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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 11, 2021

At 9:04 a.m. on January 11, 2021, Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S. called the meeting to order via Zoom video teleconferencing, with the following members in attendance:

Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S.	Chairman
Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S.	Vice Chairman
Christopher K. Richard, P.E.	Treasurer
Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E.	Secretary

Chad C. Vosburg, P.E.
Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.
Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.
Connie P. Betts, P.E.
Reggie L. Jeter, P.E.
Linda H. Bergeron, P.E.
Byron D. Racca, P.E.

Also in attendance:

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
LaTasha Andrews, Board Staff
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney

Guests:

Robert Gros
D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S.

The invocation was led by Mr. Pike and the pledge was led by Chairman Coyle.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Coyle.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the January 11, 2021 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 Board meeting.

Compliance and Enforcement

Case # 2020-40 – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which (a) practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering” or any modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure and (b) committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a 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 \$2,250
2. Costs of \$464.33
3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
4. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Existing Structures Engineering, Inc.**

1 **Case # 2020-41** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who (a)
2 committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any
3 false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board and (b) aided
4 or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The
5 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
6 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the
7 following sanctions:

- 8 1. Fine of \$1,500
- 9 2. Costs of \$464.33
- 10 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 11 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 12 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 13 6. Report to NCEES with name

14 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
15 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.
16 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
17 **James B. Evetts, P.E.**

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19 **Case # 2020-47** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced
20 and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure
21 on 19 projects. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent
22 order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent
23 order contained the following sanctions:

- 24 1. Fine of \$3,000
- 25 2. Costs of \$211.28
- 26 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 27 4. Report to NCEES with name

28 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
29 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms.
30 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **BC**
31 **Engineers, Inc. of Kansas.**

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33 **Case # 2020-78** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or
34 assisted an unlicensed firm in practicing engineering in Louisiana without
35 proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed
36 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed
37 consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 38 1. Fine of \$500
- 39 2. Costs of \$211.28
- 40 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 41 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 42 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 43 6. Report to NCEES with name

44 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
45 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.
46 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
47 **Erik B. Knudsen, P.E.**

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49 **Case # 2020-79** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or
50 assisted an unlicensed firm in practicing engineering in Louisiana without
51 proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed
52 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed
53 consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 54 1. Fine of \$500
- 55 2. Costs of \$211.28
- 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

60 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
61 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.

1 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
2 **Darin T. Seidel, P.E.**
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4 **Case # 2020-18**– Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who failed to
5 disclose disciplinary actions in two other jurisdictions on renewal of a license.
6 The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered
7 by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
8 the following sanctions:

- 9 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 10 2. Costs of \$472.20
- 11 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 12 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 13 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 14 6. Report to NCEES with name

15 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
16 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.
17 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
18 **Zeyn B. Uzman, P.E.**
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20 **Case # 2020-32** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who failed to
21 disclose disciplinary actions in another jurisdiction on renewal of a license.
22 The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered
23 by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
24 the following sanctions:

- 25 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 26 2. Costs of \$301.33
- 27 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 28 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 29 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 30 6. Report to NCEES with name

31 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
32 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.
33 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
34 **Martin J. Wiedenman, P.E.**
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36 **Case # 2020-54** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who failed to
37 disclose disciplinary actions in another jurisdiction on renewal of a license.
38 The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered
39 by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
40 the following sanctions:

- 41 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 42 2. Costs of \$407.37
- 43 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 44 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 45 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 46 6. Report to NCEES with name

47 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
48 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.
49 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
50 **Heath A. Dumack, P.E.**
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52 **Case # 2020-83** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced
53 and/or offered to practice engineering without proper licensure. The
54 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
55 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the
56 following sanctions:

- 57 1. Fine of \$3,000
- 58 2. Costs of \$575.68
- 59 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 60 4. Report to NCEES with name

1 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
2 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms.
3 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
4 **Brough & Stephens, Inc.**

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6 **Case # 2020-97** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or
7 assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The
8 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
9 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the
10 following sanctions:

- 11 1. Fine of \$500
- 12 2. Costs of \$575.68
- 13 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 14 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 15 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 16 6. Report to NCEES with name

17 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the
18 Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit, and Ms.
19 Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
20 **Michael E. Stephens, P.E.**

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22 **Case # 2020-30** – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm which engaged in fraud,
23 deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence,
24 in applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the
25 proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed
26 consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 27 1. Fine of \$750
- 28 2. Costs of \$905.51
- 29 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 30 4. Report to NCEES with name

31 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
32 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the
33 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Entech Engineering, Inc.**

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35 **Case # 2020-31** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who engaged in
36 fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged
37 evidence, in applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and
38 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.
39 The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 40 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 41 2. Costs of \$905.51
- 42 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 43 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 44 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 45 6. Report to NCEES with name

46 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
47 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Fontenot, to approve
48 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Mitchell D. Simpson, P.E.**

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50 **Case # 2017-28** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** engaged in
51 fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged
52 evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board; **(b)** failed to be responsible
53 for renewal of a firm’s license as the firm’s supervising professional; **(c)** failed to
54 timely respond to inquiries and correspondence from the Board; **(d)** practiced and/or
55 offered to practice engineering with an expired license; **(e)** failed to provide, within
56 thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information or documents
57 requested by the Board relating to any alleged violation of the Board’s laws; and **(f)**
58 aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The
59 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
60 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following
61 sanctions:

- 62 1. Fine of \$4,000
- 63 2. Costs of \$1,420.68
- 64 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$120

4. Provide to the Board the information and documents requested by the Board in its February 11, 2020 letter
5. Additional fine of \$500, along with any administrative costs incurred in collecting this additional fine, if the respondent fails to provide to the Board the requested information and documents
6. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
7. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
8. Immediate suspension of license if the respondent fails to comply with any part of the consent order, with said suspension continuing until the respondent so complies
9. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
10. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Correen C. Robertson, P.E.**

Case # 2019-55 – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm (that subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) which **(a)** practiced and/or offered to practice engineering without proper licensure; **(b)** failed to timely respond to inquiries and correspondence from the Board; **(c)** failed to provide, within thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information or documents requested by the Board relating to any alleged violation of the Board's laws; and **(d)** engaged in fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a 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 \$2,250
2. Costs of \$1,420.68
3. Provide to the Board the information and documents requested by the Board in its June 30, 2020 letter
4. Additional fine of \$500, along with any administrative costs incurred in collecting this additional fine, if the respondent fails to provide to the Board the requested information and documents
5. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz by each supervising professional
6. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz by each supervising professional
7. Immediate suspension of license if the respondent fails to comply with any part of the consent order, with said suspension continuing until the respondent so complies
8. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
9. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **MAP Design Group, LLC.**

Case # 2017-29 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineering firm which **(a)** engaged in fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board; **(b)** failed to timely respond to inquiries and correspondence from the Board; **(c)** practiced and/or offered to practice engineering with an expired license; and **(d)** failed to provide, within thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information or documents requested by the Board relating to any alleged violation of the Board's laws. 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 \$3,500
2. Costs of \$1,420.68
3. Past unpaid renewal fees \$120
4. Provide to the Board the information and documents requested by the Board in its June 30, 2020 letter
5. Additional fine of \$500, along with any administrative costs incurred in collecting this additional fine, if the respondent fails to provide to the Board the requested information and documents
6. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz by each supervising professional
7. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz by each supervising professional
8. Immediate suspension of license if the respondent fails to comply with any part of the consent order, with said suspension continuing until the respondent so complies

1 9. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name

2 10. Report to NCEES with name

3 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
4 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the
5 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **The MAP Group, Inc.**

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7 Mr. Benoit presented the report and recommendation from the ad hoc committee,
8 comprised of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts, Mr. Racca and Mr. Pike, regarding the request of
9 **Anthony R. Venson** for reinstatement of his revoked professional engineer license.
10 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the ad hoc
11 committee to deny the request from Mr. Venson.

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13 The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. and resumed at 10:25 a.m.

14 15 **Committee Reports**

16 17 **Laws and Rules Committee**

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

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21 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Laws and
22 Rules Committee to amend Rules 705, 709, 903, 1301, 1305, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315,
23 1509, 1901, 2103, 2301, 2305, 2501, 3109, 3115 and 3117 as follows:

24 25 **§705. Meetings**

26 A. ...

27 B. Special Meetings. The chairman or the secretary may call special
28 meetings when considered necessary. Upon written request of at least six board
29 members, the chairman is required to call a special meeting.

30 C. Open Meetings. Every meeting of the board shall be open to the public,
31 unless closed as an executive session.

32 D. Meeting Dates. Written public notice of the dates, times, and places of all
33 regular meetings shall be given at the beginning of each calendar year.

34 E. Separate Notice of All Meetings. In addition, separate written public
35 notice of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting shall be given no later
36 than 24 hours before the holding of the meeting. This separate notice shall
37 include the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting.

38 F. Posting of Notice. The written public notice discussed in §705.D and E
39 shall include:

40 1. posting a copy of the notice at the office of the board; or

41 2. publication of the notice on the board website no less than 24 hours
42 before the meeting.

43 G. Notice to Board Members. Notice of all meetings, in conformity with
44 §705.D and E, shall be given in writing to each board member by the executive
45 director.

46 H. Quorum. A simple majority of board members shall constitute a quorum
47 for the transaction of business.

48 I. *Robert's Rules of Order*. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the
49 proceedings of the board at all meetings, except as otherwise provided herein
50 or by law.

51 J. Location of Meetings. All meetings shall be held at the board office,
52 unless, in the judgment of the chairman, it is necessary, convenient or
53 preferable to meet elsewhere.

54 55 **§709. Executive Director**

56 A. - B. ...

57 C. Duties of the Executive Director. The executive director shall:

58 C.1. - C.7. ...

59 8. supervise the administration of the Louisiana laws of land surveying
60 examination;

1 C.9. - C.25. ...

2 **§903. Professional Engineer Licensure**

3 A. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the
4 alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

5 A.1. ...

6 2. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be an
7 individual who holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering
8 issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the
9 United States, or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not
10 conflict with the provisions of the licensure law and which were of a standard
11 not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure law in effect in
12 Louisiana at the time such license was issued, who is of good character and
13 reputation, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with
14 the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the
15 District of Columbia, in which he/she is licensed will accept the licenses issued
16 by the board on a comity basis, and who was duly licensed as a professional
17 engineer by the board; or

18 3. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a graduate
19 of an accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the
20 board as being of satisfactory standing who has a verifiable record of twenty
21 years or more of progressive experience obtained subsequent to meeting the
22 educational qualification on engineering projects of a level and scope
23 satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has
24 passed the examination(s) required by the board in the principles and practice
25 of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which the applicant seeks
26 to be listed, who was recommended for licensure by five personal references
27 (at least three of whom must be professional engineers who have personal
28 knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability),
29 who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the
30 requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional
31 engineer by the board.

32 B. - H. ...

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34 **§1301. General**

35 A.1. Only individuals who have been authorized by NCEES will be allowed to
36 take the fundamentals of engineering and fundamentals of land surveying
37 examinations, and registration for these examinations must be made with
38 NCEES.

39 2. Individuals who are seeking licensure as a professional engineer based
40 on having met the educational qualifications described in §901.A.1 or §903.A.3
41 must obtain authorization from NCEES in order to be allowed to take the
42 principles and practice of engineering examination, and registration for this
43 examination must be made with NCEES.

44 3. Individuals who are seeking licensure as a professional engineer based
45 on having met the educational qualifications described in §901.A.2 or §901.A.3
46 must obtain authorization from the board in order to be allowed to take the
47 principles and practice of engineering examination, and registration for this
48 examination must be made with the board.

49 4. Only individuals who have been authorized by the board will be allowed
50 to take the principles and practice of land surveying and Louisiana laws of land
51 surveying examinations, and all applications for these examinations must be
52 timely filed with the board.

53 B. An individual must present appropriate documents to establish his/her
54 eligibility and identification prior to being admitted to any examination.

55 C. Examinations in the fundamentals of engineering, fundamentals of land
56 surveying, the principles and practice of engineering, the principles and
57 practice of land surveying and the Louisiana laws of land surveying will be
58 offered at times and places designated by the board or NCEES. Descriptions of
59 typical content of the examinations will be made available to individuals
60 through the board or NCEES.

1 D. Any individual found to have engaged in conduct which subverts or
2 attempts to subvert the examination process may, at the discretion of the board,
3 have his/her scores on the examination withheld and/or declared invalid, have
4 disciplinary action taken as described in R.S. 37:698-700 and/or be subject to
5 the imposition of other appropriate sanctions.

6 E. The board may require individuals who are seeking to take an
7 examination to demonstrate their knowledge of the laws and rules of the board,
8 and the English language. Such individuals must be able to speak and write the
9 English language. Proficiency in English may be evidenced by possession of a
10 baccalaureate degree taught exclusively in English, or by passage of both the
11 TOEFL (test of English as a foreign language) paper-based exam with a score of
12 550 or better (213 or better on the TOEFL computer-based exam) and the TSE
13 (test of spoken English) exam with a score of 45 or better. Individuals
14 requesting a waiver from the TOEFL and/or TSE requirements must submit a
15 written request and supporting reasoning to the board. A waiver from the
16 TOEFL and/or TSE requirements may be granted by the board upon receipt of
17 one of the following:

18 1. a passing score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); or

19 2. transcripts which verify the successful completion of 6 full-time
20 semesters (6 credit hours per semester) toward a graduate engineering degree
21 in the United States.

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23 **§1305. Approval to Take the Examination in the Principles and Practice**
24 **of Engineering**

25 *Repealed.*

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27 **§1309. Approval to Take the Examinations in the Principles and Practice**
28 **of Land Surveying and in the Louisiana Laws of Land Surveying**

29 A. Only an individual who meets all of the other requirements for licensure
30 as a professional land surveyor may be permitted to take the examinations in
31 the principles and practice of land surveying and in the Louisiana laws of land
32 surveying.

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34 **§1311. Examination for Record Purposes**

35 A. The board provides the opportunity for professional engineers who were
36 previously licensed in Louisiana to take the examination in the principles and
37 practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which they seek to
38 be listed without affecting their current licensure status with the board. These
39 examinations are offered at times and places designated by the board or
40 NCEES. Each individual will be charged a fee for this service.

41
42 **§1313. Examination Results**

43 A. The board or NCEES will specify the minimum passing score for all
44 examinations for certification or licensure of individuals.

45 B. Individuals will be informed only as to whether they passed or failed an
46 examination.

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48 **§1315. Re-Examinations**

49 A. An individual who fails an examination is eligible to apply to retake the
50 examination.

51 B. After an individual has failed a principles and practice of engineering
52 examination, principles and practice of land surveying examination or
53 Louisiana laws of land surveying examination a minimum of three times,
54 he/she may be required to appear before the board, or a committee of the
55 board, for an oral interview.

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57 **§1509. Experience at Time of Application**

58 A. ...

59 B. For applicants for professional engineer licensure under §903.A.1 of
60 these rules, the "verifiable record of four years or more of progressive

1 experience obtained subsequent to meeting the educational and applicable
2 experience qualifications to be an engineer intern” must be gained by the time
3 of application for licensure.

4 C. For applicants for professional engineer licensure under §903.A.3 of
5 these rules, the “verifiable record of twenty years or more of progressive
6 experience obtained subsequent to meeting the educational qualification” must
7 be gained by the time of application for licensure.

8 D. For applicants for professional land surveyor licensure under §909.A.1 of
9 these rules, the “verifiable record of four years or more of combined office and
10 field experience in land surveying including two years or more of progressive
11 experience on land surveying projects under the supervision of a professional
12 land surveyor” must be gained by the time of application for licensure.

13 **§1901. Disciplines**

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15 A. Professional engineers will be issued licenses by the board as a
16 professional engineer, and the board shall list a professional engineer in one or
17 more of the disciplines of engineering approved by NCEES based on such
18 individual having passed the examination in the principles and practice of
19 engineering in such discipline(s).

20 **§2103. Licensure and Certification Status**

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22 A. The board has established the following licensure statuses for licensees.

23 *Active Status*—the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board
24 who has complied with all the licensure and licensure renewal requirements of
25 the board and who has either elected to be in this status on his/her biennial
26 licensure renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to
27 be in this status.

28 *Expired Status*—the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board
29 who has either failed to properly renew licensure as required in R.S. 37:697 or
30 otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. A licensee
31 in an expired status cannot practice or offer to practice engineering or land
32 surveying in Louisiana.

33 *Inactive Status*—the licensure status which exists for an individual licensee
34 of the board who has chosen not to practice or offer to practice engineering
35 and/or land surveying in Louisiana and who has either elected to be in this
36 status on his/her biennial licensure renewal form or otherwise received
37 authorization from the board to be in this status. A licensee in an inactive status
38 can represent himself/herself to the public as a P.E. inactive or a P.L.S. inactive,
39 as applicable, but cannot otherwise practice or offer to practice engineering
40 and/or land surveying in Louisiana.

41 *Retired Status*—the licensure status which exists for an individual licensee of
42 the board who has chosen not to practice or offer to practice engineering
43 and/or land surveying in Louisiana and who has either elected to be in this
44 status on his/her biennial licensure renewal form or otherwise received
45 authorization from the board to be in this status. To qualify for the retired
46 status, the licensee must be at least 70 years of age or have been a licensee of
47 the board for at least 35 years. Unless the licensee is granted a waiver by the
48 board, the renewal fee for the retired status shall be one-half of the current
49 renewal fee for the active status. A licensee qualified for the retired status may
50 be granted a waiver of this renewal fee if the licensee is at least 70 years of age,
51 has been a licensee of the board for at least 35 years continuously, has never
52 been subject to disciplinary action in any jurisdiction, has never committed any
53 of the offenses described in R.S. 37:698(A)(3), (4) or (5), and is of good
54 character and reputation. A licensee in a retired status can represent
55 himself/herself to the public as a P.E. retired or a P.L.S. retired, as applicable,
56 but cannot otherwise practice or offer to practice engineering and/or land
57 surveying in Louisiana.

58 B. The board has established the following certification statuses for
59 certificate holders.

60 *Active Status*—the certification status which exists for a certificate holder of
61 the board who has complied with all the certification and certification renewal

1 requirements of the board and who has either elected to be in this status on
2 his/her biennial certification renewal form or otherwise received
3 authorization from the board to be in this status.

4 *Expired Status*—the certification status which exists for a certificate holder of
5 the board who has either failed to properly renew certification as required in
6 R.S. 37:697 or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this
7 status.

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9 **§2301. General**

10 A. - B.3. ...

11 C. Unless otherwise provided, sole proprietorships which are not legal
12 entities and which bear the full name of the owner who is a licensed
13 professional are exempt from the application of this Chapter. Such sole
14 proprietorships are not required to be licensed as engineering or land
15 surveying firms with the board. Sole proprietorships which are not legal
16 entities and which do not bear the full name of the owner who is a licensed
17 professional must be licensed with the board as an engineering or land
18 surveying firm and must comply with all the provisions of this Chapter. For
19 purposes of this §2301.C, legal entities is defined as domestic or foreign
20 partnerships, associations, cooperatives, ventures, corporations, limited
21 liability companies, limited liability partnerships, or other entities.

22 D. ...

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24 **§2305. Supervising Professional**

25 A.1. Each firm licensed with the board shall designate one or more
26 supervising professionals. Each supervising professional shall be a licensed
27 professional in an active status:

28 A.1.a. - E. ...

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30 **§2501. Scope; Knowledge; Definition of Licensee**

31 A. - E. ...

32 F. Licensees shall be truthful in all communications with the board.
33 Licensees shall not engage in any fraud, deceit or perjury, make any material
34 misstatements, or submit any false or forged evidence, in connection with such
35 communications.

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37 **§3109. Exemptions**

38 A. A licensee may be exempt from the CPD requirements in this Chapter for
39 any one or more of the following reasons.

40 A.1. - A.3. ...

41 4. Licensees working in a location for more than 180 days in a calendar
42 year where compliance with the CPD requirements is impractical due to
43 location, working hours, mail restrictions, etc., may be granted an exemption
44 from such requirements for said calendar year. Supporting documentation, such
45 as a signed letter from the licensee's employer, is required. This documentation
46 shall be on the letterhead of the employer, shall set forth both the location and
47 the period of time in which the licensee has been working outside of the United
48 States, and shall contain a statement by the employer as to why it was
49 impractical for the licensee to satisfy the CPD requirements.

50 A.5. - A.6. ...

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52 **§3115. Record Keeping**

53 A. ...

54 B. All licensees are required to obtain and maintain certificates, transcripts
55 or other proof of attendance/completion substantiating any PDHs earned. Such
56 certificates, transcripts or other proof should include, at a minimum, the dates
57 and titles/descriptions of the courses/activities, the names of the
58 sponsors/providers, the licensee's name, and the number of PDHs earned.

1 C. All licensees are required to maintain a board-approved professional
2 development activity log outlining all PDHs claimed during a calendar year.
3 Licensees must complete all sections of the log and be prepared to submit the
4 completed log and any corresponding documentation to the board upon
5 request. Blank log forms can be obtained from the board's website.

6 D. Maintaining records to be used to support PDHs claimed is the
7 responsibility of the licensee. These records must be maintained for at least six
8 consecutive calendar years and copies may be requested by the board at any
9 time.

10 **§3117. Audit and Review of Records**

11 A. ...

12 B. Additionally, the board will conduct random audits twice per year in
13 connection with impending biennial licensure renewals of up to 30% of all
14 board licensees renewing in that calendar year. A license will not be renewed
15 and will be deemed to have expired, unless the licensee provides proof of
16 compliance with all CPD requirements and there are no discrepancies or
17 deficiencies discovered.

18 C. - D. ...

19 **Engineer/Architect Task Force**

20 Mr. Carroll presented an overview and update on the Incidental Practice Task Force.

21 **Applications**

22 **Application Reviews**

23 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Committee, comprised of
24 Mr. Pike and Mr. Richard, to *disapprove* the application of **Gavin James** for licensure
25 as a professional engineer by comity based on not satisfying the educational
26 requirements of the Board.

27 **Committee Reports (continued)**

28 **Finance Committee**

29 Mr. Richard presented the report for the Finance Committee.

30 The Board unanimously approved the motion by the Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr.
31 Benoit, to accept the finance report, through December 2020, as presented.

32 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr.
33 Benoit, to renew the certificate of deposit at United Community Bank when it matures
34 on March 10, 2021.

35 **Old/New Business**

36 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
37 Jeter, to schedule the next Board meeting for March 22, 2021.

38 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr.
39 Fontenot, to approve funding for Mr. Jeter, Mr. Carroll, Chairman Coyle and Mr. Pike to
40 attend the LSPS Convention, April 14-16, 2021 in Bossier City, LA.

41 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
42 Vosburg, to approve funding for Mr. Richard, Mr. Pike, Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts, Ms.
43 Bergeron, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Racca, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Vosburg to attend the JESC
44 Conference, April 27-28, 2021 in Lafayette, LA.

1 **Committee Reports (continued)**

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3 **Nominations and Awards Committee**

4 The Nominations and Awards Committee presented the following nominations for
5 election of Board officers for 2021-2022:

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7 Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E. – Chairman
8 Christopher K. Richard, P.E. – Vice Chairman
9 Chad C. Vosburg, P.E. – Treasurer
10 Edgar P. Benoit, P.E. – Secretary

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12 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Nominations and Awards
13 Committee to elect these Board officers for 2021-2022 as nominated.

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15 **Closing Business**


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17 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr.
18 Jeter, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

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20 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Vosburg, seconded by Mr.
21 Benoit, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed
22 since the last Board meeting.

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

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27 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
28 Jeter, to adjourn.

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30 The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on January 11, 2021.

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36 Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S.
37 Chairman

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Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E.
Secretary