



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

89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

Remote Location:

295 Main St Suite 562 Buffalo, NY 14203

September 4, 2025 - 9:30 A.M.

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Primary Board Members Present:**

- J. Martin, P.E. (Chair)
- B. Holbitter, L.S. (Vice Chair)
- R. Nogle, P.E., left at 12:01 P.M.
- R. Watt, P.G. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- J. Janora, P.G.
- S. Alampalli, P.E.
- R. Frandina, P.E., L.S.
- M. Rygel, P.G.
- P. VanHaverbeke, L.S.
- D. D'Angelo, P.E.
- G. Marcus, P.E., arrived at 9:35 A.M., left at 1:06 P.M., returned at approximately 1:10 P.M.
- F. Flanagan, L.S., arrived at 9:42 A.M.
- T. Mitchell, P.E., left 11:22 A.M., returned 11:26 A.M.; left at 12:32 P.M., returned at 12:38 P.M.

**Extended Board Members Present:**

- None

**Primary Board Members Absent:**

- L. Woods, P.E.
- S. Porter, L.S.

**Department Personnel:**

- E. Greppo, P.E. – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education
- N. Brooks – Administrative Assistant I, left at approximately 9:40 A.M.

**Visitors:**

- Campbell Wallace – NYSCPG, left at 1:05 P.M.
- Kate Knight – Catalyst Government Relations, representing Rochester Institute of Technology, left at approximately 11:40 A.M.

## **1. Call to Order – Open Session**

Chair Martin called the Open Session to order at 9:32 A.M.

## **2. Introductions**

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

## **3. Meeting Minutes**

The Open Session meeting minutes from June 5, 2025, were reviewed.

**Motion** – Mitchell/Janora: Approve June 5, 2025, meeting minutes.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **4. Chair and Vice Chair Reports**

Chair Martin mentioned that he may observe an upcoming ABET accreditation review. He deferred additional commentary to committee reports and associated business.

Vice Chair Holbriiter shared that he was asked by NCESS to be a member on their Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors (EPS). He deferred additional commentary to committee reports and associated business.

## **5. Executive Secretary Report**

- The P.E. application queue contained 77 applications as of September 3, 2025.
- ES continues to solicit nominations for the Board's vacant Public Member position.
- A reminder was given to complete the NYS mandatory ethics training and to contact ES with SharePoint access issues.
- Pages 8-13 of the Open Session packet contains the full Board Office Report, including NYSED/OP/Staff Outside Activities, Education Program Approvals, License Statistics, and Office of Professional Discipline Enforcement Actions.

## **6. Professional Engineering (P.E.) Committee Report**

Chair Nogle summarized the 6/27/2025 committee meeting where the practice guidelines were reviewed. Additional committee meetings to complete this review will be scheduled (dates TBD). Key professional association/organization meetings in 2025 and 2026 are listed on page 1 (6.a.) of the Open Session packet.

## **7. NCEES Annual Meeting**

The NCEES Annual Meeting was held August 19 – 22, 2025 in New Orleans, LA. Attendees included ES and Members Alampalli, Frandina, Martin, Nogle and Porter; J. DeJesus from the Office of Professional Discipline (OPD) attended as well. An Artificial Intelligence Policy was adopted. NCEES model law was amended to include an Engineering Technology education pathway. A NCEES Experience Record development guidance document was developed for member board and

licensure applicant reference. NCEES 'Professional Activities and Knowledge Study' (PAKS) questionnaires were discussed including their impact on exam content and future exams.

Most annual meeting attendees provided their observations and thoughts. Discussion topics included licenses for sub-disciplines, industrial exemption, exam changes, and experience and examination decoupling.

A future Board meeting topic was suggested on the evolution of the engineering examinations. Over the years there have been significant changes to the content and focus of each P.E. and F.E. discipline exam. One example is that the exams are now offered via computer-based testing (CBT) format. ES added that for land surveying it is important to understand the national exam to inform the NYS-specific exam.

#### **8. Land Surveying (L.S.) Committee Report**

Chair Holbitter noted that the committee met on June 17 and July 22, 2025, to review and propose updates and changes to the NY Careers page and online FAQ's. ES will handle next review steps. Potential new exam items were proposed during the July meeting. The timing of the NYSAPLS NYS Exam Review Course was discussed. The full list of 2025 and 2026 exam dates, workshops, and L.S. committee meetings are listed at on pages 1-2 (6.b.) in the Open Session packet. ES mentioned scheduling an exam item writing workshop (date TBD).

#### **9. Professional Geology (P.G.) Committee Report**

Chair Watt remarked that the committee met on June 23 and July 14, 2025, regarding endorser requirements and licensure qualifying (LQ) program content. Professional practice in Geology began March 1, 2019. ES commented that the committee will begin working on Practice Guidelines once the P.E. and L.S. updates are proposed. Member Rygel is assisting the ES on internal form updates. NYSED outreach presentations are being planned to discuss LQ programs and licensure with higher education institutions and students. The list of 2025 meetings and conferences is listed on page 2 (6.c.) in the Open Session packet.

#### **10. Access & Outreach to the Professions Committee Report**

ES reported in Chair Woods's absence and mentioned potential outreach to the New York State Building Officials Conference, among other stakeholders. As part of the conversation on the Official's role, it was commented that municipalities should be alerted that permits need a stamp and seal.

ES is working internally to coordinate outreach with NYC DOB. Webinars for the practicing community, colleges, student chapters, high schools, state agencies and authorities were also discussed. Outreach is slated for Geology Days and the NYSAPLS Conference (dates are listed in the open session packet).

#### **11. Education Committee Report**

Chair Mitchell reported that the committee has not met and there is one (1) active review. Additional information on the active review will be shared in Executive Session. ES may attend an ABET Accreditation observation in October.

## 12. Legislation Committee Report

Chair Janora mentioned a few notes from the end of the legislative session in June. All bills introduced in this session will continue to be tracked. Pages 20-23 in the open session packet contain the legislative tracker, which includes bill status.

## 13. Project Delivery Methods Committee Report

Chair D'Angelo commented, among other things, that the committee is monitoring legislation, QBS, and local governments. Federal regulations will be monitored for their potential impact on project delivery. Chair D'Angelo has accepted a role as the Chair of the NAS TRB Committee on Construction Delivery Methods and Processes and is also now a member of the NCEES education committee.

## 14. Break

Open session adjourned for a break at 11:28 A.M. and resumed at 11:44 A.M.

## 15. Continuing Business

Regarding the fraudulent use of seals, ES provided a summary of NCEES' Law Enforcement session as conveyed to him by OPD attendee J. DeJesus. Background information was discussed related to bill (A2571A/S620A), which would allow grandfathered engineering corporations to pursue a P.G. Certificate of Authority. If the Department requests technical comment from the Board on this bill, the ES will coordinate as appropriate. ES also mentioned further conversations on licensure application review trends and observations related to continuing education.

## 16. New Business

Thoughts and reactions on the national trend of decoupling experience and examination licensure requirements was discussed. Currently, decoupling is reportedly administered in the following number of states: 16 (L.S.) 2, (P.G.) and over 30 (P.E.).

ES reminded new primary board members to complete the OPD new board member training by the end of 2025. He reminded primary board members of the extended board member roster and discussed the role and resource of the extended member.

An ad hoc committee on application experience forms has been created to review existing experience application forms and offer feedback for evolution. Members Mitchell, VanHaverbeke, and Rygel volunteered for the committee, along with Chair Martin. Once the committee report is developed, opinions will be solicited from the full board.

For informational purposes, ES will compare NCEES & ASBOG Model Laws, Rules and Regulations to New York State's. The ES will provide 2026 proposed board meeting dates for consideration and feedback.

## 17. Resolution for Executive Session and Adjournment

**Motion** – Alampalli/D'Angelo: Move to adjourn open session and move directly to Executive Session.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo, PE  
Executive Secretary

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