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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
July 21, 2014

At 8:00 a.m. on July 21, 2014, M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S. called the meeting to order in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S.	Chairman
Theodore H. Thompson, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.	Secretary
John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E.	Treasurer

Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.
Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Christopher P. Knotts, P.E.
D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S.
Alan D. Krouse, P.E.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director
Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff
Tyson Ducote, Board Investigator
Jeff Morgan, Board Investigator
Richard L. Savoie, P.E., Emeritus Board Member
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney

Not present: John T. Irving, P.E.
David L. Patterson, P.L.S.

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

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Gammon.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to accept the July 21, 2014 proposed Call for the Meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore, to accept the July 21, 2014 proposed Board Meeting Agenda.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to approve the Minutes from the May 19, 2014 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for September 15, 2014 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The Board reviewed the May task list.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Executive Committee that, during the week prior to each regular meeting, the Board will provide to the professional societies located in the Board's office building (LES, LSPS and ACEC/L) preliminary copies of any written financial reports, minutes of the previous Board meeting and committee reports which are to be presented at the Board meeting. The documentation to be provided will not include confidential, privileged or otherwise non-public information, such as that which pertains to personnel matters, pending disciplinary and enforcement matters or attorney-client communications.

Enforcement

Case #2013-66 and Case #2013-100

At 8:30 a.m., the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Thompson, for the hearing panel from the May 19, 2014 formal hearing in these cases (consisting of Mr. Gammon, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Mustapha, Dr. Hale and Mr. Phillips) to enter into executive session to discuss the

1 Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Proposed Decision and Order
2 in each case.

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4 At 8:55 a.m., the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha,
5 seconded by Mr. Thompson, to end the executive session.
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7 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
8 Thompson, with Mr. Moore, Mr. Knotts, Mr. Irving and Mr. Krouse not voting, to issue
9 Final Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Final Decision and Order in the
10 **Desmond C. Sprawls, P.E., P.L.S.** case which are consistent with the motions
11 approved by the Board following the May 19, 2014 formal hearing.
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13 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
14 Thompson, with Mr. Moore, Mr. Knotts, Mr. Irving and Mr. Krouse not voting, to issue
15 Final Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Final Decision and Order in the
16 **BBC Engineering, Inc., a Division of Forte and Tablada, Inc.** case which are
17 consistent with the motions approved by the Board following the May 19, 2014 formal
18 hearing.
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20 **Case #2013-39** – Mr. Ducote reported on a licensed firm which unknowingly
21 practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license.
22 The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
23 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following
24 sanctions:

- 25 1. Fine of \$4,000
- 26 2. Costs of \$681.81
- 27 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$180
- 28 4. Cease and desist
- 29 5. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz by supervising professional
- 30 6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 31 7. Report to NCEES with name

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33 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
34 Review committee, consisting of Mr. Irving and Dr. Hale, to approve the signed
35 consent order. The name of the respondent is **Engineering Partners International,**
36 **Incorporated.**
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38 **Case #2013-38** – Mr. Ducote reported on a licensed engineer who (a) unknowingly
39 aided or assisted his licensed firm in unknowingly practicing and/or offering to
40 practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license and (b) unknowingly failing
41 to properly seal an engineering document that had been issued by the licensee to a
42 client as completed work. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed
43 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent
44 order contains the following sanctions:

- 45 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 46 2. Costs of \$681.81
- 47 3. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 48 4. Cease and desist
- 49 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 50 6. Report to NCEES with name

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52 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
53 Review committee, consisting of Mr. Irving and Dr. Hale, to approve the signed
54 consent order. The name of the respondent is **Gregg S. Perkin, P.E.**
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56 **Case #2013-71** – Mr. Ducote reported on an unlicensed firm which offered to practice
57 engineering and used the word "engineering" in connection with its business in
58 Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm subsequently became licensed in
59 Louisiana. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order
60 offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains
61 the following sanctions:

- 62 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 63 2. Costs of \$474.50
- 64 3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 65 4. Report to NCEES with name

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67 After discussion, the Board approved the motion made by the Complaint Review
68 committee, consisting of Mr. Irving, Dr. Hale, and Mr. Thompson, with Mr. Phillips, Mr.
69 Mustapha, Dr. Hale, Mr. Moore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Knotts and Mr. Krouse for and Mr.

1 Crosby against, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is
2 **Syntergy L.L.C.**

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4 **Case #2013-70** – Mr. Ducote reported on an engineer intern (expired) who aided or
5 assisted his unlicensed firm in offering to practice engineering and using the word
6 “engineering” in connection with its business in Louisiana without proper licensure.
7 The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
8 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following
9 sanctions:

- 10 1. Fine of \$250
- 11 2. Costs of \$474.50
- 12 3. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 13 4. Online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 14 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 15 6. Report to NCEES with name

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17 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
18 Review committee, consisting of Mr. Irving, Dr. Hale, and Mr. Thompson, to approve
19 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Everett J. Pastureau.**

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21 **Case #2013-110** – Mr. Ducote reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or
22 offered to practice engineering and used the word “engineering” in its name and in
23 conjunction with its business in Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm
24 subsequently became licensed in Louisiana. The respondent has signed and returned
25 the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The
26 proposed consent order contains for the following sanctions:

- 27 1. Fine of \$2,500
- 28 2. Costs of \$428.12
- 29 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 30 4. Report to NCEES with name

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32 After discussion, the Board approved the motion made by the Complaint Review
33 committee, consisting of Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Knotts and Dr. Hale, with Mr. Phillips, Mr.
34 Mustapha, Dr. Hale, Mr. Moore, Mr. Krouse, Mr. Knotts and Mr. Crosby for and Mr.
35 Thompson abstaining, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the
36 respondent is **Ferrell Engineering, Inc.**

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38 **Case #2013-111** – Mr. Ducote reported on a licensed engineer who aided or assisted
39 his unlicensed firm in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the
40 word “engineering” in its name and in conjunction with its business in Louisiana
41 without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed
42 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent
43 order contains for the following sanctions:

- 44 1. Fine of \$2,000
- 45 2. Costs of \$428.12
- 46 3. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 47 4. Online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 48 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 49 6. Report to NCEES with name

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51 After discussion, the Board approved the motion made by the Complaint Review
52 committee, consisting of Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Knotts and Dr. Hale, to approve the signed
53 consent order. The name of the respondent is **Marshall T. Ferrell, P.E.**

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55 The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and resumed at 10:25 a.m.

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57 Mr. Crosby exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Patterson entered the meeting at
58 10:30 a.m.

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60 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
61 Thompson, to appropriate \$5,000 for outreach for industrial licensure efforts.

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63 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr.
64 Thompson, to appropriate \$5,000 for professional land surveyor licensure outreach
65 efforts.

1 **Committee Reports**

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3 **Finance Committee**

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5 Mr. Moore presented the Finance Committee report.

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7 At 11:20 a.m., the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Moore,
8 seconded by Mr. Knotts, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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10 At 11:40 a.m., the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts,
11 seconded by Mr. Thompson, to end the executive session.

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13 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Executive Committee to
14 authorize a 3.8% salary increase for the executive director, effective July 21, 2014.

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16 The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and resumed at 12:40 p.m.

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18 Mr. Thompson, on behalf of the ad hoc committee comprised of Mr. Thompson, Mr.
19 Knotts and Mr. Hale, presented suggested language to modify Rule 1503.

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21 Chairman Gammon charged the Liaison and Law Review Committee with reviewing
22 the suggested language from the ad hoc committee and making a recommendation to
23 the Board concerning possible revisions to Rule 1503.

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25 **Old/New Business**

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27 Chairman Gammon charged an ad hoc committee, comprised of Mr. Moore, Mr. Knotts
28 and Mr. Krouse, with reviewing the request of Mr. Anthony R. Venson to reinstate his
29 revoked professional engineer license and making a recommendation to the Board.

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31 **Closing Business**


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


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

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40 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr.
41 Mustapha, to approve all Board expenses.

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43 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by
44 Mr. Knotts, to adjourn.

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46 The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on July 21, 2014.

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50 M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S.
51 Chairman


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