

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting at 9:00am
Meeting Held via Zoom, Thursday, June 11, 2020

Chairwoman Karen Purcell, PE, declaring a quorum present, called the virtual meeting to order at 9:00am. Participating were board members Michael Kidd, PLS; Brent Wright, PE/SE; Tracy Larkin-Thomason, PE; Kent Anderson, PE; Matthew Gingerich, PLS; and Angelo Spata, PE. Also joining were Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Chris MacKenzie, Board Legal Counsel; Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance; and Louisa Kern, Administrative Assistant. Board members Gregory DeSart, PE; and Thomas Matter, public member, were excused.

1. **Meeting conducted by Chair Karen Purcell, call to order and roll call of board members to determine presence of quorum.**

Chairwoman Purcell said that before moving to introductions, she would like to read the mission statement of the board as a reminder of the board's purpose.

The purpose of the board as stated in Nevada Revised Statute 625.005 is to safeguard life, health and property and to promote the public welfare by providing for the licensure of qualified and competent professional engineers and professional land surveyors and our mission is founded on the board's purpose, the board's mission is to uphold the value of professional engineering and land surveying licensure by assessing minimum competency for initial entry into the profession and to insure on going standard of professionalism by facilitating compliance with laws regulations and code of practice and to provide understanding and progression in licensure by openly engaging with all stake holders.

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public comment (Discussion only)**

There was no public comment.

4. Discussion and possible action on approval of May 14, 2020, board meeting minutes. (For possible action)

Ms Mamola said the minutes included in the board packet are related to the legislative committee report given at the last board meeting. She said they were included for background rather than for approval. The full minutes will be presented at the July 9, 2020 board meeting.

5. Consideration of initial licensure applicant requests to waive certain requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 625. (For possible action)

Mr Anderson recommended denying the waiver request of NRS 625.183 (4) (b) for Kyle Thompson, applying for environmental engineering licensure.

20-71 A motion was made by Mr Anderson, seconded by Ms Larkin-Thomason to deny the waiver request, but with future consideration should suitable supervision be identified in the applicants reporting structure. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board approval of non-appearance applications for initial licensure. Refer to Addendum A for list of applicants. (For possible action)

The Board reviewed 5 applications for initial licensure and recommendations were made.

20-72 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr Gingerich to approve the initial licensure applications as noted. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on Legislative Committee report, Chair Angelo Spata. (For possible action)

- a. *Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 625, 327, 329 and Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 625 and 329, refer to Addendum B*

Mr Spata reviewed the process and progress to date related of the 10-year review of regulations. He said board has approved the proposed amendments as listed in Addendum B to move forward in the process. Licensees were surveyed for feedback related to possible economic impacts on small

businesses due to the proposed regulatory amendments.

b. Discussion and possible action on results of Small Business Impact Survey related to proposed regulation changes and resultant draft Small Business Impact Report

Mr Spata said presented today for board consideration are the draft small business impact statements compiled from the licensee and stakeholder surveys. He added we are looking for any comments or feedback in regards to the SBI survey and obtaining concurrence so that we can move forward with our public workshop that we are looking to hold in the coming weeks. Mr Spata asked if board members had any questions or comments about the draft statements. There were none.

20-73 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr Wright to approve the draft Small Business Impact Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion and possible action on regulatory process timeline and next steps in the process

Ms Mamola reviewed the next steps in the regulatory process.

- June 12, 2020: Notice of Public Workshop posted
- June 30, 2020, 10am PDT: Public Workshop held virtually for additional public input
- July 8, 2020, 3pm PDT: Legislative Committee meeting held virtually to consider any updates to the SBI reports based on additional public input
- July 9, 2020, 9:30am PDT: Board Meeting held virtually to consider additional public input and approve final SBI reports
- July 10, 2020: Regulatory review packet presented to the LCB

Mr Wright asked about the protocol for board member participation in the public workshops. Mr MacKenzie said the workshop was related to public comment as opposed to deliberation with possible action. He said staff can provide any clarifications and answer public questions. If larger issues arise, they can be brought to the board for consideration at a future board meeting.

d. Discussion and possible action on bill draft request for changes to NRS 625. 270, decoupling of exams from experience requirements for professional land surveyor applicants

Ms Mamola said NRS 625.270 is the statute that relates to the survey exam, and it is proposed to decouple the survey exams so that future land surveyors can take the PLS exams whenever they think

they are ready which is similar to what we do with the PE exam. She said with the government liaison contract being approved by the board of examiners, she would connect with Ms Fischer about a path forward and open strategy discussions with the Legislative Committee.

8. Discussion and possible action on meeting dates. (For possible action)

Ms Mamola reviewed dates for upcoming meetings.

9. Discussion and identification of topics for future meetings including possible proposed amendments to the Nevada Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Law, Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 625. (Discussion only)

There were no topics put forward.

Ms Purcell: Before I open it up for public comment I just wanted to announce and to share my gratitude, this will be Kent's last meeting. Kent has resigned from the board effective June 30th. So, I would just like to say, Kent, thank you very much for your service. It has been a pleasure to serve with you. You will definitely be missed. Kent is there anything you would like to share or add?

Mr Anderson: It has been a pleasure working on the board. The relationships that I have developed here will last a lifetime for me. With my retirement and with the way statues state, you have to be working in the field of engineering and since I am retiring, that no longer makes me eligible. So, I thank you very much and wish you all well.

10. Public comment. (Discussion only)

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chairwoman Purcell adjourned the meeting at 9:25am, on June 11, 2020.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director