

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting
Held virtually, Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM

- 1. Meeting conducted by Chair Michael Kidd, call to order and roll call of board members to determine presence of quorum. Board members present were Karen Purcell, Angelo Spata, Robert Fyda, Lynnette Russell, and Greg DeSart. Board Members absent were Thomas Matter, Brent Wright, and Matt Gingerich. Also present were Patty Mamola, Executive Director, and Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance.**

It was determined a quorum was present.

Ms Mamola stated that the agenda was posted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada Open Meeting Law and in accordance with NRS 233B. Since this is a public hearing, the agenda was required to be posted 15 days in advance of this public hearing.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

- 3. Public comment.**

There was no public comment.

- 4. Open public hearing to receive comments pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003 by Chair Michael Kidd.**

Mr Kidd said that typically the Board would deliberate and then adopt regulations at this hearing, but today we are not adopting regulations, this hearing is part of the process laid out in NRS 233B, which we must follow in response to Governor Lombardo's executive order 2023-003. Mr Kidd went on to say that all public comments received to date will be included in the report to the governor. He stated this public hearing provides an opportunity for any additional public comments on the board's proposed regulation changes/repeals.

Mr Kidd called for comments related to executive order 2023-003. Ms Mamola suggested he ask for public comment for each proposed regulation change separately.

- a. Public comment on the Board's recommendations as set out in Attachments A and B**

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to NAC 625.210, application for licensure or certification fees proposed to amend, waive the application fees for active-duty military, active-duty military spouses, military veterans, and military veteran spouses.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.230, applications for licensure in multiple categories or disciplines, proposed repeal priority one. He then asked Ms Mamola to confirm this is the correct regulation, and she replied yes, the governor's directive asked for us to propose at least 10 regulations to be repealed in priority order. So, this is priority one of a proposed repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.310, examinations proposed to amend, remove Nevada specific exam for engineers, retain exam for Land Surveyors.

Mr Ping introduced himself, and said: *My name is Kip Ping. I'm with Pinnacle Engineering in Cincinnati, Ohio, we're a structural engineering firm. And the comment I would like to make is that I'm registered in over 30 states, and I think that the exam that Nevada has is a valuable part of your registration process. When I was registered there recently, I found that the exam was useful. It's not just busy work. It allowed me to come to a better understanding of your specific requirements in your state. And there were actually a couple of things I found that I would've not found otherwise. I think that professions are different than other entities and watering down the requirements to become an engineer is while I'm in favor of reducing regulation, that's not a place to do it because it's a way to provide for higher integrity in our profession. Thank you.*

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.330, proposed to repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.460, requirements for renewal of identification card, proposed to repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.620, fictitious names, propose to repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.625, notice of change in licensee's employer category or discipline, proposed to repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.635, representation of parties, qualifications of attorneys, proposed repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.660, responsibility for compliance with standards of practice, proposed repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.668, positional certainty, horizontal and vertical positions of monuments, proposed repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.690, location of corners, boundaries and monuments, proposed repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.765, establishment of final location of points. Proposed repeal.

There was no public comment.

Mr Kidd introduced and asked for comments related to 625.795, duties regarding geographic information systems, proposed repeal.

Mr Enke introduced himself, and said: *Was 625.024 brought up already?*

Ms Mamola replied that yes, it had.

Mr Enke then asked : *Could I ask that we strike out a couple items in that passage in section three, which have model law surveyor or land surveyor, just to clean up some of the confusion that that could be in this. I know myself and a couple other surveyors are concerned that, you know, there's still some ambiguity in that. So, I would suggest or like us to see strike model law surveyor or land surveyor in that passage three.*

Ms Mamola replied that it's too late to make that change at this time due to the required public process, but we will make note of his suggestion for future regulation changes and discuss it at our upcoming PAL Committee meeting.

Mr Enke agreed.

There was no further public comment.

5. Public comment on any other regulatory changes that workshop participants feel are worthy of consideration by the Board.

There was no public comment. Mr Kidd closed the public hearing pursuant to the executive order.

6. Public comment.

There was no public comment on general matters of the board.

7. Close public hearing to receive comments pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003.

Mr Kidd closed the public comment period and the public hearing.

8. Adjournment

Mr Kidd thanked the board and members of the public for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 10:12 am.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director