

Meeting Minutes

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE of the Board Licensure for Professional
Engineers and Professional Surveyors held at
9:00 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2024,
Virtual**

Members Present- Karen Nichols, Public Member, Committee Chair
Dr. Ahmed Elaksher, PEPS
Karl Tonander, PE
Emilie Dohleman, PE
Benjamin Aragon, PS

Members Absent- Elizabeth McNally, PE, Vice Chair
Stephen Ney, PE

Others Present- Perry Valdez, BLPEPS, Executive Director
Miranda Gonzales, BLPEPS, Administrative Manager
Jessie James, BLPEPS, Compliance Officer
Marlene Segura, BLPEPS, Licensing Administrator
Matthew Holmes
Zackariah Mondragon

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mr. Valdez read the meeting script regarding the virtual meeting protocols. Ms. Nichols convened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was noted. Audience introductions were made at this time.

2. Meeting Notification

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee the meeting was noticed on the Board's website and at the Board Office.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. Dohleman

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

4. Public Comment/Correspondence

Mr. Holmes introduced himself and stated that he was participating because his application was on the agenda.

5. **Closed Session**

MOTION by Dr. Elaksher that the Committee enter into Closed Session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the items listed on the agenda pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) and (3) to discuss matters pertaining to the issuance, suspension, renewal, or revocation of a license and to deliberate on pending cases, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman.

Roll call vote taken, voting 'Yes': Ms. Nichols, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Ms. Dohleman

6. **Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session**

Ms. Nichols brought the Committee back into open session at 11:08 a.m. and affirmed that while in closed session it discussed only those matters specified in the motion to close the meeting and listed on the agenda under closed session, in accordance with NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) and (3).

****Mr. Aragon joined the meeting at 11:12 a.m.****

a. **Status Review of Complaints and NCA Referrals**

A report was reviewed on the status of pending cases and referrals for Notice of Contemplated Actions.

b. **Applications for Review**

1) **PE Exam**

a) **Barraza, A. – Reconsideration**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve for the PE exam,
SECONDED by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

b) **Bennett, Z.**

Ms. Nichols tabled this item and directed the Board Staff to request additional information.

****Mr. Tonander was placed in the waiting room at 9:22 a.m.****

c) **Garduno, S.**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve for the PE exam,
SECONDED by Dr. Elaksher,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Aragon

Recused: Mr. Tonander and was placed in the waiting room during discussion.

The motion **PASSED**.

****Mr. Tonander returned to the meeting at 9:26 a.m.****

d) Ramirez, M.

e) Valora Sandoval, S.

MOTION by Ms. Dohlema to approve Ramirez, M. and Valora Sandoval, S. for the PE exam, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

2) PE Licensure

a) Mondragon, Z. – Reconsideration

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to approve for PE licensure in the civil discipline, **SECONDED** by Ms. Dohleman,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b) Williams, E. – Reconsideration

Ms. Nichols tabled this item and directed the Board Staff to request additional information.

c) Wirth, G.

Ms. Nichols tabled this item and directed the Board Staff to request additional information.

3) PE Endorsement

a) **Acharya, K.**

MOTION by Mr. Tonander to not approve for PE endorsement,
SECONDED by Ms. Dohleman,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr.
Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

b) **Caruso, C.**

c) **Galant, G.**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve Caruso, C. for PE
endorsement in the structural and civil discipline and Galant, G.
for PE endorsement in the civil discipline, **SECONDED** by Mr.
Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr.
Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

d) **Hahnenkamp, G.**

Ms. Nichols tabled this item for further review.

e) **Hanes, J.**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve for PE endorsement in
June 2024 in the mechanical discipline, **SECONDED** by Mr.
Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr.
Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

f) **Hesson, B.**

g) **Holmes, M.**

h) **Ortega Jr., R.**

i) **Poland, D.**

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve Hesson, B. for PE endorsement in the architectural and civil discipline, Holmes, M. for PE endorsement in the civil discipline, Ortega Jr., R. for PE endorsement in the civil and construction discipline and Poland, D. for PE endorsement in the structural discipline, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

4) PE Reinstatement

a) Ingerbretson, R.

MOTION by Ms. Dohleman to approve for PE reinstatement, **SECONDED** by Mr. Tonander,

Roll Call Vote:

Voting 'Aye': Ms. Nichols, Ms. Dohleman, Dr. Elaksher, Mr. Tonander, Mr. Aragon

The motion **PASSED unanimously**.

5) PE License Renewal

a) Agbayani, N.

Ms. Nichols directed the Board Staff to communicate to the licensee his options for activating his license.

7. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** June 6, 2024 – Santa Fe/Virtual

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/ Miranda Gonzales

Miranda Gonzales, Administrative Manager

Approved by:

s/ Karen Nichols

Karen Nichols, Committee Chair

June 6, 2024 **Approved Date**