

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 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Present: Ken Ota, Chairperson, Public Member  
Dan Hirota, Vice-Chairperson, Land Surveyor Member  
Brian Fujiwara, Architect Member  
Alan Inaba, Land Surveyor Member  
Jay Ishibashi, Public Member  
Ron Iwamoto, Structural Engineer Member  
Kevin Katayama, Mechanical Engineer Member  
Benedict Lee, Landscape Architect Member  
Clayton Pang, Electrical Engineer Member  
Richard Suzuki, Civil Engineer Member  
Marc Ventura, Architect Member  
Roberto Yumol, Chairperson, Architect Member  
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")

Excused: Joel Kurokawa, Landscape Architect Member, Secretary  
LaJoy Lindsey, Secretary

Guest(s): Steven Minakami

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

Agenda: Additions  
And revisions None.

Approval of  
Minutes Mr. Ishibashi noted that although he was present at the November meeting, the minutes did not reflect that he was in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Inaba, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as amended.

Chapter 91,  
Adjudicatory Matters: ENG-2019 5-L Daniel Goto

The Board went into recess at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the Hearings Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of law, and Recommended Order; and the Board's Final Order.

The Guest(s) were excused from the meeting room.

Benedict Lee attended the meeting at this time at 9:12 a.m.

The Board came out of recess at 9:20 am.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

None.

b. Professional Engineer Committee Recommendations

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

APPROVE CHEMICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- CLARK, BRIAN

APPROVE CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BATTEY, WILLIAM
- BEGUR, SUNDARESH
- COLES, CHRISTOPHER
- GOUGH, CALVIN
- HEATH, NASH
- KO, KEVIN
- MCBEE, JACOB
- MILLS, JAMES

- MURRAY, AUSTIN
- SANDER, NEIL
- TOBA, JASON
- WOZNIAK, THADDEUS
- WU, TONY
- YOST, KERRY

APPROVE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- HALBECK, MICHAEL

APPROVE MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- DEMIRCHIAN, GAREN

APPROVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- KURTH, JONAH

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

**CIVIL**

- CLARK, KEVIN
- GALACGAC, JESSICA
- KAYA, LANDON
- ROSSONI, CHARLES
- SASABE, KELSIE
- SCHMITT, BRENT

**ELECTRICAL**

- NONE

**MECHANICAL**

- NONE

**STRUCTURAL**

- NONE

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

Civil

- ITANI, AYMAN

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- NONE

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- NONE

DEFER CHEMICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- NONE

DEFER CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- HARMON, DAVID
- KUNZ, DICK DARWIN JR.
- LOPEZ-BURIEK, LEANDRO

DEFER ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- AUMAN, HERRY
- DOFFIN, GREGORY
- HAYWARD, CHAD
- LEAVITT, BRIAN

- LEBLANC, BRIAN
- MOSMAN, TYLER
- PROULX, MARCEL
- SPITERI, JON

DEFER MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DEFER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- ERICKSSON, ROY
- NELSON, KIRK
- SHARFF, PHILIP

DENY CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DENY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

It was moved by Mr. Pang, seconded by Mr. Fujiwara, 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

- CHAPPELLE, TIMOTHY
- DUFFEE, SHAWN
- ESPINOSA, STANTON
- GEHR, ROBERT
- KNITTER, MICHAEL
- KUNIHOLM, ALAN
- MOCK, GORDON

DEFER ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

APPROVE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- LUCAS, JONATHAN
- BROWN, ELENE

DEFER ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- *NONE*

It was moved by Mr. Hirota, seconded by Mr. Pang, 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*
- *NONE*

DEFER LAND SURVEYOR BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

APPROVE LAND SURVEYOR BY EXAM

- *NONE*

DEFER LAND SURVEYOR BY EXAM

- *NONE*

e. Professional Landscape Architect Committee Recommendations

There was no PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

APPROVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

DEFER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- *NONE*

APPROVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- *NONE*

DEFER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- *NONE*

Old Business:

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

The draft is being routed to the Attorney General and the DCCA Director for review.

New Business:            a.    Professional Engineers Report

EO Matsushima noted a correction that the year of the agenda items under NCEES Zone visit and the NCARB's MBE Workshop are typos and need to be corrected from 2019 to 2020.

- Matters Related to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying ("NCEES")

➤ NCEES Western Zone Mobility Challenge

Brian Robertson, Western Zone Vice President challenged the Western Zone States by introducing a 3-step process towards reducing barriers to mobility. Each state will select a state to review that state's laws. The state will then report back to the leadership on their findings in Spring 2020. The last step will be to propose or implement those changes in helping to reduce barriers to mobility where possible at the Annual Meeting in late Summer 2020. Alaska has selected Hawaii. Hawaii has selected Guam.

The Board's delegates will need to begin reviewing the licensure regulations from Guam in response to the mobility challenge and present a report of its findings at the Zone meeting in March. All state board findings will be compiled and presented in whole at the Annual meeting.

NCEES will fund three board delegates- two engineers and one land surveyor, plus one MBE to attend the Zone meeting. Mr. Katayama, Mr. Pang, and Mr. Hirota plan to be the delegates for the Zone meeting in March. The Board's delegates who plan to attend the Annual meeting in June are Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Iwamoto, and Mr. Hirota. All delegates will conduct their own research, reviews, and comments in the combined Board's report, which will be compiled and presented at the Zone meeting and finalized at the Annual meeting.

➤ NCEES ACCA inquiry regarding Amending the By Laws to Add a Ninth Seat on the Board of Directors

EO Matsushima informed the Board that the ACCA was conducting a poll to see whether the member boards were in favor of adding an MBA, as an official voting member, to the NCEES Board of Directors. Majority of the responses from



other state boards and/or jurisdictions were in favor. After a brief discussion, the Board could not reach a consensus.

- NCEES Western Zone Visit to Hawaii – February 20, 2020

EO Matsushima announced that the NCEES Zone Vice President Brian Robertson is planning to visit the Board at its February 20, 2020 meeting.

b. Architects Report

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

- NCARB Update – October 2019 Issue;

EO Matsushima circulated the NCARB Update October 2019 issue for perusal.

- 2020 MBE Workshop & Regional Summit – March 5-7, 2020;
- 2020 Annual Business Meeting – June 18-20, 2020

EO Matsushima announced the upcoming meetings and funding for the Board’s delegates. She noted that the NCARB will fund 2 delegates, 1 public member, 1 MBE, and 1 legal counsel for the Regional Summit in March. The Board will need to decide on it’s delegates for the Regional and the Annual meetings soon. Registration is forthcoming.

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” Webcast – November 20, 2019;

EO Matsushima participated in this webcast.

Executive Officer's  
Report:

➤ Professional Land Surveyor State Exam Survey;

EO Matsushima was forwarded a survey that the Exam Branch received in November from a candidate who commented that the exam study materials were somewhat difficult to obtain and that some books were out of print and expensive. EO Matsushima asked that the Exam Branch continue to forward these survey responses to the Board, as they are informational and useful to the Board.

➤ Exam Results – LA Hawaii Plant Materials State Exam

EO Matsushima noted the following results for the Landscape Architects Hawaii Plant Materials State exam:

Candidates examined	1
Candidates passed	0
Candidates failed	1

➤ 2020 Legislative Session – Opening Day January 15, 2020

EO Matsushima informed the Board that the 2020 Legislature will commence on January 15, 2020.

Next Meeting:

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**  
9:00 a.m.  
King Kalakaua Meeting Room  
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335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Suzuki, seconded by Mr. Inaba and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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Recorded by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

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Sandra Matsushima  
Executive Officer

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes \_\_\_\_\_.