**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**
**Minutes of the Special Board Meeting**
**Held virtually, Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

Board members present Chairwoman Karen Purcell, PE; Vice Chair Michael Kidd, PLS; Brent Wright, PE/SE; Matthew Gingerich, PLS; Gregory DeSart, PE; Thomas Matter, public member; and Angelo Spata, PE. Also present were Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Chris MacKenzie, Board Legal Counsel; Susan Fischer, Board Government Affairs Liaison; Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance; and Louisa Kern; Administrative Assistant. Board member Tracy Larkin-Thomason, PE, was excused.

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

Ms Purcell called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

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**

There was no public comment.

4. **Consideration of initial licensure applicant requests to waive certain requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 625.**

Mr DeSart recommended approving the waiver request of NRS 625.193 (1) (a) for Naci Duru, applying for mining engineering licensure.

20-86 A motion was made by Mr DeSart, seconded by Mr Gingerich to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

5. **Board approval of non-appearance applications for initial licensure. Refer to Addendum A for list of applicants.**

The Board reviewed 7 applications for initial licensure and recommendations were made.

20-87 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr DeSart to approve the initial licensure applications as noted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

6. **Discussion and possible action on bill draft request for changes to NRS 625.095, licensing exemption for natural gas utilities.**

Ms Mamola reviewed the revised amendment language to NRS 625.095. She said the revision was requested by NV Energy to provide clarification that the exemption remained for electrical design by a public utility. Ms Mamola said the revision was made in conjunction with the PUC and had been reviewed by Southwest Gas and NV Energy without objection.

Ms Purcell asked for any comments on the revised language.

Mr MacKenzie said he was concerned about the first sentence in 2a. He said he would like to work on some additional edits to further clarify the intent of the proposed amendment. (ACTION Item)

Ms Fischer said she would encourage the board to consider and approve the current revision, and in the meantime Mr MacKenzie can do some wordsmithing and she can forward the clarification edits to assemblywoman Jauregui when complete. She added that it is not uncommon for the LCB to edit language as amendments move through the review process.

20-88 A motion was made by Mr Matter, seconded by Mr Kidd, to proceed with the language as it is currently revised and presented today, recognizing that the board will have opportunities to revise that language during the review process before it becomes final. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

7. **Discussion and possible action on NCEES 2020 Annual Meeting Action Items and Conference Reports.**

Ms Purcell asked Ms Mamola to review the action items for the board's consideration and vote.

a. Discussion and possible action on NCEES Western Zone Nomination for President-Elect

Ms Mamola said the first item is discussion of possible action on NCEES Western Zone nomination for president elect. The board needs to vote whether it agrees to nominate Brian Robertson, PE, Colorado, for the office of President elect.

20-89 A motion was made by Mr DeSart, seconded by Mr Spata, to nominate Mr Robertson for the office of President elect. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

b. Discussion and possible action on accepting nomination of Brian Robertson, PE, Colorado, for the office of NCEES president-elect

Ms Mamola said this item regards the discussion and possible action on accepting the nomination of Brian Robertson, PE, for the office of NCEES president-elect.

20-90 A motion was made by Mr Gingerich, seconded by Mr Spata, to accept the nomination of Mr Robertson for the office of President elect. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

c. Discussion and possible action on candidates for NCEES Treasurer

Ms Mamola said this agenda item relates to discussion of possible action on candidates for NCEES treasurer. She added that there are three candidates for NCEES Treasurer. Steven Arndt, PE, Maryland; Paul Tyrell, PE, PLS, Massachusetts; and Andrew Zoutewelle, PLS, North Carolina.

Ms Purcell said she was familiar with Mr Tyrell and would recommend him as the candidate.

20-91 A motion was made by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Gingerich, to nominate Mr Tyrell for the office of Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

d. Discussion and possible action on candidates for NCEES Western Zone Vice President

Ms Mamola said 7b is the discussion and possible action on candidates for NCEES Western Zone vice president. She said there are two candidates - Scott Bishop, Utah, PLS, and our own Karen Purcell, PE, Nevada.

20-92 A motion was made by Mr Kidd, seconded by Mr DeSart, to nominate Ms Purcell for Western Zone Vice President. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

### e. Discussion and possible action on candidates for NCEES Western Zone Assistant Vice President

Ms Mamola said this item is the discussion and possible action on candidates for NCEES Western Zone assistant vice president. There is only one candidate for assistance zone vice president - Dr Qureshi.

20-93 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr DeSart, to nominate Dr Qureshi for Western Zone Assistant Vice President. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

### f. Discussion and possible action on approval of the 2019 NCEES Annual Meeting Minutes

Ms Mamola said 7f on the agenda is for approval of the 2019 NCEES annual meeting minutes.

20-94 A motion was made by Mr Matter, seconded by Mr Spata, to approve the 2019 NCEES Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously. Mr Gingerich abstained and Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

### g. Discussion and possible action on NCEES Special Committee on Bylaws Motion 1, Motion 2, Motion 3, Motion 4, and Motion 5

Ms Mamola said this item relates to NCEES special committee on bylaws motions, one, two, three, four and five. She said these items were approved by states at the 2019 annual meeting, and procedurally another state board vote is required for them to be included in the NCEES bylaws.

20-95 A motion was made by Mr DeSart, seconded by Mr Matter, to approve bylaw Motions 1 through 5. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

**h. Discussion and possible action on NCEES Board of Directors Motion 1 and Motion 2**

Ms Mamola said motion 1 is to approve the application of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers to become a member of the NCEES participating organizations liaison council.

20-96 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr DeSart, to approve NCEES Board of Directors Motion 1. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

Ms Mamola said motion 2 is to ratify the proposed amendment to the NCEES Zone meeting continuity guidelines to clarify that only board members may make nominations for officers.

20-97 A motion was made by Mr DeSart, seconded by Mr Gingerich, to approve NCEES Board of Directors Motion 2. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

**i. Discussion and possible action on NCEES Committee on Finances Motion 1 and Motion 2**

Ms Mamola said the next items relate to the NCEES Committee on Finances. Motion 1 is the approval of the NCEES 2020-2021 operating budget, and Motion 2 is the approval of the NCEES 2020- 2021 capital budget. Ms Mamola suggested that both items be taken together.

20-98 A motion was made by Mr Matter, seconded by Mr Kidd, to approve NCEES Committee on Finances Motion 1 and 2. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

**j. Discussion and possible action on delegation/designation of Nevada member board signature required for ballot**

Ms Mamola said this item related to the delegation or designation of a Nevada board member board to sign the ballot on behalf of the board. Typically, it is the board chair, but because Ms Purcell is on the ballot it is best that another board member sign.

20-99 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr DeSart, to designate Mr Matter to sign the ballot on behalf of the board. The motion passed unanimously. Ms Larkin Thomason was not present for the vote.

8. **Discussion and possible action on meeting dates.**

Ms Mamola said September 11, 2020, had been set as the date for the strategic plan review and update, with the time slot being from 9am to 1pm. She said a second date should be tentatively set should the board need a follow-up session.

After discussion it was determined that September 16, 2020, from 9am to 1pm, was the most agreeable date and time. Ms Mamola said a meeting invite would be sent out to board members. (ACTION Item)

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.**

There were no topics put forward.

10. **Public comment.**

There was no public comment.

11. **Adjournment.**

Ms Purcell adjourned the meeting at 3:34pm.

Respectfully, Patty Mamola
Executive Director