MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433 January 10, 2017

At 8:03 a.m. on January 10, 2017, Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.

Terry J. Huval, P.E.

David L. Patterson, P.L.S.

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E. Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E. D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S. Alan D. Krouse, P.E. Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S. Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S. Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E.

Not Present: John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director

Richard L. Savoie, Jr., P.E., Deputy Executive Director

Tyson Ducote, Director of Enforcement Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff

William Hyatt, Board Investigator D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney Bill Tripoli, Board Staff Larry Cobb, Board Staff

The invocation was led by Mr. Knotts and the pledge was led by Mr. Carroll.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Huval, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to accept the January 10, 2017 proposed Call and Agenda for the Meeting.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Crosby.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Krouse, seconded by Dr. Hale, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for March 13-14, 2017.

The Board recessed at 9:10 a.m. and resumed at 9:25 a.m.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Liaison and Law Review Committee**

Mr. Knotts presented the report for the Liaison and Law Review Committee.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Liaison and Law Committee to adopt Policy #21, *Removal of Engineering Educational Deficiencies*, to read as follows:

Removal of Engineering Educational Deficiencies (For engineer intern applicants under Rule 901(A)(2)) Policy #21 (approved January 2017)

Rule 1105 (Engineering Graduate Programs) requires the removal of deficiencies in science, mathematics, engineering science and engineering design as a prerequisite to graduate courses for engineer intern applicants under Rule 901(A)(2).

The successful completion of a minimum of 48 semester credit hours of coursework in engineering sciences and engineering design is required in order to remove deficiencies in engineering sciences and engineering design.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Huval, to use Policy #21 until proposed revisions to Rule 1105 can be made. Once those revisions become effective, Policy #21 will be repealed.

# **Applications**

Chairman Crosby charged the Liaison and Law Review Committee with reviewing Rule 1305 and making a recommendation to the Board regarding any possible amendments involving applicants for the principals and practice of engineering examination in structural engineering.

## **Committee Reports (continued)**

#### **Land Surveying Committee**

Chairman Crosby presented the report for the Land Surveying Committee.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Land Surveying Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **TEST**, **Inc.** to assist in developing, scoring and supporting the Louisiana Laws of Land Surveying Examination for the Board. The term of the contract will be from **January 10**, **2017 to June 30**, **2017**, in the amount not to exceed **\$7,900.00**.

#### Firm Licensure Committee

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Firm Licensure Committee to *deny* the request from **Komline-Sanderson Engineering Corporation** to use the word "engineering" in its firm name in Louisiana without being licensed with the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Firm Licensure Committee to *deny* the request from **Mr. Clarence J. Savoie, II, P.E.** and **C. J. Savoie Consulting Engineers, Inc.** for the Board to petition the Governor to block the efforts of the Louisiana Board of Ethics in its investigation of them.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Patterson presented the report for the Finance Committee.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to renew the certificate of deposit at Home Bank when it matures on February 9, 2017.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to renew the certificate of deposit at United Community Bank when it matures on March 7, 2017.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to renew the certificate of deposit at Investar Bank when it matures on March 12, 2017.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Celia Cangelosi** to serve as a prosecuting attorney for Board disciplinary and enforcement hearings. The term of the contract will be for one year **beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018,** in the amount not to exceed **\$36,000.00**.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **L.A. Champagne & Co., L.L.P.** to provide accounting services to the Board. The term of the contract will be for one year **beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018**, in the amount not to exceed **\$28,000.00**.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Joe H. Harman &** 

**Associates, LLC** to serve as a technical support staff for the Board. The term of the contract will be for one year **beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018,** in the amount not to exceed **\$60,000.00**.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to approve the financial report for FY 16-17 as presented.

### **Nominations and Awards Committee**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Nominations and Awards Committee to elect the following Board officers for 2017-18:

David L. Patterson, P.L.S. – 6 months as Chairman/6 months as Vice Chairman Terry J. Huval, P.E. – 6 months as Vice Chairman/6 months as Chairman Christopher P. Knotts, P.E. – Treasurer Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E. – Secretary

# **Closing Business**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Krouse, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Huval, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued by the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Krouse, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Krouse, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.

Chairman

Terry J. Huval, P.E.

Secretary