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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 28, 2020

At 8:25 a.m. on January 28, 2020, Alan D. Krouse, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Alan D. Krouse, P.E.	Chairman
Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S.	Vice Chairman
Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S.	Treasurer
Jeff A. Pike, P.E.	Secretary

Christopher K. Richard, P.E.  
Chad C. Vosburg, P.E.  
Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.  
Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.  
Connie Betts, P.E.  
Reginald Jeter, P.E.  
D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director  
Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director  
Bill Tripoli, Board Staff  
Joe Harman, P.E., Board Staff  
William Hyatt, Board Investigator  
Chris Aaron, Board Investigator  
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney  
Hoang Nguyen, Tri-Core Technologies, L.L.C.

The invocation and pledge were led by Chairman Krouse.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Krouse.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the January 28, 2020 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2019 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Vosburg, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for March 30, 2020.

### **Compliance and Enforcement**

**Case # 2018-120** - Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$1,000
2. Costs of \$896.17
3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
5. Immediate suspension of license if fail to comply with any portion of consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
7. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carrol, and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **David B. Logan, P.E.**

1 **Case # 2019-45** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or  
2 offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering” or a  
3 modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity  
4 without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed  
5 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent  
6 order contained the following sanctions:

- 7 1. Fine of \$1,500
- 8 2. Costs of \$438.97
- 9 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 10 4. Report to NCEES with name

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12 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
13 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Benoit, to approve  
14 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Toby Dugas Engineering,**  
15 **LLC.**

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17 **Case # 2019-44** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or  
18 assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The  
19 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the  
20 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following  
21 sanctions:

- 22 1. Fine of \$500
- 23 2. Costs of \$438.97
- 24 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 25 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 26 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 27 6. Report to NCEES with name

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29 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
30 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fontenot, and Mr. Benoit, to approve  
31 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Toby G. Dugas, P.E.**

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33 **Case # 2019-18** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or  
34 offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering” or a  
35 modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity  
36 without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed  
37 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent  
38 order contained the following sanctions:

- 39 1. Fine of \$3,000
- 40 2. Costs of \$549.43
- 41 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 42 4. Report to NCEES with name

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44 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
45 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Benoit, to approve  
46 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Precision Engineering**  
47 **Group, LLC.**

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49 **Case # 2019-19** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or  
50 assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The  
51 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the  
52 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following  
53 sanctions:

- 54 1. Fine of \$500
- 55 2. Costs of \$549.43
- 56 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 57 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 58 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 59 6. Report to NCEES with name

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61 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
62 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fontenot, and Mr. Benoit, to approve  
63 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Peter A. Hilger, P.E.**

1 **Case # 2019-20** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or  
2 assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The  
3 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the  
4 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following  
5 sanctions:

- 6 1. Fine of \$500
- 7 2. Costs of \$549.43
- 8 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 9 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 10 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 11 6. Report to NCEES with name

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13 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
14 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fontenot, and Mr. Benoit, to approve  
15 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Abdou M. Jaafar, P.E.**

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17 The Board recessed at 9:00 a.m. and resumed at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Aaron  
18 were not present.

## 19 20 **Committee Reports**

### 21 22 **Laws and Rules Committee**

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24 Mr. Richard presented the report for the Laws and Rules Committee.

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26 Chairman Krouse charged the Laws and Rules Committee with reviewing Rule  
27 2301(C) with regard to sole proprietorship and making a recommendation to the  
28 Board regarding any possible clarifications.

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30 The Board discussed the comments received by the Board in response to the Notice of  
31 Intent concerning Rule 105 and the incidental practice of engineering by architects.

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33 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr.  
34 Coyle, to approve the Ad Hoc Committee's proposed responses to those comments, as  
35 edited, and to authorize Mr. Landry to proceed ahead with the rulemaking process.

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37 The Board recessed at 10:25 a.m. and resumed at 10:40 a.m.

### 38 39 **Land Surveying Committee**

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41 Mr. Coyle presented the report for the Land Surveying Committee.

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43 Janet Lindsey entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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45 Mr. Landry exited the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

## 46 47 **Applications**

### 48 49 **Application Reviews**

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51 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr.  
52 Pike, to *disapprove* the application of **Casey Dubois** for licensure as a professional  
53 engineer by examination due to incomplete and misleading information. The  
54 applicant may submit a new application with complete information.

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56 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr. Vosburg, with Mr.  
57 Richard, Mr. Fontenot, Ms. Betts, Mr. Benoit, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Carroll, Mr.  
58 Krouse for and Mr. Coyle against, to *approve* the application of **Isaac Frederick** for  
59 licensure as a professional engineer by examination.

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61 The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and resumed at 12:35 p.m.

1                    **Application Appeals**

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3                    The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr.  
4                    Pike, to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of  
5                    **Douglas Bicknell** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity based on not  
6                    satisfying the experience requirements of the Board.  
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8                    Ms. Lindsey exited the meeting at 12:55 p.m.  
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10                   **Committee Reports (continued)**

11                   **Finance Committee**

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13                   Mr. Coyle presented the report for the Finance Committee.  
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16                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr.  
17                   Fontenot, to accept the review of the year-to-date financial report as presented.  
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19                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to  
20                   renew the certificate of deposit at United Community Bank when it matures on March  
21                   7, 2020.  
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23                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to  
24                   authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Celia Cangelosi** to serve  
25                   as legal counsel and as a prosecuting attorney for Board disciplinary and enforcement  
26                   hearings. The term of the contract will be for one year **beginning July 1, 2020 and**  
27                   **ending June 30, 2021**, in the annual amount not to exceed **\$36,000.00**.  
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29                   At 1:05 p.m. the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Pike, seconded  
30                   by Mr. Fontenot, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters.  
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32                   At 1:10 p.m. the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit,  
33                   seconded by Mr. Pike, to exit the executive session.  
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35                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr.  
36                   Carroll, to authorize a 3.5% salary increase for the Executive Director, effective  
37                   January 1, 2020.  
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39                   Mr. Tripoli presented the IT Director's report.  
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41                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.  
42                   Richard, to accept the RFP/proposal recommendation presented by the IT Director.  
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44                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded  
45                   by Mr. Richard, to accept the RFP submitted by Tri-Core Technologies, L.L.C.  
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47                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded  
48                   by Mr. Richard, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract  
49                   with Tri-Core Technologies, L.L.C. to develop a new E-License and E-License  
50                   Online Application, Licensure, and Renewal/Reinstatement System with  
51                   Supporting Fiscal and Accounting Functionality. The term of the contract will  
52                   be for **1.25 years beginning April 1, 2020 and ending July 31, 2021**, in the  
53                   amount not to exceed **\$654,325.00**.  
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55                   **Nominations and Awards Committee**

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57                   The Nominations and Awards Committee presented the following list of nominations  
58                   for election of Board officers for 2020-2021:  
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60                   Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S. – 6 months as Chairman/6 months as Vice Chairman  
61                   Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S. – 6 months as Vice Chairman/6 months as Chairman  
62                   Christopher K. Richard, P.E. – Treasurer  
63                   Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E. – Secretary  
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65                   The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Nominations and Awards  
66                   Committee to elect the Board officers for 2020-2021 as nominated.

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**Old/New Business**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to schedule the 2020-2021 Board meetings as follows:

- Sunday/Monday - March 29/30, 2020 - Alumni Reunion Meeting
- Monday - June 8, 2020
- Monday - July 27, 2020
- Monday - October 26, 2020
- Tuesday - January 12, 2021

Chairman Krouse designated Mr. Coyle and Mr. Carroll to be the Board's funded delegates to the annual LSPS Convention on April 1-3, 2020 in Marksville, LA.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve Board members and Board staff to attend the NCEES Zone Meeting on April 23-25, 2020 in Houston, Texas, and to authorize funding to cover travel, 3 nights lodging, parking, per diem and meals. Mr. Carroll, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Coyle and Ms. Sentell are approved to be funded by NCEES.

**Closing Business**

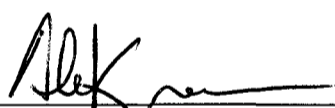
The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Vosburg, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

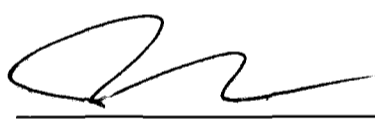
The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed since the last Board meeting.

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

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. on January 28, 2020.

  
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Alan D. Krouse, P.E.  
Chairman

  
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Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E.  
Secretary