MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433 July 25-26, 2011

At 8:01 a.m. on July 25, 2011, Ali M. Mustapha, P.E., called the meeting to order at 9643 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.	Chairman
Roger D. Danzy, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Richard L. Savoie, P.E.	Treasurer
Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D., P.E.	Secretary

Miles B. Williams, P.E. James E. Bowie, Ph.D., P.E. Timothy J. Allen, P.L.S. M. Ernest Gammon, P.L.S. Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S. John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E.

Also present:

Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director Victoria R. Hatton, Director of Enforcement

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

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Mustapha.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to accept the July 25-26, 2011 proposed Call and Agenda.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Gammon, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the Minutes from the May 16, , 2011 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Danzy, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for September 19-20, 2011 at the University of New Orleans campus.

The Board's May Task List was reviewed.

Applications

Application Appeals

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Bowie, to *affirm* the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Mr. Swapan **Das** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to *affirm* the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Mr. Edward **Derevakian** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to *affirm* the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Mr. Michael **Shaw** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to cash in and return to the checking account the certificate of deposit at Neighbor Federal Credit Union which is due to mature on July 26, 2011.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to reinvest the certificate of deposit at Iberia Bank which is due to mature on August 12, 2011.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to reinvest the certificate of deposit at Home Bank which is due to mature on August 17, 2011.

Architect-Engineer Liaison Committee

Mr. Moore briefed the Board on the July 12, 2011 meeting with the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Architect-Engineer Liaison Committee to continue with the joint publication of the <u>Reference Manual for Building Officials and Design Professionals</u> with the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners. The draft is to be reviewed and edited by Mr. Landry and returned to the committee and Board for review at the September Board meeting.

Liaison and Law Review Committee

The Board unanimously approved the motion by the Firm Licensure Committee that the Liaison and Law Review Committee review the recommended changes to Rules 2305 and 2701.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and resumed at 12:20 p.m.

New Business

Members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES), David Kunz, P.E., Alan Kraus, P.E., Jason Thornhill, P.E., Craig Dooley, P.E., Susan Richard, P.E., Chris Richard P.E. and Brenda Gajan, were present for a discussion concerning the proposed Guidelines for Engineering Disciplines and licensure requirements for professional land surveyors.

The Board recessed at 2:00 p.m. and resumed at 2:10 p.m. Members of LES Executive Committee were not present. Mr. D. Scott Landry was present.

Applications (continued)

The Board interviewed Ms. Marie Hall regarding her application to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination and Ms. Khaison Reed regarding her application to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination.

The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Danzy, with Mr. Gammon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Danzy, Dr. Mattei, Dr. Bowie, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Moore for and Mr. Crosby and Mr. Allen against, to disapprove the application of Ms. Khaison **Reed** for licensure as a professional engineer by examination.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Gammon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to notify Ms. Reed of the Board's deep concern regarding the inaccurate information included in her application for licensure as a professional engineer by examination and to inform her that she may reapply for consideration for the October 2012 exam administration.

The Board recessed at 3:25 p.m. and resumed at 3:35 p.m.

Enforcement

Ms. Hatton presented the enforcement report.

<u>Case # 2009 – 90</u> –Ms. Hatton reported on an unlicensed firm which used the word "engineer" or a modification or derivative thereof in advertising itself in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2009 – 108</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on an unlicensed individual who used the word "engineer" or a modification or derivative thereof in identifying himself and advertising his unlicensed firm in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Gammon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2010 – 36</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on a licensed engineering firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2011 - 7</u> - Ms. Hatton reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the word "engineering" in its name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2010 - 26</u> - Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer who (a) practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license and (b) aided and assisted his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the word "engineering" in its name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Gammon, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2010 – 118</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Louisiana. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to disapprove the signed Consent Order and to return the matter to the Complaint Review Committee.

<u>Case # 2010 - 57</u> - Ms. Hatton reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words "consulting engineer" in identifying itself in Louisiana without proper licensure. The

respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crosby, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2010 - 91</u> - Ms. Hatton reported on a licensed engineering and land surveying firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Savoie, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2011 – 14</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer and professional land surveyor who aided and assisted his licensed engineering and land surveying firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2011 – 13</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the word "engineering" in its name or form of business or activity in Louisiana prior to licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the signed Consent Order.

Case # 2011 – 47 – Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer who aided and assisted his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the word "engineering" in its name or form of business or activity in Louisiana prior to licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2010 – 20</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the signed Consent Order.

Case # 2010 – 70 – Ms. Hatton reported on a licensed engineering and land surveying firm which (a) prepared and submitted to its client's construction contractors technical specifications taken from other documents previously prepared by another design professional for the same client; (b) failed to provide the previous design professional with proper written notification immediately upon acceptance of the engagement; (c) failed to include on the technical specifications a notation describing its work; and (d) failed to properly sign/seal/date the technical specifications. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Allen, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2010 – 69</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer and professional land surveyor who (a) prepared and submitted to his client's construction contractors technical specifications taken from other documents previously prepared by another design professional for the same client; (b) failed to provide the previous design professional with proper written notification immediately upon acceptance of the engagement; (c) failed to

include on the technical specifications a notation describing his work; (d) failed to properly sign/seal/date the technical specifications and (e) aided or assisted his licensed engineering and land surveying firm in committing these same violations. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2011 – 18</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer who was disciplined by the licensing authority of another state for matters recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the actions were taken. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case # 2011 – 17</u> – Ms. Hatton reported on a professional engineer who practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case #2007-210</u> – Ms. Hatton reported that the respondent has recently filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy. The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Williams, to not file a proof of claim or take any other action in the bankruptcy case.

The Board recessed at 5:05 p.m. and resumed at 8:03 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Crosby, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and enforcement matters at 8:05 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Danzy, to exit the executive session at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Savoie and Dr. Mattei were not present.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Danzy, to establish an Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee to provide guidance to Board staff concerning enforcement issues. The committee will consist of Mr. Williams, the Chairman, Mr. Moore, the Vice Chairman, Mr. Allen and Mr. Thompson.

New Business (continued)

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Moore, to reschedule the January 2012 Board meeting from January 16 - 17 to January 18 -19, 2012. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the JESC meeting in Lafayette.

Closing Business

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

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

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The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Danzy, to approve all Board expenses.
Mr. Savoie entered the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.

Chairman

Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D., P.E.

Secretary