

1 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
2 LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
3 AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
4 8550 UNITED PLAZA BOULEVARD, SUITE 903
5 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433
6 August 4, 2025
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9 At 9:00 a.m. on August 4, 2025, Byron D. Racca, P.E. called the meeting to order at the
10 Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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12 Byron D. Racca, P.E. Chairman
13 Linda H. Bergeron, P.E. Vice Chairman
14 James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S. Secretary
15 Janice P. Williams, P.E. Treasurer
16 Vijaya Gopu, Ph.D., P.E.
17 Gordon E. Nelson, P.E.
18 Susan H. Richard, P.E.
19 Byron E. Trust, P.E.
20 Robert L. Wolfe, P.E., P.L.S.
21 Reginald L. Jeter, P.E.
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23 Absent: Connie P. Betts, P.E.
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25 Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director
26 Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director
27 Joe Harman, P.E., Technical Advisor
28 David Patterson, P.L.S., Technical Advisor
29 D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney
30 Bill Tripoli, IT Director
31 Carlos Morgan, Staff
32 Morgan Georgetown, Staff
33 Keri Caines, Staff
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36 Ms. Richard led the invocation, and the pledge was led by Mr. Nelson.
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38 Chairman Racca acknowledged public comment time.
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40 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Trust, seconded by Mr.
41 Gordon, to approve the August 4, 2025 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.
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43 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Bergeron, seconded by Ms.
44 Williams, to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2025 Board meeting.
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47 **Applications and Appeals**
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49 The following staff members were present: Chantel McCreary, Shanna Hubble, Kelly
50 McAdams, and Brittney Nuccio.
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52 The Board reviewed the application of Alireza Akhaghi for licensure as a professional
53 engineer by comity. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion
54 made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Racca, to *disapprove* the application due to
55 insufficient experience.
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57 The Board reviewed the application of Steven Bouchareune for licensure as a
58 professional engineer by comity. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved
59 the motion made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Gopu, to request additional
60 information concerning the violations with the Kentucky Board and CPD matters.
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62 The Board recessed at 10:05 and resumed at 10:25. Mr. Landry, Ms. Georgetown, Ms.
63 Caines, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Hubble, Ms. McAdams and Ms. Nuccio were not present.
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1 **Committee Reports (continued)**

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3 **Finance Committee**

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5 Ms. Williams presented the financial report for FY 24-25. After discussion, the Board
6 unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to accept the
7 year-to-date budget for FY 24-25 as presented.

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9 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Trust, seconded by Ms.
10 Bergeron, to renew the certificate of deposit at Home Bank when it matures on
11 September 21, 2025.

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13 **Old Business/New Business**

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15 The Chairman appointed Ms. Williams to be the Board representative at the ABET
16 review visit at the University of Louisiana on October 5-7, 2025, and Ms. Bergeron to
17 be the Board representative at the ABET review visit at Tulane University on October
18 12-14, 2025.

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20 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Ms.
21 Richard, to allocate \$2,000 for the Open House scheduled for October 28 and 29, 2025.

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23 **Closing Business**

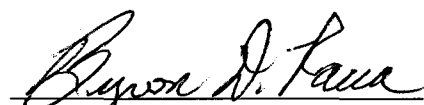
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25 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Trust, seconded by Mr.
26 Jeter, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

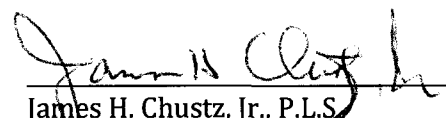
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28 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Dr.
29 Gopu, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed
30 since the last Board meeting.

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32 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Richard, seconded by Mr.
33 Nelson, to approve all Board expenses.

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35 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr.
36 Chustz, to adjourn.

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38 The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

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43 Byron D. Racca, P.E.
44 Chairman
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James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S.
Secretary