

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held virtually, on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:15AM

Board members participating were Chairman Angelo Spata, PE; Thomas Matter, public member; Karen Purcell, PE; Michael Kidd, PLS; Robert Fyda, PE; Greg DeSart, PE; and Matthew Gingerich, PLS. Vice Chair Brent Wright, PE/SE and board member Jay Dixon, PE, were excused.

Also participating were Mark Fakler, Executive Director; Chris MacKenzie, Board Legal Counsel; Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance; and Jasmine Bailey, Licensing.

1. Meeting conducted by Chair Angelo Spata, call to order and roll call of board members to determine presence of quorum—board members Brent Wright, Michael Kidd, Thomas Matter, Karen Purcell, Matt Gingerich, Robert Fyda, Greg DeSart, Jay Dixon.

Mr Spata called the meeting to order, and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public comment.

There was no public comment in-person, virtually or via email.

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

Ms Purcell recommended approval of the requests to waive NRS 625.183 (4)(b) made by Roland Montemayor applying for chemical engineering licensure.

24-59 A motion was made by Ms Purcell, seconded by Mr Fyda to approve the waiver requests. The motion passed unanimously. Mr Wright and Mr Dixon were 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 nineteen applications for initial licensure in the board packet.

24-60 A motion was made by Mr Matter, seconded by Mr Gingerich to approve the applications for initial licensure contained in the board packet. The motion passed unanimously. Mr Wright and Mr Dixon were absent for the vote.

6. Consider proposed revisions to NRS 327 as drafted by the Nevada Association of Land Surveyors (NALS), related to the Nevada Coordinate System.

Mr Spata asked Mr Gingerich to introduce the agenda item.

Mr Gingerich said the Nevada Association of Land Surveyors (NALS) is proposing amendments to NRS Chapter 327 relating to the Nevada Coordinate System. He said the revisions were driven by national datum updates by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) which will come into effect in the near future – possibly as early as next year. Mr Gingerich added that Nevada statutes need to be adjusted to account for the datum update. He added that the revised text allows for some flexibility as to when the coordinate system changes actually go live.

Mr Gingerich said a draft of the proposed revisions were reviewed by the PLS Standards of Practice Sub-committee and a couple of edits were recommended. He said NALS considered the suggestions, made revisions, and they were reviewed again by designated members of the committee. The revised version in the board materials has been accepted by the committee and a recommendation that the board support the proposed amends to NRS 327 as presented.

Mr Gingerich said with board support, NALS will move forward with a bill draft request (BDR) for the 2025 legislative session.

24-61 A motion was made by Mr Gingerich, seconded by Mr Kidd to support the proposed revisions to NRS 327 drafted by the Nevada Association of Land Surveyors as presented.
The motion passed. Mr Wright and Mr Dixon were absent for the vote.

7. Public comment.

There was no public comment in-person, virtually or via email.

8. Adjournment.

Mr Spata thanked the meeting attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 9:27am.

Respectfully,

Mark Fakler
Executive Director