



## STATE BOARD FOR ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING AND GEOLOGY

New York State Education Department  
Office of Professions  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234  
&  
via WebEx

September 8, 2022  
~ 9:30am ~

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### **Primary Board Members Present:**

- M. Noviello (Chair)
- J. Martin (Vice Chair)
- D. D'Angelo
- D. Franzi (via WebEx)
- B. Holbritter
- W. Kelly
- R. Frandina
- J. Patota
- L. Woods
- A. Friedman
- T. Mitchell (via WebEx)

#### **Extended Board Members Present:**

- E. Haas (via WebEx)
- A. Lopez (via WebEx)
- J. Berger (via WebEx)
- W. Shover (via WebEx)

#### **Board Members Absent:**

- None

#### **Subject Matter Expert Present:**

- H. Palmer (via WebEx)

#### **Department Personnel:**

- E. Greppo – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education
- J. O'Brien – Education Program Assistant II

**Visitors:**

- John Nadeau – NYSCPG
- Campbell Wallace – ACECNY (via WebEx)
- Emily Whalen – NYSAPLS (via WebEx)
- Mark Kriss – NYSSPE

**1. Call to Order – Open Session**

Chair Noviello called the Open Session to order.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** – Mitchell/Friedman: Open Session meeting minutes from June 9, 2022, were reviewed, amended per one board member comment, and unanimously approved.

**3. Chair Report**

Chair Noviello reported on his attendance at the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Annual Meeting that was held in Carlsbad, CA, in August 2022. He discussed included the different structuring of other State Boards, and those involved with enforcement. He cautioned the board on observed trends in the constitution of various state boards and differing licensure standards.

**4. Vice Chair Report**

Vice Chair Martin deferred commentary until committee reports.

**5. Executive Secretary Report**

The Executive Secretary reported on some of the Office activities over the past few months, including an informal virtual meet-and-greet with the NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS). The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) 2023 transition to Computer-Based Testing (CBT) was discussed.

Internal board member training has occurred and continues for newer and extended board members to learn the process by which applications are evaluated along with the tools used to facilitate review; this is being done, in part, to help reduce the backlog of over 700 exam and endorsement applications that are currently in queue.

Regulations were adopted in July 2022 (a new Section 68.1 and amendment of Section 68.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education). Also in July, the governor signed into law the expanded ownership by Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) of Design Professional Corporations (DPCs), effective July 2024 (Business Corporation Law).

Extended board member W. Shover is on the September Board of Regents agenda for reappointment. Primary Board member S. Roseen will formally reactivate his member status following an inactive period.

Nominations for potential board members are being reviewed and additional candidates are still sought as ES Greppo moves toward interview coordination.

Member Patota may attend the ASBOG national conference in North Carolina, slated for Fall 2022, provided internal approval by New York State Education Department (SED).

The Office of Professions (OP) website will soon migrate to a new more customer-friendly platform, and anticipated to be released within the next several months. The new SharePoint Board Members Only website will soon replace the previous version.

Board Members should start thinking about Board Chair and Vice-Chair nominations for 2023. Additionally, Board objectives/goals will also be discussed at the next board meeting.

#### **6. Access to the Professions Committee Report**

Committee Chair Patota reported she is adding content to a STEM PowerPoint presentation for high school students and hopes to have the slides finalized this calendar year. Extended Member Haas has been working with educators on the presentation as well. There will be a future committee meeting to review and edit what has been created, along with probable future outreach through two-team presentations. Member Patota will deliver Earth Science Week kits from the American Science Institute to some Capital Region schools.

#### **7. Legislation Committee Report**

Committee Chair Martin indicated that the ESOP bill was signed as discussed during the Executive Secretary's report.

#### **8. Land Surveying Committee Report**

Committee Chair Holbriiter reported that the committee met on July 21<sup>st</sup> via WebEx where they discussed the April 2022 and upcoming October 2022 examinations. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **9. Professional Engineering Committee Report**

Committee Chair Martin mentioned that the committee worked on the recently adopted Part 68 regulations over the past year.

ES Greppo mentioned that Department of State (DOS) Part 1203 is effective January 1, 2023 and that an advisory notice related to those elements affecting the Professional Engineering community may be developed for the NYSED Office of the Professions website.

#### **10. Education, Experience & Examinations Committee Report**

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the committee met via WebEx to review program proposals. The committee's full report will be covered in the Executive Session.

#### **11. Environmental Committee Report**

Committee Chair Patota mentioned that further outreach to critical stakeholders, including state agencies, may be necessary clarify the work that falls within the practice definition of Professional Geologists.

#### **12. Continuing Education Committee Report**

Member Woods reported that the Continuing Education (CE) requirement for Geologists was adopted earlier this year. There was also mention of professional organizations updating their CE courses and conference agendas based on the advisory notices listed on each SED profession website.

#### **13. Project Delivery Methods Committee Report**

Committee Chair D'Angelo reported that the committee was originally the 'design-build subcommittee,' and it has since expanded to include other delivery methods. He may propose an updated committee description.

There are no known state bills associated with this committee, but there is a federal bill (Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act) that could impact NYS. A future meeting with the Architecture Board may be beneficial to discuss mutual interests in potential legislation and other matters.

#### **14. Geology Committee Report**

Committee Chair Kelly reported that the committee met several times since the last Board meeting. There was mention of the program review requesting licensure qualifying designation for a B.S. program; further details will be discussed in Executive Session.

#### **15. Construction Supervision Committee Report**

Committee Chair D'Angelo suggested that this committee be combined/consolidated with the Project Delivery Methods committee. Once combined, the committee description will be updated. Board members and stakeholders will be canvassed for input on current issues pertinent to the combined committee.

#### **16. Continuing Business**

None.

#### **17. New Business**

NCEES requested that ES Greppo ask the Board to nominate him as an Associate Member, as is required for status as Associate Member Board Administrator (MBA). As an Associate Member, ES Greppo would have, in part, voting and attendance privileges. Historical information was provided by Board Member Noviello that the former ES regularly attended NCEES meetings.

**Motion** – Patota/Martin: The move to approve the Executive Secretary as an Associate Member of NCEES was unanimously passed.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in Albany.

#### **18. Executive Session and Adjournment**

**Motion** – Friedman/Holbritter: The move to break, then transition into Executive Session was unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Greppo, PE  
Executive Secretary