

# STATE BOARD FOR ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING AND GEOLOGY OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS

Meeting held at M Hotel Buffalo -- Parlor Room -- 2040 Walden Avenue -- Buffalo, NY 14225

# **NYSED Remote Locations:**

Catalog Room -- 89 Washington Avenue -- Albany, NY 12234 Tenth Floor -- 1411 Broadway -- New York, NY 10018 Room 3A-15 -- 250 Veterans Memorial Highway -- Hauppauge, NY 11788

June 5, 2025 - 9:00 A.M.

# **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

# **Primary Board Members Present:**

- J. Martin, P.E. (Chair) (remote in New York, NY)
- B. Holbritter, L.S. (Vice Chair) (remote in Albany, NY)
- R. Nogle, P.E.
- R. Watt, P.G.
- J. Janora, P.G.
- S. Alampalli, P.E. (remote in Albany, NY)
- R. Frandina, P.E., L.S.
- M. Rygel, P.G.
- T. Mitchell, P.E.
- D. D'Angelo, P.E.
- P. VanHaverbeke, L.S. (remote in Albany, NY)
- L. Woods, P.E.
- G. Marcus, P.E. (remote in New York, NY)
- S. Porter, L.S. (remote in Albany, NY), arrived at 9:08 A.M.
- F. Flanagan, L.S. (remote in Hauppauge, NY)

# **Extended Board Members Present:**

• Joseph Pasaturo, P.E.

# **Primary Board Members Absent:**

• None

# **Department Personnel:**

- E. Greppo, P.E. Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald Associate in Professional Education (remote in Albany, NY)

#### **Visitors:**

- Mark Kriss NYSSPE, left at 10:28 A.M.
- Andrew Yarmus, P.E. NYSSPE, left at 10:28 A.M.
- John Sucharski, P.E. NYSSPE, arrived at approximately 10:27 A.M., left at 10:28 A.M.
- Campbell Wallace NYSCPG (remote in Albany, NY)

# 1. Call to Order – Open Session

ES called the Open Session to order at 9:07 A.M.

#### 2. Introductions

Board members, department staff, and visitors provided brief introductions.

# 3. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from the March 13, 2025 Board meeting were reviewed.

<u>Motion</u> – Mitchell/Nogle: Approve March 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

PASSED, with four (4) abstentions (Member Wood, Member Marcus, Member Porter, and Member Flanagan).

#### 4. Chair and Vice Chair Reports

Chair Martin mentioned how impressed he is with all the arduous work that is done within the various Board committees. Vice Chair Holbritter deferred commentary to committee reports.

#### 5. Executive Secretary Report

- Jean Patota, P.G. was appointed as a first (1<sup>st</sup>) term Extended Member from March 17, 2025 to March 16, 2030.
- Dan D'Angelo, P.E. was appointed as a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) term Primary Member from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2030.
- The PE application queue contained 58 applications as of May 27, 2025.
- ES continues to request nominations for the Board's vacant Public Member position and has asked professional organizations to notify their constituents about the opening.
- As of May 31, 2025, there are 687 newly licensed Professional Engineers, 26 Land Surveyors, and 13 Professional Geologists.
- Extended Members are not required to complete the mandatory NYS employee and officer ethics training at this time. The department will send email reminders related to the training.
- The Office of Professions (OP) Annual Report provides a high-level view of OP accomplishments and activities in 2024.
- Pages 8-9 of the Open Session packet contains the full Board Office Report, including NYSED/OP/Staff Outside Activities, Education Program Approvals and Office of Professional Discipline summaries.

# 6. Professional Engineering (PE) Committee Report from Chair Nogle

- a. 4/10-4/12/25 NCEES Zone Interim Meeting Cambridge, MA: See the open Session packet, pages 29-40. ES congratulated Member Nogle, who was elected Northeast Zone Assistant VP.
- b. 4/30/25 Committee Meeting: Engineering disciplines for future Board Member Expertise was discussed. Further discussion on NCEES Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) took place, more specifically the UK SPEK (engineering standard) that the MRA references.
- c. 5/30/25 Committee Meeting: Practice Guidelines are under review and update for currency. ES commented that the next committee meeting on this topic will be held June 27, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.
- d. 6/4/25 NCEES State of the Council: Motions that were previously seen at the Zone meeting and will see again in August at the annual meeting were reviewed.
- e. 8/19-8/22/25 NCEES Annual Meeting New Orleans, LA. ES shared that NCEES will send the motion and committee report publication by July 1, 2025. Delegates will include Greppo, PE / Martin, PE / Nogle, PE / Frandina, PE, LS / Alampalli, PE / Flanagan, LS / Porter, LS. / OPD Representative.

# 7. Land Surveying (LS) Committee Report from Chair Holbritter

- a. 3/27/25 Committee Meeting: Review March 2025 NYS LS Exam Results Review
- b. 4/9 and 5/13/2025 Committee Meetings: First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Practice Guidelines Review. ES added that it had been many years since the guidelines were last reviewed.
- c. 4/10/25 NCEES Zone Interim Meeting: See the Open Session packet, pages 29-40. Pertinent topics for further committee discussion include datum sunsetting and Public Land Survey System (PLLS) states. There are 19 ABET-accredited Surveying programs nationwide; the largest BS program has 456 enrollees. ES added that suggestions for new exam questions will be discussed in committee, along with photogrammetry and scope of practice.
- d. 5/5/22/25 Committee Meeting: March 2025 NYS LS Exam Results Challenge Reviews and Selection of September 2025 Exam Questions.
- e. 5/15/25 Webinar: Colonial States Board Meeting. Noted that the bylaws were rewritten in April 2025. Attended as the NY delegate to vote on the passing of those bylaws.
- f. 6/17/25 Committee Meeting Online Resource Review.
- g. 9/5-9/6/25 NYS Specific Exam Prep Workshop: Will be offered by NYSAPLS in Saratoga, NY. ES asked for LS members to attend as observers.

# 8. Professional Geology (PG) Committee Report from Chair Watt

- a. 3/27-3/30/2025 Student Outreach at NEGSA by Member Rygel and former Member Franzi. Member Rygel noted that this is the primary venue to connect with academics and students. ES added that contact information was gathered from over 100 students for future outreach.
- b. 4/1/25 Committee Meeting Board Member Transition: Much of the committee's work is outreach-related.
- c. 5/7/25 NYSCPG/NYSSPE Virtual Presentation on the Regulated Practice of Geology by ES and Member Watt.
- d. 5/14/25 NYSCPG/NYSSPE Virtual Presentation on PG Application Preparation by ES and Member Janora. ES noted that many state agency employees were in attendance. This presentation may be held again in November 2025 (exact date TBD).
- e. Upcoming events include ASBOG's Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and NYSCPG's Geology Days in Saratoga Springs, NY from November 11<sup>th</sup> through November 14th, 2025.

# 9. Access & Outreach to the Professions Committee Report from Chair Woods

Regarding old business, the virtual outreach presentation may be developed into video segments and ES included that similar videos may be developed for all three (3) professions. Chair Woods mentioned the potential for future outreach at professional companies; Chair Woods' in-house licensure presentation had 120 attendees. ES added that a toolbox may be created for stakeholders to reference and will seek direct communication with state agencies and authorities for future outreach opportunities. A future committee meeting (TBD) will entail best ways to disseminate licensure information to Engineering academic programs. ES also plans to discuss resource development for PG Fall 2025 virtual outreach, which will occur separately to students and academic departments.

# 10. Education Committee Report from Chair Mitchell

The committee met once (March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025) to discuss new and ongoing program proposals; additional information will be shared in Executive Session. ES noted that ABET will send the list of NY programs up for reaccreditation by the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) week of June. ES requested that Board Members interested in observing a visit reach out to him directly.

# 11. Legislation Committee Report from Chair Janora

Reminder provided that Primary and Extended Board Members can view the Legislative Tracker on SharePoint. ES included that bills highlighted in green are those with the higher education committee and NYSED may be contacted on those for comment.

A committee meeting was held on March 25, 2025, that involved exploring how bills are tracked. Although the session will end next week, there are currently 26 bills of interest that have been tracked since January 2025. Board Members were asked to email Chair Janora and copy ES if they see any bills or items of interest that are not currently listed on the tracker.

# 12. Project Delivery Methods Committee Report from Chair D'Angelo

Chair D'Angelo noted that there is connection and overlap with many committees. A committee meeting was held on March 26, 2025, where the April 2013 Joint Design Board Design-Build Position paper was reviewed; updates are in-progress. ES shared that other stakeholders may be invited to the next committee meeting to provide additional perspective.

# 13. Continuing Business

ES continued the MRA/UK SPEC discussion from Chair Nogle's PE committee report. The UK SPEC defines the engineering competency standards for the UK's Chartered Engineer (CEng) Title. The ES will develop an internal memo will be developed that summarizes the Board's review of the UK SPEC competencies.

#### 14. New Business

ES noted that seal forgery in the context of online fraud is an emerging issue. A recent NCEES newsletter has an article on this topic. ES will continue to stay abreast of the evolving matter including holding internal discussions and briefings.

# 15. Resolution for Executive Session and Adjournment

<u>Motion</u> – Nogle/Rygel: Move to break at 11:13 A.M. for five (5) minutes before Executive Session. **PASSED UNAMINMOUSLY.** 

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo PE Executive Secretary