 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.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes _____.