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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433
September 24, 2012

At 8:30 a.m. on September 24, 2012, Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D., P.E., called the meeting to order at 301 Bogard Hall, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D., P.E.	Chairman
Richard L. Savoie, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Miles B. Williams, P.E.	Treasurer
James E. Bowie, Ph.D., P.E.	Secretary

Roger D. Danzy, P.E.
M. Ernest Gammon, P.L.S.
Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.
Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director
Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff
Mark A. Jusselin, P.E., Emeritus Member

Board members not present: Timothy J. Allen, P.L.S.
Theodore H. Thompson, P.E.
John W "Billy" Moore, P.E.

The invocation was led by Mr. Crosby and the pledge by Mr. Savoie.

Mr. Crosby asked for a moment of silence and the opportunity to convey special recognition of Emeritus Board member, Bobby Price, Ph.D., P.E., P.L.S., who died on August 1, 2012. It was not only fitting to remember Dr. Price, but especially so at this meeting on the campus of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, where Dr. Price was a professor for many years and a professor to many of the current and former Board members. Mr. Crosby referenced a quote from a recent article in the NSPE magazine in which Dr. Price was remembered: "Bobby Price was a past president of NSPE, a past chair of the NSPE Licensure and Qualifications for Practice Committee, and a past member and chair of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board. He was an educator, having taught civil and environmental engineering at Louisiana Tech University throughout his career, and he had a significant presence nationally in NSPE, NCEES, and ASCE. His was an extraordinary career."

Dr. Mattei turned over the Chairman's gavel to Mr. Savoie.

Chairman Savoie presented Dr. Mattei with a plaque of appreciation for her time serving as Board Chairman and for being the first woman to serve as a Board member and Chairman.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Savoie. Walt and Jenna Carpenter, faculty at Louisiana Tech, welcomed the Board to the campus.

Mr. Moore entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m. and Dr. Mattei exited the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Mr. Mustapha requested that the Board meeting agenda be amended to remove from discussion the application of Mr. Ahn **Nguyen** for certification as an engineer intern, as the review committee has approved the application.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to accept the September 24-25, 2012 proposed Call for Meeting and Board Meeting Agenda, as amended.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the Minutes from the July 23, 2012 Board meeting.

1 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
2 Crosby, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for November 19-20, 2012.
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4 The Board's July Task List was reviewed.
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6 **Committee Reports**

7 **Finance Committee**

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10 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
11 amend the 2012-13 budget as presented.
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13 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to cash
14 in the certificate of deposit at Synergy Bank, which is due to mature on September 30,
15 2012, and to deposit these funds into the Board checking account.
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17 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to cash
18 in the certificate of deposit at Key Point Bank, which is due to mature on October 16,
19 2012, and to deposit these funds into the Board checking account.
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21 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to re-
22 invest the certificate of deposit at Pelican Bank, which is due to mature on November
23 1, 2012.
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25 Dr. Mattei reentered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
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27 **Enforcement**

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29 **Case #2011-125** - Ms. Sentell reported on a licensed engineer who aided or assisted
30 his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the
31 words "engineer", "engineering" and modifications or derivatives thereof in
32 conjunction with its name and business in Louisiana without proper licensure. The
33 firm subsequently became licensed in Louisiana. The respondent has signed and
34 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.
35 The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 36 1. Fine of \$500
- 37 2. Costs of \$182.74
- 38 3. Successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws & Rules and
39 Professionalism & Ethics Quizzes
- 40 4. Publication with name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES

41 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
42 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gammon and Dr. Bowie, to
43 approve the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Gerald A. Miller,
44 P.E.
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46 **Case #2012-8** - Ms. Sentell reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or
47 offered to practice land surveying and used the word "surveys" in its name and in
48 conjunction with its business in Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm
49 subsequently became licensed in Louisiana. The respondent has signed and returned
50 the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The
51 proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 52 1. Fine of \$2,500
- 53 2. Costs of \$275.29
- 54 3. Publication with name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES

55 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
56 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Crosby, Mr. Moore and Mr. Thompson, to
57 approve the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Turner Surveys
58 LLC.
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60 **Case #2012-9** - Ms. Sentell reported on a licensed land surveyor who aided or
61 assisted his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying
62 and using the word "surveys" in its name and in conjunction with its business in
63 Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm subsequently became licensed in
64 Louisiana. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order
65 offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
66 the following sanctions:

- 67 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 68 2. Costs of \$275.29

- 1 3. Successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws & Rules and
2 Professionalism & Ethics Quizzes
3 4. Publication with name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES
4 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
5 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Crosby, Mr. Moore and Mr. Thompson, to
6 approve the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Stanley K. Turner,
7 P.L.S.
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9 **Case #2011-118** – Ms. Sentell reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or
10 offered to practice engineering and used the word "engineering" in its name and in
11 conjunction with its business in Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm
12 subsequently became licensed in Louisiana. The respondent has signed and returned
13 the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The
14 proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 15 1. Fine of \$2,500
- 16 2. Costs of \$293.48
- 17 3. Publication by name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES

18 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
19 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Thompson, to
20 approve the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Marino
21 Engineering Associates, Inc.
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23 **Case #2011-119** – Ms. Sentell reported on a licensed engineer who aided or assisted
24 his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the
25 word "engineering" in its name and in conjunction with its business in Louisiana
26 without proper licensure. The firm subsequently became licensed in Louisiana. The
27 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
28 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following
29 sanctions:

- 30 1. Fine of \$500
- 31 2. Costs of \$293.48
- 32 3. Successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws & Rules and
33 Professionalism & Ethics Quizzes
- 34 4. Publication by name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES

35 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
36 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Thompson, to
37 approve the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Gennaro G. Marino,
38 P.E.
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40 **Case #2011-91** – Ms. Sentell reported on a licensed engineer who
41 sealed/signed/dated/issued engineering design plan sheets for the elevation of
42 residences in Louisiana and sealed/signed (but did not date) post-construction
43 certification letters relating to each of the same projects. The engineering design plan
44 sheets and the post-construction certification letters were prepared by an unlicensed
45 draftsman who was not employed by the respondent, and the respondent did not
46 exercise responsible charge over either the preparation of those documents by the
47 draftsman or any other work performed by him or anyone else in connection with
48 these projects. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order
49 offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
50 the following sanctions:

- 51 1. Fine of \$2,500
- 52 2. Costs of \$1,232.05
- 53 3. Successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws & Rules and
54 Professionalism & Ethics Quizzes
- 55 4. Publication by name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES

56 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
57 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Williams, Mr. Moore and Mr. Savoie, to approve
58 the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Eugene A. Brian, P.E.
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60 **Case #2011-106** – Ms. Sentell reported on a licensed engineer who demonstrated a
61 lack of good character and reputation by (a) being arrested for a physical and verbal
62 altercation with his wife and being initially charged with domestic abuse battery, false
63 imprisonment, and disturbing the peace with language, (b) pleading guilty to and
64 being convicted of the misdemeanor of false imprisonment under the laws of the State
65 of Louisiana and (c) having previously been arrested and charged with domestic
66 abuse battery arising out of physical and verbal altercations with his girlfriend and
67 with his wife. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order
68 offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
69 the following sanctions:

- 1 1. Fine of \$500
- 2 2. Costs of \$676.83
- 3 3. Probation for one year
- 4 4. Automatic and immediate revocation if convicted of any crime during
- 5 probation
- 6 5. Submit to the Board at the end of the probation a notarized affidavit stating
- 7 whether the respondent had any criminal arrests, charges and/or convictions
- 8 during the probation
- 9 6. Successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws & Rules and
- 10 Professionalism & Ethics Quizzes
- 11 7. Publication by name on the Board's website, in the Journal and to NCEES

12 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
13 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Gammon, Dr. Mattei and Mr. Moore, to approve
14 the signed Consent Order. The name of the respondent is Jason S. Hathorn, P.E.
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16 **New Business**

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18 At 11:00 a.m. members of the Louisiana Council of Engineering Deans (LCED) entered
19 the meeting: Nicholas Altiero, Ph.D. (Tulane), Richard Koubek, Ph.D. (LSU), Nikos
20 Kiritsis, Ph.D. (McNeese State) and Stanley Napper, Ph.D. (Louisiana Tech).
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22 Dr. Mattei led a discussion with the LCED members concerning: the NCEES awards for
23 engineering schools; the conversion of the FE and FS exams to computer-based testing
24 by January 2013; and ABET/CAC accreditation programs.
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26 At 12:15 p.m. Chairman Savoie, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Jusselin, exited the meeting.
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28 At 1:00 p.m. the LCED members exited the meeting.
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30 **Applications**

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32 Chairman Savoie returned to the meeting at 1:15 p.m.
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34 **New Applications**

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36 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Williams,
37 with Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Williams, Dr. Mattei, Dr. Bowie, Mr. Danzy and Mr. Moore for
38 and Mr. Gammon against, to *approve* the application of Mr. Richard **Hall** for licensure
39 as a professional engineer by comity.
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41 Chairman Savoie exited the meeting at 1:30 p.m.
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43 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Moore, with
44 Mr. Williams, Mr. Mustapha and Mr. Moore for, Mr. Gammon, Dr. Bowie and Mr. Danzy
45 against, and Vice Chairman Mattei for, to *approve* the application of Mr. Blain
46 **Kennedy** to take the fundamentals of engineering examination in April 2013, but not
47 to be certified as an engineer intern at that time. Mr. Kennedy must reapply to the
48 Board to request certification once his pending court sanctions have been satisfied
49 and his probation period has been completed.
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51 **Application Appeals**

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53 The Board disapproved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Mustapha,
54 with Dr. Bowie, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Gammon for and Mr. Danzy, Mr. Mustapha, Mr.
55 Moore and Mr. Mustapha against, to *affirm* the reviewing committee's decision to
56 *disapprove* the application of Mr. John **Schnabel** for certification as an engineer intern.
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58 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Danzy, with Mr.
59 Danzy, Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Moore and Mr. Williams for and Mr. Gammon, Mr. Crosby
60 and Dr. Bowie against, to *approve* the application of Mr. John **Schnabel** for
61 certification as an engineer intern.
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63 **New Business (continued)**

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65 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr.
66 Mustapha, to authorize the Executive Director to sign the NCEES Exam Administration
67 Agreement for 2013.
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1 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
2 Danzy, to fund the Chairman as the Board's ABET observer for the University of New
3 Orleans ABET accreditation visit on October 14-16, 2012.
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5 Vice Chairman Mattei charged the Education/Accreditation Committee with studying
6 the exam site accessibility issue for FE and FS applicants who will be impacted by the
7 limited exam sites for the conversion of the FE and FS exams to computer-based
8 testing in January 2014.
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10 Vice Chairman Mattei charged the Continuing Professional Development Committee
11 with studying the issue of allowing college professors to receive CPD credit for
12 advising students working toward an M.S. and/or Ph.D. degree in engineering.
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14 **Closing Business**

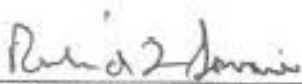
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16 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
17 Danzy, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.
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19 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Dr.
20 Bowie, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued by the Board.
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22 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
23 Danzy, to approve all Board expenses.
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25 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
26 Williams, to adjourn.
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28 The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012.
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34 Richard L. Savoie, P.E.
35 Chairman

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34 James E. Bowie, Ph.D., P.E.
35 Secretary